



AWA Committees

(No Meetings or Events in August)

Refer to the Calender of Events & Committee/Program Information 2024 for Detailed Information

Committees

Water Issues Committee

Chair - Stacy Roscoe
Co-Chairs Ann DeMartini & Wanda Moyer
Open to All AWA Members
Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the Month
1.5 Hours
9 Scheduled per year

Water Systems Committee

Chair - Director Ann DeMartini
Open to All
Meetings Times and Locations Vary
Meetings 1 hour and Workshops 3-4 hours

Channel Counties Water Utility Committee

Chair - Bret Sherman, City of Thousand Oaks
Vice Chair - Wes Richardson, Calleguas MWD
8 Meetings Scheduled per year (Award BBQ planned)
A Sub-Committee of the Water Systems Committee
In Person Only and Remote Only

AWA Disaster Response Committee

Chair - Daniel Cohen, Calleguas MWD
One Hour
Meetings Times and Locations Vary
Meetings 1 hour and Workshops 3-4 hours
A Sub-Committee of the Water Systems Committee



WATER: Education - Outreach - Cooperation - Collaboration



AWA Ongoing Events

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Recurring Event

AWA Waterwise Educational Breakfast Series

Chair Director Sheldon Berger

3rd Thursday of Month (with some exceptions)

Guest speakers present on current water related topics.

Currently held at UWCD Headquarters in Oxnard.
In person and remote attendance available

Currently 1 hour in duration
8 Scheduled per Year



Annual Events

Annual Events are opened by
the current
AWA President

AWA Water Symposium & Exposition & Operator Technology Workshop/Vendor Fair



April 18, 2024
Open to the Public
Day long conference including lunch held at an event center mid-county and in conjunction with the Annual CCWUC Workshop and Vendor Fair
All Day Event
Organized by Special Committees

AWA Elected Officials/Member Reception



**AWA Members, Community Leaders
and Invited Guests**
Held at Reagan Library
Organized by Special Event Committees
3 Hour Evening Event

AWA Year End Corporate Night



**AWA Members, Community Leaders
and Invited Guests**
Organized by an appointed Committee
3 Hour Evening Event

Water Supply Bus Tour Planning for Fall 2024 Date Subject to Change

FALL
11-14-24

All Day Event
Geared towards elected officials, community leaders and students
Co-hosted and organized by the AWA and the Farm Bureau of Ventura County

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AWA - A Non-Profit Organization

AWA of Ventura County
501(c)(6) Non-Profit Organization Business League formed in 1976 organized for the promotion of water in Ventura County, California.

AWA Mission

To develop and encourage cooperation among entities for the development, protection, conservation, and improvement of total water resources of Ventura County.

Board of Directors

19-25 members with corresponding alternates.
Operates under *Robert's Rules of Order*
Currently 21 members
Must be members in good standing
Two Year Term - Volunteer Unpaid
Meets regularly
Meeting length is one hour
(6 meetings scheduled per year)
Article V Section 2.1

Managing Director

Kelle Pistone, 1995 - Present
Reports directly to the Board of Directors (A paid position)
Under Contract reviewed annually

Administrative Assistant/Event Specialist

Michelle Johnson, 2011- Present
(A paid position)
Services are outsourced through an employment services agency
Annual rate of pay is determined and approved by the Board of Directors

Executive Committee

- **President** (Chairs Board Meetings & Presides over Annual Events)
- **President-Elect**
- **Vice President**
- **Treasurer** (Also serves as Corporate CFO)
- **Secretary**

One Year Term - Volunteer Unpaid
Meets regularly (5 meetings scheduled per year)
Meeting length is one hour
*Does not require a quorum and no action is taken. Handle routine matters to bring to the Board for potential action. **All decisions of the Executive Committee require the action of the full Board.***

AWA Officer Responsibilities

- Reliably attend Board meetings
- Keep fully informed of AWA activities
- Accept committee assignments
- Department to reflect favorably on AWA
- Attend Annual Events and General Membership Meetings

Hold seats on the Executive Committee

Immediate Past President & Managing Director

Participate in the Executive Committee Meetings

The AWA is not an "employer" and has no direct employees.

Directors & Officers Insurance
All AWA Board Members are covered by D&O Insurance



AWA Board Meetings & Policies

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AWA Public Policy Statement

No member of AWA, or representative of a member, without specific prior approval by the Board of Directors, shall make any public statement that implies the official position of AWA
AWA Bylaws Article III, Section 2, Paragraph 3

What to Expect at a Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order

President (or Acting President) calls the meeting to order. A roll call is performed to ensure a quorum (Majority of Board Members. At least 11 members is currently a quorum) .
Approval of Minutes of prior meeting(s) (ACTION)

Public or Written Comment

The Board addresses public or written comment(s) if any.

Financial Reports (Action)

The Treasurer runs through the Statement of Accounts and the Year-To-Date Membership Dues Report. The Board receives, reviews and approves. Quickbooks is the accounting platform used.

New/Old Business

Business of the Board is reviewed and **certain items may require Board Action.**

Committee Reports

This is an informational portion of the meeting where each committee reports on their committee's ongoing activities.

Administrative Reports

The Managing Director updates the Board on ongoing administrative activities.

Special Board Meetings Actions

(If any) - Such as the Annual Election

Other

Any other business that was not covered during the meeting.

Adjourn

The President adjourns the meeting usually on or before one hour's time.

**Board Meetings operate according to
Robert's Rules of Order
&
Normally last about one hour**

*Feel free to contact the AWA at AWA@awavc.org or via phone 805-644-0922 if you have any questions!
Please refer to the 'Frequently Asked Questions' document for more detailed information*

Membership Types

- Major Water Districts
- Cities
- County
- Investor Owned Water Districts
- County Water Districts
- Mutual Water Companies
- Water Treatment Research Center
- Business Members
- Association Members
- Individual Members
- Honorary Members

Membership Requirements

Potential Members must apply to become a member and must be approved by the Board.



August is Meeting Free

Each year the Association plans for the month of August to be "meeting free" (dark) to help alleviate the busy schedules of its members and directors. AWA staff remains at service during the month handling all regular duties.

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Networking Opportunities

Many of our educational and annual events allow for great networking opportunities. **Appearing in person to events is your best option.** While many events are held during normal business hours, the **Elected Officials Reception** and the **Year End Holiday Mixer** are popular networking events held in the evening after normal business hours.

AWA Office Location

The AWA rents a small office space at 5156 McGrath St in Ventura.

Note:

Pre-Covid, many meetings were held in the above location while events were held at paid event spaces in east and west County.

Post-Covid, many meetings and events are held at the UWCD headquarters due to large occupancy space, central location, and technical support for remote attendance.

AWA Funding

AWA is funded as follows:

- Membership Dues
- Event Sponsorships and Proceeds
- Grants - On occasion but not a typical or reliable funding source

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The Board of Directors shall exercise those powers necessary to execute policy as established by the General Membership and shall perform such other duties and assume such other responsibilities as are delegated to it by the General Membership.

Acceptance as a member of the Board of Directors commits a person to the following responsibilities:



(a.) Reliably attend Board of Directors meetings.

(b.) Keep fully informed of AWA activities.

(c.) Accept assignments to AWA committees.

(d.) Department to reflect favorably on AWA.

(e.) Attend Annual Events and General Membership meetings.