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Statement of Qualifications

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Hello ACWA Members:

My name is Pam Tobin and I am asking for your support to be ACWA Vice President (2020 -'21 term). I have more than 15 years of experience in California water at the local, regional and statewide level. I have served on the Board of Directors of the San Juan Water District in Northern California since 2004, including three terms as President of the Board. I also have served multiple terms as Chair of both the Sacramento Regional Water Authority and the Sacramento Groundwater Authority.



As you know, this recent period in California water has presented many challenges for public water agencies and the elected directors who lead them. In my various roles, I have engaged in policy deliberations addressing the worst drought in California's history, landmark groundwater legislation known as SGMA, and ongoing efforts to stabilize the Delta. The most gratifying part of working to find solutions is the relationships I have built.

I value my active participation in ACWA. ACWA is the place where all water agencies come together to learn, to share and to make a difference as we create strategies and policies that will work for the 450 public water agency members under the ACWA umbrella. Whether the agencies are from the north, middle or southern end of the state or serve ag, urban or rural customers, we have more in common than we think because we all serve the public interest. I have been energized by my time on the ACWA Board of Directors as the ACWA Region 4 Chair, hashing out key federal issues and representing ACWA legislative positions on Capitol Hill and thinking about the local issues and how best to serve customers through participation on the Local Government Committee.

It has been extremely rewarding to work closely with the ACWA Board to devise statewide policies on everything from safe drinking water access and quality, to conservation and drought contingency, to providing input to the Newsom Administration on a future water portfolio for California. Also, I have enjoyed serving as a member of the ACWA Board Steering Committee carving out a future path for ACWA through a five-year Strategic Plan. As an ACWA-JPIA Board member and a recently appointed member of its Liability Committee, I have worked to ensure we are offering the critical insurance services that public water agencies need today and into the

future, by securing ACWA-JPIA's financial health and growth. Through these activities, I have been able to put my personal skills around policy development, collaboration, finance, and conflict resolution on the table to help make progress.

Those who know me know that I am not afraid to dig into the tough issues. In fact, I relish the opportunity to work collaboratively with all parties to find the "win-win" outcome. I also am an independent thinker and can make the tough calls. That is what ACWA is all about. ACWA brings the issues, the solutions and the people together. This is precisely why I want to use my experience and skills to help advance ACWA's mission and vision as its vice president.

Serving on the board at San Juan Water District has provided the opportunity to understand both the wholesale and retail side of the water business. We serve families and businesses. While we have some of the most senior water rights in California (1853), the agency also is an American River Division contractor with the Federal Central Valley Project. The agency is active in regional groundwater management / conjunctive use planning, with issues such as SGMA implementation which has helped me to better understand the challenges that other agencies experience. My time working with more than 22 public water agencies, private water companies, cities and counties through my work with the Regional Water Authority and Sacramento Groundwater Authority has been another opportunity to build partnerships for collaborative solutions.

So, what do I do in my spare time? You might be surprised to know that I am a long-time realtor and property developer with over 30 years as a business owner. Understanding the nexus between land-use planning and water management has been invaluable in my water role and in my professional life. But my real passion is caring for our four-legged friends. For many years I focused on showing dogs, but now I rescue them. It is the hardest and best thing I have ever done.

My background: I hail from Laconia, New Hampshire, growing up in the Lakes Region. I have called California home since 1971. I have been married to my wonderful, supportive husband for 38 years. I have two grown children, my oldest son is a senior engineer in upper management for the City of Los Angeles and the youngest is an attorney living and working in Los Angeles. I also have four grandchildren.



Finally, I did not come to the decision to run for ACWA Vice President lightly. As is sometimes the case, several ACWA water leaders that I respect came to me and told me that I should throw my hat in the ring for ACWA VP. Everything I have done to date has prepared me for this moment. I look forward to meeting with many of you to share my ACWA vision and commitment to you personally and hope that I can count on your support for ACWA Vice President.