

# PAMELA TOBIN

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## *Leadership / Experience / Results*

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### **Candidate for ACWA President 2022-23 Term**

Pam Tobin currently serves as Vice President of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), the largest statewide coalition of water agencies in the country and is seeking the office of ACWA President for the 2022-'23 term. She has more than 17 years of experience in California water at the local, regional and statewide level. As a representative to the ACWA-JPIA Board, Executive Committee and its Liability Committee, she has worked to ensure critical services for public water agencies and fiscal health.

Pam has been on the Board of Directors of the San Juan Water District in Northern California since 2004, including three terms as Board President. She also has served multiple terms as Chair of both the Sacramento Regional Water Authority and the Sacramento Groundwater Authority.

### **Supporting Members as ACWA Vice President**

Pam has been an active participant in ACWA and currently serves as Vice President. She believes that ACWA is the place where all water agencies come together to learn, to share and to make a difference by creating strategies and policies that support its 450 public water agency members.

As Vice President, Pam Tobin has accomplished the priorities outlined during her campaign.

- **Demystify ACWA and Increase Member Involvement – *Pam pledged to increase member involvement and to keep members connected to ACWA.***
  - ✓ In 2020 she created and co-facilitated “Leadership to Leadership.” This bi-monthly virtual town hall, rotated between north and south, fosters connection between ACWA and its members and among the members themselves. The response to the program has been overwhelmingly positive and has helped her understand how ACWA can do better for its members.
  
- **Support the 2020 California Resiliency Portfolio and Advance Forest Management – *In keeping with its past practice, ACWA has stepped up to provide constructive and innovate input on behalf of members to drive the state’s water policy.***
  - ✓ As Vice President, she has been actively involved in ACWA’s effort to solicit member input and shape ACWA’s policies at the Board level resulting in comprehensive

comments to the Newsom Administration on its 2020 California Resiliency Portfolio. She has actively engaged on ACWA's priority issues, both state and federal -- from the Voluntary Agreements to SGMA implementation to climate resiliency, water infrastructure and ESA.

- ✓ Securing funding and elevating the priorities to reduce fire risk and protect our water at the source have been key features of ACWA's comments. Additionally, she helped to build awareness of the catastrophic burden from wildfires that has been placed on local agencies within these high-risk watersheds.

■ **Dealing with the COVID-19 PANDEMIC – ACWA like every other organization faced unprecedented challenges in coping with the impacts of the pandemic on both the association and its members.**

- ✓ In her role on ACWA's Executive Committee and as its representative to the ACWA-Joint Powers Authority Executive Committee, she advanced critical issues around workforce including liability and workers' compensation to limit exposure related to COVID-19.
- ✓ With a strong background in finance, Pam encouraged the ACWA Board to adjust its budget and plans to protect non-dues revenue sources by adapting events to virtual formats. She also suggested and supported the ACWA team to develop a series of workshops to assist agencies with the myriad challenges resulting from the pandemic. Workshops covered a range of topics from communicating with the public to financial and legal issues.
- ✓ In early 2021, she called for a review of the 2020 ACWA Strategic Plan to update the budget and align activities accordingly to reflect COVID-19 impacts.

**There is much work to be done as ACWA emerges from the Pandemic and navigates a critically dry year. As ACWA President, Pam will continue to:**

- Facilitate the highly successful "Leadership to Leadership" program, now recognized as a critical component of member outreach.
- Increase diversity and inclusion on ACWA's Board of Directors, committees and subcommittees.
- Improve transparency in ACWA's policy and operational decisions.
- Advance forest management and protect water agencies.
- Shape and support the Water Resiliency Portfolio.

***"My track record of accomplishments as ACWA Vice President and my leadership experience in California water make me uniquely qualified for the role of ACWA President." – Pam Tobin, ACWA Vice President***