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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** ACWA Public Water Agency Members

**FROM:** Dave Eggerton, Executive Director

**DATE:** October 6, 2022

**SUBJECT:** ACWA's 2023 Membership Dues

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With inflation over 8% affecting every one of our member agencies and ACWA itself, it is a very challenging time to develop a budget that is both financially and organizationally responsible. Thanks to the hard work of ACWA's Finance Committee and Board of Directors, the Association is addressing these inflationary pressures in a manner that maintains the strength of the organization and valuable services we provide for our members while being responsive to the real fiscal challenges our members face during these economically uncertain times.

At its September meeting, the ACWA Board of Directors approved a two-year 2023-24 Budget that protects the financial and operational well-being of the Association while strengthening the long-term health of the organization by beginning to pay-down ACWA's unfunded CalPERS' pension liability. This effort, prioritized by the Board with the recent sale of the 910 K Street office, builds on the Association's recent success fully funding its retiree healthcare OPEB (other post-employment benefits) liability.

The budget also includes continued funding for the Association's most significant statewide public education campaign in many years, QuenchCA. Launched this year, QuenchCA is raising public awareness of the importance of investing in water infrastructure for the future of our people, economy, food supply and the environment. This program was created in response to the widespread call of our member agencies who have repeatedly emphasized the importance of educating the public on this critical issue facing our industry.

To accomplish these and other important goals for our members during this time of high inflation, every aspect of the budget was scrutinized in detail in developing a recommendation for the Board's consideration. The Board approved the budget based on the recommendation of the ACWA Finance Committee and following a thorough review of the Association's expenses and revenue. After much deliberation, the adopted two-year budget includes dues increases of 4% in 2023 and 3% in 2024.

With the Board's leadership in adopting the budget, I can assure you that ACWA staff will continue to deliver high-level, effective services for our members, including strong advocacy in Sacramento and Washington D.C., first-class conferences, timely information and communication tools, as well as many other important services.



As a reminder, ACWA's financial strategy is guided by our 2020-24 Five-Year Strategic Plan. The general approach of this strategy is to maintain modest dues increases each year to first pay off ACWA's unfunded OPEB liability for retiree healthcare by 2023 (which we achieved this year), then pay down ACWA's CalPERS unfunded liability, and avoid the need for any unplanned spikes in membership dues in the future. This budget keeps us on course to strengthen ACWA's long-term financial health.

ACWA's dues are based on the operations and maintenance (O&M) expenses for individual public agency members, which vary from year to year. If there was an increase or decrease in your agency's O&M expenses, the actual dollar increase associated with your agency's membership dues may vary based on that change. **If you have questions related to your agency's dues calculation, please contact ACWA Controller Dan Gumpert at (916) 669-2426 or [dang@acwa.com](mailto:dang@acwa.com).**

To view ACWA's full 2023 dues schedule, please visit [www.acwa.com](http://www.acwa.com).

We value your participation in ACWA and thank you for your membership. ACWA's voice and influence is enhanced with each and every member. Your dues contribution allows ACWA to provide high-quality benefits and services, such as:

- A statewide voice on behalf of California water agencies on key state and federal legislative and regulatory water issues.
- Award-winning communications to support and advance the Association's legislative, regulatory, and policy agenda by reaching key audiences, such as the Legislature, the media and the public; and by helping water agencies with outreach at the local level.
- Participation in ACWA's grassroots Outreach Program, a vital tool for members to engage on key legislative and regulatory efforts.
- Exclusive cost-saving opportunities through ACWA JPIA insurance for liability, property workers compensation and employee benefits programs.
- Two major annual conferences, numerous topic-specific workshops, regional events, webinars and other professional development programs to help educate members and give them an opportunity to connect with each other.
- Opportunities to shape water policy by serving on ACWA's 13 committees and engaging locally through ACWA's 10 Regions.
- Access to ACWA's Preferred Provider Program, which offers a variety of value-added programs and services.

For more information on these services, as well as all of the benefits of continued ACWA membership, please visit [www.acwa.com](http://www.acwa.com).

We thank you so much for your membership and look forward to your continued participation in 2023. **If you have questions about your ACWA membership, please contact ACWA's Member Services Manager Katie Dahl at (916) 669-2439 or [katied@acwa.com](mailto:katied@acwa.com).**





Bringing  
Water  
Together

Date: October 19, 2022

Coachella Valley Water District

PO Box 1058

Coachella, CA 92236

2023 Annual Agency Dues	\$44,465.00
Total Amount Due	<hr/> \$44,465.00

Thank you for your continued support with ACWA. Please remit payment by **January 31, 2023**.

ACH Payment Information: Wells Fargo Bank  
Routing #: 121042882  
Checking Account #: 6071344052

\*\*\*\*\*MEMBERSHIP DUES\*\*\*\*\*MEMBERSHIP DUES\*\*\*\*\*MEMBERSHIP DUES\*\*\*\*\*

**Association of California Water Agencies**  
**2023 Member Dues Calculation**

Date: October 19, 2022

Name: Coachella Valley Water District

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(1) Operating Expenses	\$261,290,628.00
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(2) All Other Expenses	
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(3) Total Expenses	<b>\$261,290,628.00</b>
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(4) Purchased Power	
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(5) Water Purchases	\$70,041,027.00
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(6) Groundwater Replenishment	
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(7) Depreciation	\$43,775,728.00
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(8) Fixed Assets	
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(9) Total Adjusted Expenses	<b>\$147,473,873.00</b>
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(10) Pumping	\$19,213,479.00
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(11) Total Expenses Adjusted for Pumping	<b>\$128,260,394.00</b>
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(12) Line 11 times 2	\$256,520,788.00
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(13) Dues O&M (lessor of line 9 or 12)	<b>\$147,473,873.00</b>
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DUES AMOUNT	<b>\$44,465.00</b>
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