

OFFICIAL
REGION 9 Board Ballot

2020-2021
TERM



Please return completed ballot by September 30, 2019

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General Voting Instructions:

1 You may either vote for the slate recommended by the Region 9 Nominating Committee or vote for individual region board members (please note rules & regulations for specific qualifications). Mark the appropriate box to indicate your decision.

2 Complete your agency information. The authorized representative is determined by your agency in accordance with your agency's policies and procedures.

Region 9 Rules & Regulations:

The chair and vice chair shall be elected, one from each area, and the positions shall be rotated between the Western and Arid areas of Region 9. For the 2020-2021 term the chair shall be from the Arid area.

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Nominating Committee's Recommended Slate

I concur with the Region 9 Nominating Committee's recommended slate below.

CHAIR:

- **Phil Rosentrater**, GM/Executive Director, Salton Sea Authority (Arid)

VICE CHAIR:

- **Harvey R. Ryan**, Board Member, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (Western)

BOARD MEMBERS:

- **Brenda Dennstedt**, Board Member, Western Municipal Water District
- **Carol Lee Brady**, Director – Vice President, Rancho California Water District
- **G. Patrick O'Dowd**, Board Member, Coachella Valley Water District
- **Luis Cetina**, Vice President, Cucamonga Valley Water District
- **James Morales Jr.**, Governing Board Member, East Valley Water District

OR

Individual Board Candidate Nominations
(See Rules & Regulations before selecting)

I do not concur with the Region 9 Nominating Committee's recommended slate. I will vote for individual candidates below as indicated.

CANDIDATES FOR CHAIR: (CHOOSE ONE)

- Luis Cetina**, Vice President, Cucamonga Valley Water District (Western)
- G. Patrick O'Dowd**, Board Member, Coachella Valley Water District (Arid)
- Phil Rosentrater**, GM/Executive Director, Salton Sea Authority (Arid)

CANDIDATES FOR VICE CHAIR: (CHOOSE ONE)

- Luis Cetina**, Vice President, Cucamonga Valley Water District (Western)
- Brenda Dennstedt**, Board Member, Western Municipal Water District (Western)
- Phil Rosentrater**, GM/Executive Director, Salton Sea Authority (Arid)
- Harvey R. Ryan**, Board Member, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (Western)

CANDIDATES FOR BOARD MEMBERS: (MAX OF 5 CHOICES)

- Carol Lee Brady**, Director – Vice President, Rancho California Water District
- Luis Cetina**, Vice President, Cucamonga Valley Water District
- Brenda Dennstedt**, Board Member, Western Municipal Water District
- Joseph, Kuebler**, Treasurer, Eastern Municipal Water District
- James Morales Jr.**, Governing Board Member, East Valley Water District
- G. Patrick O'Dowd**, Board Member, Coachella Valley Water District
- Phil Rosentrater**, GM/Executive Director, Salton Sea Authority
- Harvey R. Ryan**, Board Member, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District

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AGENCY NAME

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE DATE

Phil Rosentrater Qualifications for ACWA Region 9 Board Chair

Phil Rosentrater has worked tirelessly to protect and improve public water agencies for nearly a quarter century in communities spanning the three counties comprising ACWA Region 9.

Phil knows Region 9, starting as a resident of the city of Upland where his parents met and his three brothers were born. Phil has lived and worked in other San Bernardino County communities that include the city of Ontario and the San Bernardino Mountain resort communities and the high deserts around Yucca Valley. Phil has lived in the Riverside area for thirty years and currently works in both Riverside and Imperial Counties as the GM/Executive Director for the Salton Sea Authority.

Phil is well versed in water issues at the local, regional, state and federal level. He understands the unique challenges facing water agencies operating in California's inland southwestern region. He also understands the value of bringing people and agencies together to articulate the priorities of Region 9 in a way that produces positive results. In the San Gorgonio Pass area, Phil helped assemble a dozen water-related entities that had never held a group conversation but today, they are working cooperatively to achieve greater efficiency in mutually beneficial plans and projects coordinated in an integrated regional watershed plan.

In addition to his drive to create cooperative partnerships, Phil brings to Region 9 a hard-earned reputation for protecting the public water supplies, particularly the interests of Region 9. For example, Phil helped successfully fend off a state grab of water agency share of local property taxes by spearheading a coalition that persuaded legislators to resist expanding a state ERAF grab because it would hurt infrastructure needed to survive drought and to protect community well-being.



In addition to his current appointment as Vice Chairman of the Board for ACWA Region 9, Phil has served at the statewide level in ACWA as the Chair for the ACWA Outreach Committee. He has represented Region 9 in previous roles as a member of the State Legislative Committee and the Local Government Committee. Phil also currently serves on the ACWA Energy Committee and State Legislative Committee.

Phil is honored to have served as a presenter and moderator in numerous ACWA conferences and his agency (Western Municipal Water District) was twice recognized with ACWA's annual Outreach Award. Phil has worked to improve policy and interagency relations for water-related agencies through his work in affiliated organization such as California Special Districts Association, California Association of Sanitation Agencies, American Groundwater Association, Groundwater Resources Agency, and Southern California Water Committee. The California Special Districts Association presented Phil with the "Outstanding Legislative Advocate" award for his efforts.

From the Mountains, to the Sea, to every Valley in between, Phil remains dedicated to improving water services on issues impacting Region 9. To support his continuing service at ACWA, affirm your agency's affirmation of the slate of candidates recommended by the Nomination Committee for ACWA Region 9.

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