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| 2015 Agency Dues | <u>\$ 3,320.00</u> |
| Total Amount Due | \$ 3,320.00        |

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** ACWA Public Water Agency Members

**FROM:** Tim Quinn, Executive Director

**DATE:** October 29, 2014

**SUBJECT:** ACWA's 2015 Membership Dues

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Each fall, the ACWA Board of Directors determines the Association's budget for the following year. This year, the Board met on September 26 to discuss and approve the 2015 budget, following review by ACWA's Budget Sub-Committee and Finance Committee.

The Board voted to approve the budget after discussing six alternatives. The alternatives reflected different approaches to address an anticipated gap between revenues and expenditures.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board voted to approach the budget as a two-year plan to invest in high quality staff and services to members. As part of the two-year plan, the Board approved a 5.5% increase in the dues schedule for 2015 and committed to a 5.5% increase in 2016.

Board members voted to use ACWA's budget reserves in order to minimize the adjustment needed in the dues schedule.

ACWA's dues are based on the operations and maintenance budgets for individual public agency members, which tend to vary from year to year. Because of this, the actual dollar increase associated with your agencies dues increase is in the range of a 0-5.5% adjustment.

Your dues investment contributes to maintaining the high quality of service ACWA provides to its members. Some of those services include:

- Advocacy on key state and federal legislative and regulatory water issues.
- Award-winning communication tools for members, like the Value of Water and Chromium 6 toolkits.
- Cost-saving opportunities through ACWA/JPIA insurance through liability, property workers compensation and employee benefits programs.
- Up-to-date water news with ACWA News, eNews, acwa.com, and more.
- Networking opportunities through ACWA's annual conferences and other events.
- Access to a robust Outreach Network to advance key bills and issues.
- Access to ACWA's Preferred Provider (APP) program offers huge cost savings with a variety of services like, solar, energy, natural gas, background checks, leak loss detection, translation services and more!

Also, to learn more about what ACWA is currently working on for our members, please visit [www.acwa.com](http://www.acwa.com) and view our Membership Benefits sheet online.

We look forward to your continued membership in 2015. If you have any questions about your ACWA dues, please contact ACWA's Member Services Group Manager Tiffany Giammona at (916) 441-4545 or via email at [tiffanyg@acwa.com](mailto:tiffanyg@acwa.com)



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# Ways to Maximize Your ACWA Membership

In addition to advocacy and a voice on key water issues, your membership in ACWA gives you access to a wide variety of information, resources and value-added programs. To help you get the most of your membership, here are a few tips for maximizing your participation in ACWA.

*1. Engage in the Issues*

# 1

## Engage in the Issues

A great way to stay current and engage in setting ACWA's policy agenda is to join a committee. ACWA has 12 active committees that meet throughout the year, providing key technical and policy input to the ACWA Board of Directors. The committees bring together expertise and perspectives from across the state on key state and federal issues to help ACWA advocate for members in Sacramento and in Washington D. C.

# 2

## Get Active

Joining ACWA's Outreach Network allows you to receive all ACWA alerts and advisories on important water issues. It also provides a convenient way to send letters and make contact with your local legislators. ACWA's Outreach Network includes more than 2,000 ACWA members.

# 3

## Build Your Network

Take advantage of ACWA's two annual conferences and other events to network with water professionals throughout the state. ACWA's annual DC Conference, Legislative Symposium, Regulatory Summit and a Continuing Legal Education Workshop offer outstanding programming tailored to public water agency directors and staff.

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## Engage Locally

ACWA's 10 regions host several regional meetings, programs and tours throughout the year on a variety of topics. These well-attended events are a great way to learn about local issues as well as network with your neighboring districts.

# 5

## Get Wired

ACWA's website — [acwa.com](http://acwa.com) — is updated daily with California's latest water news and information. Create a member login and receive RSS feeds on your favorite topics and special members-only content with current information on ACWA's policy direction, including *ACWA News*, as well as weekly electronic newsletters. ACWA also has active Facebook and Twitter feeds that engage and keep members current.

# 6

## Use Our Toolkits

ACWA regularly produces communications tools and resources members can use to communicate with their customers and other audiences. Recent examples include tools for communicating the value of water, special district reserves, a draft drinking water standard for Chromium 6, and the water-energy nexus. All are available to members on our website, [www.acwa.com](http://www.acwa.com).

# 7

## Get Discounts

ACWA's Preferred Provider program has a variety of vendors that offer their services and products to ACWA members at discounted rates. The best part is ACWA has already given them a stamp of approval through an in-depth RFP process. This saves you time and money! Services range from solar, energy, fleet management, translation services and more!

# 8

## Get Insured

An ACWA Membership provides agencies with the opportunity for exclusive access to ACWA/JPIA employee benefits (health, vision, dental, etc.) and liability insurance, saving agencies hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.