

Director AB 1234 Report
May 16, 2023

Director name: Gary Martin

Meetings attended: ACWA & ACWA-JPIA Spring Conferences in Monterey, CA

Date of meetings: May 8, 9, 10, 11, 2023

Location: Monterey, CA

SCV Water Board Meeting to be presented at: May 16, 2023

The following are the points of interest:

May 8

Attended the ACWA-JPIA Board of Directors Meeting

- Election held for 4 seats on the Executive Committee (12 candidates); Szu Pei Lu-Yang (Rowland Water District), Bruce Rupp (incumbent, Humboldt Bay MWD), Scott Ratterman (Calaveras County WD), David Wheaton (Citrus Heights WD) were elected.
- Ratified new member agency Merced Subbasin GSA.
- Received an ACWA update presentation from ACWA ED Dave Eggerton.
- Reviewed and approved audited financial statements for year ending September 30, 2022.
- Reviewed and approved proposed operating budget for FY23/24.
- Received updates on pooled programs, membership benefits, CEO and Board President.

Attended ACWA JPIA's Retirement Celebration Dinner for Walter "Andy" Sells.

- Adrienne Beatty, JPIA Assistant Executive Director will be taking the helm later this year when Andy steps down.

May 9

Attended the ACWA Groundwater Committee meeting.

- Received a presentations and updates from Sean Maquire of the SWRCB, Paul Gosselin of the DWR, and the Groundwater Resources Association.

Attended an update from the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) team on the Delta Conveyance Project.

- Project overview and status of the EIR was presented.
- Presentation on the benefits of Delta Conveyance.
- Presentation on recent polling on the project which showed broad-based support.

May 10

Attended the conference opening breakfast.

- I was honored to make a presentation of the first Edward G. "Jerry" Gladbach Scholarship, which is made in partnership between ACWA and SCV Water. The recipient was Elizabeth Pena, an Environmental Policy student at UC Davis, who was not able to attend.

- The breakfast keynote speaker was E. Joaquin Esquivel, Chair, SWRCB. Topics discussed included waters of the US, Colorado River, recycled water, effects of the drought, effects of COVID, assistance to disadvantaged communities, back-to-back “one in a generation” events, planning for the next drought, Governor’s water strategy for more storage, and the goal of more resiliency.
- Attended sessions on investing in California’s water system to address aging infrastructure, and a session on advancing conveyance, which included panelist Tony Meyer, DWR Executive Director of Delta Conveyance.
- Attended the Region 8 Membership Meeting and reported out on the Groundwater Committee meeting.

May 11

- Attended the Attorney / Statewide session on varying perspectives on water rights modernization.
- Attended the General Luncheon and was honored to receive on behalf of our Agency, The Clair A. Hill Award for Excellence for our Valley Center Well Groundwater Treatment Facility. I was joined on the stage for acceptance by Vice President Orzechowski, Directors Braunstein and Marks, General Manager Stone, Assistant GM Cole and Chief Engineer Mael. This prestigious award is recognition of our staff’s efforts and hard work to address and remediate PFAS contamination in our community.
- The luncheon keynote speaker was Jay Ziegler, newly appointed Delta Watermaster for the State Water Resources Control Board.