



City of Santa Ana
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Staff Report
June 6, 2023

TOPIC: Resolution Supporting Cathy Green for Office of ACWA President

AGENDA TITLE

Resolution to Support Orange County Water District President Cathy Green as a Candidate for the Office of Association of California Water Agencies President

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt a resolution to endorse Orange County Water District President Cathy Green as a candidate for the office of President for the Association of California Water Agencies.

DISCUSSION

The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) has announced that a Nominating Committee has been formed to develop a slate for the ACWA election of its statewide lead officer positions of President and Vice President. The individual who fills the ACWA President position needs to possess a working knowledge of water industry issues and concerns, connections with water professionals throughout the state, strength of character and leadership capabilities, and experience in matters related to the performance of the duties of the office. This person must be able to provide the dedication of time and energy to effectively serve in this capacity.

Director Green has extensive relevant experience, which can be found below:

- Director Green has served on the ACWA Board since 2016, on the ACWA Board Executive Committee since 2020, and as ACWA Vice President since 2022.
- She has served as ACWA Region 10 Chair (2018-19) and ACWA Region 10 Vice Chair (2016-17, 2020-2021).
- She serves on the ACWA Water Quality Committee (2012-current) and ACWA Energy Committee (2019-current), and has served on the ACWA State Legislative Committee (2012-15).
- She has served in a leadership role at Orange County Water District. She was elected to the OCWD Board of Directors in November 2010 and was re-elected in 2012, 2016, and 2020. She was selected by the OCWD Board of Directors to serve as its 2015, 2016, and 2023 President. She served as First Vice President in 2013, 2014, and from 2020 to 2022.
- She currently serves as Vice Chair of the National Water Research Institute, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that collaborates with water utilities, regulators,

and researchers in innovative ways to help develop new, healthy, and sustainable sources of drinking water.

- Prior to her service on OCWD's Board of Directors, Director Green was elected to two consecutive terms on the Huntington Beach City Council (2002-2010) where she served two terms as mayor (2003, 2009).
- Director Green has been involved as a liaison and active community member on many City boards, commissions, and committees.

For these reasons, staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution supporting Cathy Green for the office of President of ACWA.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

EXHIBIT(S)

1. Resolution

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