



CWSA

COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS ALLIANCE



Who speaks for the underrepresented?

Many California drinking water systems serve areas considered “disadvantaged communities” (DACs) under economic criteria, but nongovernmental organizations often viewed as DAC advocates do not speak for all.

The Community Water Systems Alliance (CWSA) follows the principle of “large helping small” water systems. We fill a void in representation and bolster the voices of small water systems and DACs, and others aligned with them.

CWSA Accomplishments



Legislation

CWSA frequently monitors bills that affect our member systems and takes action in the form of comment letters, suggesting bill amendments, meeting with legislators and co-sponsoring bills.



Regulation

CWSA has historically spoken on regulatory policies like the Chromium-6 MCL. We write comment letters and provide verbal testimony to highlight the impact of these regulations on small systems and advocate for their equitable enforcement.



Guidance & Education Materials

We conduct webinars focused on water policy and advocacy for our member systems and their elected officials. We recently hosted a tour of our member systems to show the real impacts of policy changes to State officials.



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Our Members

We bring together small and mid-sized water systems with some larger water districts and cities that want to help their communities. Our members include:

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
City of Watsonville
Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency
Santa Margarita Water District
North of the River Municipal Water District

Mesa Water District
Coachella Valley Water District
Water Replenishment District of Southern CA
Mojave Water Agency
City of Los Banos
Indio Water Authority

Hi Desert Water District
Joshua Basin Water District
Pico Water District
Yorba Linda Water District
San Geronio Pass Water Agency
Twentynine Palms Water District

Benefits of Membership

Education

Gain access to an archive of educational materials on water policy in California and how to advocate in the legislature for your system.

Events

Get invited to participate in tours, mixers and webinars that can connect you to State officials and facilitate candid discussions around the issues that matter the most to you and your system.

Take Action

Participate in our efforts to comment on the policy issues you care about. Join in on letters, fly in to Sacramento to meet with legislators, and provide your voice when co-sponsoring a bill or suggesting bill amendments.

Becoming a Member

Annual fees are billed on a quarterly basis. Becoming a Charter Member provides a higher level of involvement and exposure in our events and planning.

Tier 1: Revenues <\$250,000	\$500/year
Tier 2: Revenues \$250,000-499,999	\$750/year
Tier 3: Revenues \$500,000-999,999	\$1,250/year
Tier 4: Revenues \$1,000,000-3,999,999	\$2,500/year
Tier 5: Revenues \$4,000,000+	\$5,000/year
Charter Member	\$10,000/year

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Contact Us to Learn More or Join!

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