

REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

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RWA AFFILIATES

Entities eligible to become Regional Water Authority (RWA) Affiliate Members include public or private entities with an interest and management role in regional water matters that are not eligible for other classes of membership in RWA. The purpose of the Affiliate relationship is to promote communication between water managers and the community and to support RWA's efforts to educate and inform the public.

Entities that may become Affiliates include but are not limited to Cities and Counties that are not water providers; special districts that are not water providers, such as park, cemetery or fire districts; trade associations; chambers of commerce; businesses and institutions that are major water users; and entities that provide services to water providers.

Agencies or water utilities that deliver potable retail or wholesale water in this region are not eligible to become RWA Affiliates, as these agencies are eligible to become RWA Members or Contracting Entities. Agencies or entities with other water management authorities are not eligible to become RWA Affiliates, as these agencies are eligible to become RWA Associate Members.

Each entity that applies to become an RWA Affiliate must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the RWA Board of Directors. Board approval will be dependent on a demonstration that the Affiliate member will provide support to the mission and goals of RWA. RWA Affiliates do not hold a seat on the RWA Board, and therefore are not eligible to vote on RWA Board business or policy matters, including legislative/policy issues under Section 7(a) of the RWA joint powers agreement. RWA Affiliates pay an annual fee -, which will be subject to adjustment from time to time by the RWA Board as part of the annual RWA budget process. RWA Affiliates are not eligible to participate directly in RWA subscription programs.