

REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

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RWA ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Entities eligible to become Regional Water Authority (RWA) Associate Members include public or private entities with water management responsibilities and authorities who are not municipal water suppliers in this region. Agencies or water utilities that deliver potable retail or wholesale water in this region are not eligible to become RWA Associates, as these agencies are eligible to become RWA Members or Contracting Entities. Associate members may include, but are not limited to agricultural water providers, wastewater agencies, flood control agencies, and water planning organizations. Notwithstanding the remainder of this paragraph, the RWA Board may grant Associate Membership to an entity that otherwise qualifies for Associate Membership and whose delivery of potable water is a minor element of its activities, and not the primary reason for its seeking Associate Membership.

Each entity that applies to become an RWA Associate must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the RWA Board of Directors. RWA Associates 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 Associates pay an annual fee based on one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) of their annual operating budget, subject to a cap set by the RWA Board of Directors. The annual fee for RWA Associates is subject to adjustment by the RWA Board in the development and approval of the annual budget. RWA Associates are eligible to participate in RWA subscription programs and will not be subject to non-member surcharge fees for such programs.