

## Mission

To serve and represent regional water supply interests and assist Regional Water Authority members with protecting and enhancing the reliability, availability, affordability and quality of water resources.

## Member Agencies

- California American Water
  - Carmichael Water District
  - Citrus Heights Water District
  - Del Paso Manor Water District
  - El Dorado Irrigation District
  - Fair Oaks Water District
  - Folsom, City of
  - Fruitridge Vista Water Company
  - Golden State Water Company
  - Lincoln, City of
  - Orange Vale Water Company
  - Placer County Water Agency
  - Rancho Murieta CSD
  - Roseville, City of
  - Rio Linda/Elverta CWD
  - Sacramento, City of
  - Sacramento Suburban Water District
  - San Juan Water District
  - West Sacramento, City of
- ## RWA Associates
- El Dorado County Water Agency
  - Sacramento Municipal Utility District
  - Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District

## RWA, SGA Elect Leaders for 2008

The RWA Board of Directors has elected a new Executive Committee and officers to guide the organization in 2008. Joseph Dion, a member of the Citrus Heights Water District Board of Directors, was re-elected chair of the Authority's Board of Directors. Paul Selsky, a member of the Carmichael Water District Board of Directors, was elected vice chair.

In addition to Dion and Selsky, the following local water leaders have been elected to the 2008 RWA Executive Committee: Gray Allen, Placer County Water Agency;

Rob Roscoe, Sacramento Suburban Water District; Shauna Lorange, San Juan Water District; Derrick Whitehead, City of Roseville; Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company; Ken Payne, City of Folsom; and Tom Gray, Fair Oaks Water District.

Dion said a key focus will be ongoing implementation of the American River Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. The plan will increase water supply reliability, improve water quality and help protect the lower American River and lower Cosumnes River watersheds.

"We have made significant strides forward as a region in addressing the future reliability of our water supplies while protecting the environment," Dion said. "Our success in developing an integrated regional water plan and securing grant funds to help implement it have put us on a progressive course that will benefit local water customers for years to come."

RWA and the Freeport Regional Water Authority have been awarded a \$25 million state grant from Proposition 50 of 2002 to fund key elements of the plan, including a suite of 14 infrastructure projects such as groundwater



*The 2008 Executive Committee (l-r): Paul Selsky, Carmichael WD; Rob Roscoe, Sacramento Suburban WD; Joe Dion, Citrus Heights WD; Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company; Ken Payne, City of Folsom; [Ed Winkler, RWA]; Tom Gray, Fair Oaks WD; Derrick Whitehead, City of Roseville; Shauna Lorange, San Juan WD; and Gray Allen, Placer County WA.*

wells, surface water pipelines, and expanded water treatment and water recycling facilities.

Dion, who has served on the RWA Board since its inception in 2001, has been a director of Citrus Heights Water District since 2000. He served as the Authority's vice chair in 2006 and was elected chair in 2007.

Selsky has been a member of the Carmichael board since 1996. He has been a member of the RWA Board since 2001.

New officers were elected for the Sacramento Groundwater Authority in December. Pam Tobin, a member of the San Juan Water District Board of Directors, was elected to her second term as chair. Paul Schubert, district manager for Golden State Water Company, was elected vice chair.

Continuing SGA's efforts to coordinate groundwater management and address groundwater contamination will be key focuses, Tobin said.

"We have made significant headway on these issues as a region," Tobin said. "I look forward to continuing the strong strategies and cooperative relationships we have in place to make the best use of our water and storage assets."



## Winkler to Leave RWA in March Executive Director to Accept New Position with Engineering Firm

Ed Winkler, executive director of RWA and SGA since 2001, has announced plans to resign his position effective March 7. He will join the engineering firm CH2M Hill as a regional client services director in Northern California.

"It has been an honor serving these Boards and I have enjoyed helping form cooperative relationships in the region," Winkler said. "We have come a long way in our first seven years and I am confident that the best years are still ahead if the water interests keep working together."

RWA Chair Joe Dion expressed appreciation for Winkler's leadership over the years and said the organization has grown and flourished. He pointed to several key accomplishments since RWA's inception in 2001, including adoption of the American River Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, development of a Groundwater Management Plan for SGA, and securing more than \$50 million in state and federal grant dollars for the region.

"We wish Ed well in his new position, and look forward to continued success as a region," Dion said.

SGA Chair Pam Tobin thanked Winkler for his dedication and attributed many achievements to his leadership and skills. "The successes that SGA has experienced are due to Ed and his excellent staff," Tobin said. "It's a true testament to his abilities, knowledge and skills."

A joint RWA/SGA committee has been appointed to guide the process of recruiting and selecting a new executive director. The committee has retained consulting firm CPS Executive Search to help with the process.



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## Jim English named Interim Executive Director

Jim English of Black and Veatch, Inc., has been selected by the RWA and SGA Boards of Directors to serve as interim executive director beginning March 3. A joint RWA/SGA executive search committee has initiated the search process with the goal of having a new executive on board by June.

## Full Agenda on Tap for WEP in 2008

RWA's Water Efficiency Program is planning a full slate of community outreach activities in 2008 to encourage local water users to take advantage of water-wise services offered by water suppliers.

A centerpiece of the program is the second Ultimate "Water Smart" Garden Makeover Contest, to be launched March 10. The grand prize is a free front yard makeover designed to provide living proof that water-wise landscapes can be beautiful.

The contest will build on last year's highly successful program, which transformed a Folsom yard into a model of water efficiency and generated significant news coverage and even an editorial on water-wise practices in the Sacramento Bee.

Homeowners can enter the contest by signing up for a free WaterWise House Call with their water provider. Details on the contest will be available soon at [www.rwah2o.org](http://www.rwah2o.org).

## RWA Update has a New Look

We welcome the new year with an updated nameplate for the *RWA Update* newsletter. The format remains the same. We hope you enjoy the new look as we continue to update you with the latest water issues in our community.

## SGA Plans Ambitious Year

With a solid Groundwater Management Plan in place and steady progress on a number of key projects, SGA has adopted an ambitious agenda for 2008.

High on the list are several projects in the next phase of implementing a Water Accounting Framework to guide development of a regional conjunctive use program.

Phase III of the effort includes a survey of successful groundwater banking programs around the state and development of a model groundwater banking program based on the results of the survey.

The survey was carried out in January and February with preliminary results expected in March. Other tasks identified for Phase III include developing appropriate operating

criteria for a groundwater bank, holding briefings on the Water Accounting Framework with stakeholders, and investigating the development of monitoring criteria for objectives identified in SGA's Groundwater Management Plan. Phase III efforts are funded by a planning grant under Proposition 50 of 2002.

Other SGA plans for 2008 include completing an update to the Groundwater Management Plan, issuing a 2008 update of the biennial Basin Management Report, ongoing facilitation of the Regional Contamination Issues Committee, continued efforts to promote aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) programs, and the launch of a new study to assess water quality threats to regional groundwater sustainability, if a recent groundwater assistance grant application is accepted (See story below).

## SGA Submits Grant Application to Study Water Quality Threats

The Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) has submitted a grant application to the state Department of Water Resources requesting \$250,000 for a study assessing water quality risks to long-term groundwater sustainability in northern Sacramento County. The assessment would be completed as part of SGA's Groundwater Management Program.

The funding would come from the Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program

(AB 303). This grant program has been instrumental in SGA's successful Groundwater Management Program, providing \$200,000 for development of a groundwater data management system, \$250,000 for the SGA regional monitoring well network, and \$250,000 for a comprehensive update of the Integrated Groundwater and Surface Water Model for the SGA area in three previous competitive funding cycles.

## RWA Honors Three Local Leaders for Achievements, Service to Water Community

RWA presented its annual Distinguished Service Award in December to former El Dorado Irrigation District General Manager Ane Deister and its Water Statesperson of the Year Award to Sacramento Suburban Water District General Manager Rob Roscoe and Carmichael Water District General Manager Steve Nugent.

Paul Selsky, a member of the Carmichael Water District Board of Directors and chair of the RWA Awards Committee, said the award recipients have been instrumental in protecting and managing the region's water resources and building cooperative relationships.

Deister, who left EID at year's end after six years as general manager, was honored for forging relationships both inside and outside the water community and for bringing vision and leadership to regional water issues. She served as vice chair of RWA and chair of Region 3 of

the Association of California Water Agencies.

Roscoe, who became general manager at Sacramento Suburban in 2003, was honored for his efforts to advance conjunctive use to help ensure a sustainable water supply for the region. He has been instrumental in building alliances and advocating technologies such as aquifer storage and recovery systems to further expand conjunctive use in the region. Roscoe is a past chair of RWA and serves on the RWA Executive Committee.

Nugent has been general manager of Carmichael Water District since 2003 and has served the region's water community in various capacities since 1981. He was honored for his proactive leadership on groundwater contamination issues and for spearheading public outreach and technical efforts to protect the region's groundwater.

