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

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** – Ed Winkler, executive director of the Regional Water Authority (RWA) and the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (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.

“The single overarching theme that transcends the activities of RWA and SGA is that we are much more effective when we work together as a region.” Winkler said. “It has been an honor serving these Boards and I have enjoyed helping form cooperative relationships throughout the region.”

RWA Chair Joe Dion expressed appreciation for Winkler’s leadership over the years. “We have come a long way as an organization.” Dion pointed to several key accomplishments since RWA’s inception in 2001. He cited 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.

RWA is a joint powers authority representing 22 water providers in the greater Sacramento area. Its primary mission is to help its members protect and enhance the reliability, availability, affordability and quality of water resources.

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