



RAC Member Composition

2022-2024

Updated: January 30, 2025

(NTL): No term limit

(2021-2024): Finishing Serving 4-year term

(2023 -2026): Current Serving 4-year term

Regional Water Management Group (3)

1. City of San Diego – Keli Balo (NTL), A: Ernesto Rios
2. County of San Diego – Richard Whipple (NTL), A: Chelsea McGimpsey
3. San Diego County Water Authority – Kelley Gage (NTL), A: Elizabeth Lovsted

Water Supply (5)

Agencies and entities tasked with supplying water to homes, businesses, and agriculture

1. Retail (North County-Inland) – Julia Escamilla/Rincon del Diablo MWD (2023-26), A: Clint Baze
2. Retail (North County-Coastal) – Marissa Potter/Santa Fe Irrigation District (2023-26), A: Al Lau
3. Retail (East County) – Michelle Berens/Helix Water District (2023-26), A: Brian Olney
4. Retail (South County) – Paul Oberbauer/Sweetwater Authority (2021-2024); A: Erick Del Bosque
5. Retail (At Large) – Kim Thorner/Olivenhain Municipal Water District (2021-2024): A: Joey Randall

Water Quality (6)

Agencies and entities tasked with managing storm runoff, both quantity and quality, in man-made conveyances and/or collecting and disposing of wastewater, including water recycling

1. Stormwater Management (North County) – Bronti Cash/ City of Oceanside (2021-2024), A: Tim Murphy / City of Carlsbad
2. Stormwater Management (South/East County) – Wbaldo Arellano/City of Imperial Beach (2023-26), A: Chris Helmer
3. Water Quality (NGO) – Patrick McDonough/San Diego CoastKeeper (2023-26), A: Rachele Lopez
4. Water Quality (NGO) – David Walker/San Diego Audubon Society (2021-2024), A: TBD
5. Wastewater/Recycled Water (Metro JPA) – Karen Jassoy/Padre Dam Municipal Water District (2021-2024), A: TBD
6. Wastewater/Recycled Water (Non-Metro JPA) – Mike Thornton/San Elijo JPA (2023-26), A: Chris Trees

Natural Resources and Watersheds (6)

Agencies and entities tasked with preserving, enhancing, and managing natural resources and watersheds

1. Water Conservation (NGO) – Brook Sarson/San Diego Sustainable Living Institute (2021-2024), A: Joshua Robinson
2. Protection and Restoration (NGO) – Rob Hutsel/San Diego River Park Foundation (2023-26), A: TBD
3. Protection and Restoration (NGO) – Sandra Jacobson/California Trout (2021-2024), A: Jack Marshall
4. Recreation – Julia Chunn-Heer/Surfrider (2021-2024), A: TBD
5. Coastal Ecosystems (Bays, Estuaries, Lagoons) – Kimberly O’Connell/UCSD Clean Water Utility (2021-2024), A: Amanda Loeper
6. Wildfire-Water Nexus – Chief Donald Butz/Lakeside Fire Protection District, A: Janise Bocskovits

DAC/Environmental Justice (2)

Agencies and entities who represent disadvantaged communities and/or environmental justice concerns

1. Urban DAC – Oscar Romo/Alter Terra (2021-2024), A: TBD
2. Rural DAC – Toby Roy/Rural Community Assistance Corporation (2023-26), A: TBD

Tribal (3)

Agencies and entities who represent Native American tribal concerns

1. Northern IRWM Region – John Flores/San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians (2023-26), A: Rob Roy
2. Central IRWM Region – Erica Pinto/Jamul Indian Village of California (2023-26), A: James Cuero III
3. Southern IRWM Region – James Hill/La Posta Band of Mission Indians (2022-26), A: Eric La Chappa

Other Members (7)

Other agencies and entities with interest in and/or impact on water resource management

1. Flood Management – Tory Walker/Tory Walker and Associates (2023-26), A: TBD
2. Business Community – S. Wayne Rosenbaum/Building Industry Association (2023-26), A: TBD
3. Agriculture – Connor Leone /ECOLIFE Conservation (2021-2024), A: TBD
4. Land Use Planning – Charlie de la Rosa/San Diego Zoo Global (2021-2024), A: Kelly Craig
5. At Large* – Erica Wolski/Ramona MWD (2023-26), A: Kellie Barclay
6. At Large* – Anne Bamford/American Water Works Association CA/NV Section (2021-2024), A: Lisa Skutecki
7. Climate Change – Eylon Shamir/Hydrologic Research Center (2023-26), A: TBD

** For one of two At Large seats, preferential consideration should be given to organizations engaged with training water professionals. Other consideration criteria include academia, energy/water nexus, solid waste/water nexus, sustainability.*

Non-Voting Members (8)

State, federal, and regional agencies who are interested parties

1. Regional Water Quality Control Board – Erica Ryan (NTL), A: Tony Felix
2. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation – Jack Simes (NTL), A: Leslie Cleveland
3. Military Community – John Simpson/USMC Camp Pendleton (NTL), A: Jessica Spurlock
4. Tri-County FACC (Upper Santa Margarita RWMG) – Justin Haessly/Rancho California Water District (NTL)
5. Tri-County FACC (South Orange RWMG) – Grant Sharp/County of Orange (NTL), A: Jenna Voss
6. State Coastal Conservancy - *open*
7. U.S. Forest Service, Cleveland National Forest – Gloria Silva (NTL), A: Emily Fudge
8. U.S. Indian Health Services – Sean Bush (NTL)