M-3.2 Classes of Membership
The Association will have the following categories of membership: agency and honorary life members.

3.2.1 Agency
The Board may approve membership in the Association for the following entities: a public district, public agency, or public organization created and operated for the purpose of controlling, treating, developing, acquiring, using or supplying water for any purpose for inhabitants or lands within the state of California, or for the protection, drainage or reclamation of lands within the state of California.

3.2.2 Honorary Life Members
The Board may grant an honorary life membership in the Association to any person who has rendered exemplary service in furthering the purposes of the Association. This membership status will be exempt from payment of dues or assessments. Honorary life members will not be entitled to a vote or to hold office automatically because of their status as honorary life members. All past presidents are granted an honorary life membership in the Association.

3.2.2.1 General Criteria
1. Nominations will be based on exemplary service rendered by an individual in furthering the purposes of the Association over a multi-year period and will be awarded by the Board.

2. Nominations must be made through or by a member agency’s board of directors or the Board.

3.2.2.2 Recognition
1. The Association will recognize new honorary life members with the presentation of a life membership certificate at conference.

2. The individual and his/her spouse will be the Association’s guests at the function where the presentation will be made.
References:

*Internal Revenue Code § 115; Bylaws, Article 2; Previous Board Policy E.1.*

*See Administrative Procedure:* To be determined.

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