**OP-7.2 ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA JPIA)**

The ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA JPIA) is a public entity formed by the Association in 1979. The ACWA JPIA is a special district in the state of California whose formation and operation are subject to the provisions of the California Code, including the Brown Act.

### 7.2.1 Purpose

The ACWA JPIA is a partnership of water agencies working together to share the risks associated with purveying water. It provides risk-sharing pools to meet the needs of its members for property, liability, workers’ compensation, and employee benefits coverage.

### 7.2.2 Partnership

The Association and the ACWA JPIA have partnered together for many years to serve the interests of their unique membership—California’s public water agencies—who collectively employ tens of thousands of Californians. The entities work collaboratively to promote and market the mutually beneficial purposes and goals of the two organizations.

The Association’s longstanding relationship with the ACWA JPIA provides its members the opportunity to partner with the ACWA JPIA for liability, property, workers’ compensation, and employee benefits coverage.

### 7.2.3 Governance/Representation

Each organization will have representation on the other organization’s governing body. The ACWA JPIA Vice President will be an *ex officio* member of the Association’s Board of Directors, and the Association’s Vice President will be an *ex officio* member of the ACWA JPIA Executive Committee.

**References:**

*ACWA JPIA’s Bylaws, Article3, and Website; ACWA’s Bylaws, Article 4; Previous Board Policy O.1.*

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