The 2019 legislative year is under way and ACWA staff is preparing for a busy year. To help you prepare, we’ve compiled the 2019 Legislative Outreach Checklist, also available at the ACWA website.

The November 2018 election brought historic supermajorities in the California Senate and Assembly, several changes in leadership and countless new state and federal representatives. These changes emphasize the importance of reconnecting with returning legislators and building relationships with new ones. The checklist is a reminder of some great ways to engage your local elected officials.

The ACWA Outreach Network is composed of over 1,200 ACWA members that serve as the ACWA Outreach Ambassadors, individuals who are ready to help as the first-line of response when grassroots support is needed on a legislative, regulatory or policy issue.

If you currently do not receive ACWA Outreach Alerts and Advisories but would like to become an Outreach Ambassador you can sign up online.

For questions about ACWA’s Outreach Programs, including the Outreach Taskforce and Outreach Ambassador programs, please contact Tiffany Giammona, Director of Member Outreach & Engagement (tiffanyg@acwa.com) at 916-441-4545.

**2019 LEGISLATIVE OUTREACH CHECKLIST**

1. Update your contact records for your elected officials
2. Upon their approval, add newly elected officials to your newsletter distribution list
3. Research what committees your state and federal representatives serve on
4. Schedule “Meet & Greets” with legislators and/or their staff at their district offices
5. Invite legislators on tours of your agency’s facilities
6. Introduce yourself to the legislative staff that manages water issues
7. Stay alert for new legislation that may affect your agency by using the online ACWA bill tracker. Member login required.
8. Continue to reach out and build local coalitions to gain support for your issues (including cities, chambers, and other business groups)
9. Remember to thank your legislators after meetings and especially after they have helped you support or oppose an issue
10. Become an ACTIVE ACWA Outreach Ambassador

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