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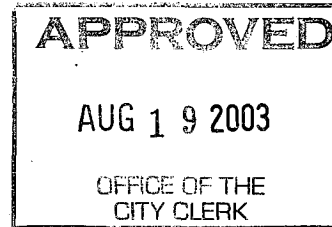
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July 31, 2003

City Council  
Sacramento, California



Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE FOR CALIFORNIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY TO THE SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (SGA)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council appoint Mitch Dion as the representative from California-American Water Company to the Sacramento Groundwater Authority.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Gary A. Reents, Director of Utilities, 264-1433

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** August 19, 2003

**SUMMARY:**

The Joint Powers Agreement that created the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (Authority) authorized the City Council to appoint representatives from adjacent water districts, water companies, and self-supplied pumpers. California-American Water Company previously appointed Tom Gray as the alternate representative and is now requesting the appointment of Mitch Dion as their primary representative. This entity has requested that the City appoint the representative to a four-year term (Attachment A).

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION**

None.



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## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- On August 11, 1998, the City Council approved a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), which created the Sacramento North Area Groundwater Management Authority (Authority).
- Signatories to the JPA are the City, the County of Sacramento, and the cities of Citrus Heights and Folsom.
- The JPA delegates to the Authority the powers to manage the groundwater basin consistent with the Water Forum Agreement and establishes the membership of the Authority to include:
  - A member of the Board or designee for each private purveyor
  - One representative of agricultural interests in the North Area
  - One member of self-supplied groundwater users in the North Area
- The JPA requires that the City Council appoint representatives from the City, Arden Cordova Water Company, California-American Water Company, Del Paso Manor Water District, the Natomas Central Mutual Water Company, the Sacramento Suburban Water District, and self-supplied users.
- The City Council previously appointed Tom Gray as the alternate representative for California-American Water Company and left the primary representative seat vacant.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The proposed action will have no financial impact to the City.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City certified a negative declaration regarding the JPA on August 11, 1998.

## **POLICY CONSIDERATION**

The proposed action is consistent with the JPA approved by City Council.

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**ESBD CONSIDERATIONS**

None since no goods or services are being purchased.

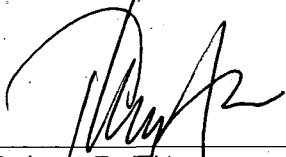
Respectfully submitted



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Gary A. Reents  
Director of Utilities

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



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Robert P. Thomas  
City Manager

APPROVED:



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Thomas V. Lee  
Deputy City Manager

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# California-American Water Company

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July 18, 2003

Mr. Ed Winkler  
Executive Director  
RWA/SGA  
5620 Birdcage Street, Suite 110  
Citrus Heights, CA 95610

Re: Change in Representatives for California American Water Company

Dear Mr. Winkler:

California American Water Company respectfully requests the following assignments for its WA representative and requests approval from the City of Sacramento for the position assignment for SGA:

	SGA	RWA
Primary	Mitch Dion, Manager – Northern Division	Mitch Dion, Manager – Northern Division
Alternate	Tom Gray, Operations Manager	Tom Gray, Operations Manager

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

Mitchell S. Dion  
Manager – Northern Division

Cc: Tom Gray  
Judy Almond

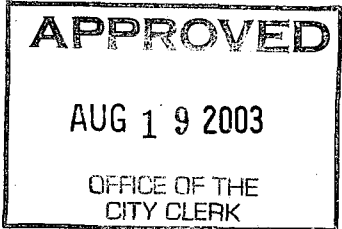


Mitchell S. Dion  
Manager Northern Division, California American Water

In June 2003, Mr. Dion was appointed as the Manager Northern Division California American Water Company serving as the General Manager for Sacramento area water systems. With over 25 years managing Engineering and Utility Operations. He has extensive experience in regulatory and environmental compliance from Federal, State and Municipal perspectives. He has focused efforts in Water Resource Management, working in the States of California and Washington.

From Sacramento, California. Mr. Dion enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and was later commissioned. He served on active duty an Engineer Officer for over thirteen years and continues to serve as a Reserve Officer assigned as the Marine Corp's Liaison to the State of California providing a conduit for legislative and regulatory issues.

Professional affiliation includes membership in Water Environment Federation, California Water Environment Association, American Water Works Association, Sacramento Water Works Association, and the American Public Works Association. In addition to several professional level military education programs, Mr. Dion earned an Associate degree at American River College, a Baccalaureate degree from California State University, Sacramento and Master of Science in Systems Management with dual emphasis on Information Systems and Research and Development from University of Southern California, Los Angeles.



**RESOLUTION NO. 2003-580**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE CALIFORNIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY TO THE SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (SGA)**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL THAT:**

The City Council hereby appoints Mitch Dion as the representative for the California-American Water Company to the Sacramento Groundwater Authority.

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY CLERK

**FOR CITY CLERK USE ONLY**

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DATE ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_