

## Chris M. Kapheim Statement of Qualifications

I believe it is important for the San Joaquin Valley (Valley) to have representation on the ACWA JPIA Executive Committee. The Valley comprises 8 counties, which has 5 million acres of irrigated agriculture and a population of over 4 million people.

I was born and raised on a family farm in Dinuba, California. My family has farmed in the Dinuba area for over 100 years. I have been involved in production agriculture for over 30 years growing peaches, plums, grapes and pistachios. I graduated from California Polytechnic State University in 1977 with a degree in Soil Science. Furthermore, I graduated from the California Agricultural Leadership, Class 26, in 1996.

Water is the life-blood for the Valley. I was General Manager for the Alta Irrigation District from 1983 to 2016. Alta Irrigation District encompasses 129,000 acres in Tulare, Kings and Fresno counties with its primary tasks being irrigation water deliveries and groundwater recharge. Prior to my retirement in 2016, I was instrumental in developing the governance structure for of the Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency. In 2019, I was elected to the Kings River Conservation District Board of Directors (KRCD). KRCD is a collaborative resource management agency serving agriculture, business, and residential communities within 1.2 million acres spanning portions of Fresno, Kings and Tulare counties. KRCD's areas of focus include energy, water, and environmental resources.

My experience includes regional and statewide efforts:

- Past member Tulare County Planning Commission
- Past Chairman of ACWA's Water Management Committee
- Past member of ACWA's Board of Directors
- Past member of ACWA's Legislative Committee
- Past member of ACWA JPIA's Liability Committee

As a long-time general manager of a large irrigation district in the San Joaquin Valley, I believe I have the knowledge and understanding that is required to serve on ACWA JPIA Executive Committee.