

# For Immediate Release

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## Regional Event to Focus on Water Legislative Shifts and Leadership Transitions

**Oxnard, CA (March 18, 2025)** – On Thursday, March 20, 2025, United Water Conservation District (UWCD) is hosting the Association of Water Agencies (AWA) Ventura County's Annual Installation. As part of AWA's WaterWise Water Information Breakfast Series, this event will gather water leaders from across the region to address pressing water management issues.

"United Water is proud to serve as a gathering place for the best minds in our water community to engage," said Mauricio Guardado, UWCD General Manager. "It is vital that we join forces to tackle the region's water needs. Together, we can develop solutions for a sustainable Ventura County for years to come."

AWA will install its 2025 Directors and Officers at the event, honoring outgoing President Ann DeMartini and welcoming her successor, Susanne Cooper. Ann has been an active AWA member and Board member since 1996, while Susanne has served as a Board member since 2021.

A program hosted by David D. Boyer, water law expert and Partner at Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo, will dive into "The End of Chevron Deference: What Does It Mean, and What Comes Next?" The talk will cover the Supreme Court overruling Chevron deference and the law's far-reaching impacts on water sustainability.

The District is committed to providing a forum for high-impact conversations and collaboration to support Ventura County's water needs and beyond. The AWA Installation joins on-site events such as UWCD's annual Water Sustainability Summit, which gathers industry leaders to provide updates on regional water supply projects, funding sources and partnership opportunities.

The AWA of Ventura County was formed in 1976 to provide a forum for the exchange of information on local and regional water issues. It is governed by a 21-member Board of Directors representing leaders from local water-related entities. UWCD Board Director Steve Huber serves as AWA's Vice President while UWCD Director Rachel Jones is an Alternate Director. The District proudly supports AWA's mission to develop and encourage cooperation among entities for the development, protection, conservation and improvement of the total water resources for Ventura County. UWCD General Manager Mauricio Guardado has spoken at multiple AWA events.

The WaterWise Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. and can be attended in-person or remotely. Breakfast will be served. There is a fee of \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members. To attend, register online at [www.awavc.net](http://www.awavc.net).

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**About United Water Conservation District**

Since 1927, United Water Conservation District (District) has served as a leader among water agencies by managing, protecting, enhancing and securing the water resources of the Santa Clara River and Oxnard Coastal Plain. The District works to protect the environment's natural attributes and conserves runoff from all major tributaries of the Santa Clara River, including Piru, Hopper, Sespe, and Santa Paula Creeks. Committed to managing the area's water supplies through groundwater replenishment and the construction and operation of efficient water supply and delivery systems, the District serves as the conservator of groundwater resources that are utilized by the cities of Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Ventura, Santa Paula, and Fillmore, as well as Naval Base Ventura County and several mutual water districts, farms, and individual pumpers. The District also provides surface water for agricultural irrigation and treated drinking water to the cities of Oxnard and Port Hueneme. [www.unitedwater.org](http://www.unitedwater.org)