



**The Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) Welcomes its new Chief Executive Officer/General Manager**

**December 1, 2024**

Thomas “Tom” Smegal was appointed as CEO/General Manager of BAWSCA by the Board of Directors effective December 1, 2024.

Prior to his appointment, Tom Smegal worked at California Water Service Company (Cal Water) where he served as Vice President, CFO, Treasurer and in other managerial and executive positions over a course of 27 years. Tom is a registered Civil Engineer and a graduate of Stanford University, in addition to his interdisciplinary study of water and energy resources at the University of California, Berkeley. Tom has extensive experience in water utility cost analysis and rate design, financing, and public outreach.

Ms. Sandkulla said “Tom Smegal is poised to be an exceptional leader for BAWSCA, using his substantial experience in water, strong leadership skills and unwavering commitment to excellence to meet BAWSCA’s future challenges and deliver results for the water customers. I am incredibly excited for him.”

**Statement from Tom Smegal:**

“In the last eleven years, Nicole and the BAWSCA staff have aggressively pursued the interests of the water customers BAWSCA represents through advocacy, negotiation, programmatic efforts, and litigation, when necessary, to ensure a reliable water supply at a fair price for the 1.8 million residents, thousands of communities, and thousands of businesses that thrive in the members’ service territories.

After more than thirty years of working in the industry to support improvements in water service, quality, and reliability and as a former member of the BAWSCA Board, I understand my new responsibilities and the challenges that lie ahead. I recognize that achieving BAWSCA’s goal depends on leadership by its chief executive officer, ideas, advice and policy decisions by the Board, and agreement with and among the twenty-six member agencies.

I’m excited to dive into the opportunities to work with San Francisco and within BAWSCA’s membership to improve long-term water supply reliability in the face of challenges such as climate change, housing mandates, and periodic drought.”

BAWSCA’s 26 member agencies include cities and water districts In Alameda, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties and the California Water Service Company and Stanford University.

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