

CWA Meeting of the Members

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Notice is hereby given that a Membership Meeting of the California Waterfowl Association (CWA) will be held at 9:00 a.m. on **Saturday, March 13, 2010, at the Radisson Hotel** (500 Leisure Lane, Sacramento CA 95815) for the purpose of electing directors and conducting such other business as may come before the membership. The CWA Bylaws require a minimum number of members present or proxies to constitute a quorum. Members who are unable to attend the meeting are requested to vote by proxy. If you will not be attending to vote in person, please sign and return your proxy by March 8, 2010. This proxy will not be used if you attend the meeting and vote in person.

1. For the election of the following person(s) as directors of the association to serve a three-year term commencing April 1, 2010:

•Yancey Forest-Knowles

For _____ Against _____ Withhold _____

•Jim Provenzano

For _____ Against _____ Withhold _____

• Greg Daniel

For _____ Against _____ Withhold _____

• Tom Tolliver

For _____ Against _____ Withhold _____

•Rick Timmer *(serving a one year term)*

For _____ Against _____ Withhold _____

2. Other Business: On such other matters as may properly come before the meeting in accordance with majority vote of those members in attendance.

Yes _____ No _____ Withhold _____

Date _____

Signature _____ Printed Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Return by March 8, 2010
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Candidate Biography

Yancey Forest-Knowles is a Life Member and has been a CWA member since 1985. He has been Director for three years, where he serves on the Waterfowl, Administrative and Finance, Editorial and Public Relations committees; he is the current Vice Chair and Sacramento Valley District Director. Additionally, he chairs the CWA North Bay Luncheon and attends several dinner events each year as a CWA Wine Committee representative. He is a strong advocate for CWA's goals and frequently encourages individuals and groups to join and increase their involvement. As a long time sponsor of youth hunts, he has helped to organize a consortium of duck clubs that have provided ongoing opportunities for junior hunters. Yancey has served in leadership roles on city and county boards and commissions, including chair of the Sonoma County Regional Parks Department and the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District. He has extensive experience in fundraising and puts these skills together to raise funds for CWA. As an avid waterfowler for over 55 years, he is passionate about our sport. In an effort to help preserve the special legacy and history of waterfowling, Yancey is writing a book about the history and traditions of waterfowling clubs in California. He will be serving a three year term.

Rick Timmer is a long time member of CWA, past Chairman and a Life Donor. Rick's business experience spanned 35 years as a building contractor and land developer in the Marin County area of California. With his business experience and passion for the conservation of wildlife and the outdoor hunting heritage, Rick's flexible time allows him to donate countless hours to CWA and give "something back" to the resource that he loves so much. He is very active on the Fundraising Committee and in recruiting members, as well as promoting the education of our up and coming youth hunters. He participates in CWA's youth hunting heritage program and his diligent efforts won him the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year award in 2001. He is instrumental in grassroots canvassing for government affairs issues and rallying member support. Rick started waterfowl hunting as an "unattached" on the public refuges and more recently hunts on his own duck club in the Willow Creek area of the Sacramento Valley. *He will serve a one year term.*

Jim Provenzano is a Life Member and has been a vital part of CWA's South Bay Event for over ten years. Born and raised in San Jose, Jim earned a degree in Business Management from San Jose State University in 1973 worked the family business selling construction materials for over twenty years. Married almost 40 years to his wife Carol, they have three children that all enjoy hunting and he looks forward to passing on passion for the outdoors to his grandchildren. Jim is an owner at the Almaden Duck Club in Los Banos and a member at Hastings Island Pheasant Club. He also enjoys big game hunting when he has the chance. He is a member of the California Rifle and Pistol Association, the West Valley Sportsmen's Club, the State Cattlemen's Association and a Life Member of the NRA. Jim's contributions to the South Bay Dinner have been vital in maintaining its status as one of the finest fundraising events in the state. He will serve a three year term.

Greg Daniel is currently an Associate Director and Life Member of CWA. A Northern California native, Greg is an outdoor enthusiast, spending much of his free time hunting and fishing with friends and family. Greg received a Bachelor of Science degree in finance from Chico State University in 1987 and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Chicago in 1992, and has spent most of his career as an investment banker in New York and San Francisco. Greg has been an active participant of the CWA Suisun Marsh Field Day event and, more recently, the Regulations and Traditions Committee. He holds a strong interest in helping to preserve hunters rights and promoting youth education. Greg started duck hunting in the Suisun Marsh as a child with his father and now has his own duck club in the same area. Currently, Greg lives in the bay area with his wife, Wendy, and their three children. He will serve a three year term.

Tom Tolliver is a Life Member with 23 years of non-profit administration and experience which is comprised of: program operations, fund development, volunteer management and governance. As a CWA regional fundraiser for the north state he designed and implemented a training event for dinner chairmen and treasurers, participated in many waterfowl and wetlands related workshops and spent time with CWA biological staff learning more about the same. He has been on the Santa Rosa Dinner Committee for 10 years and served as chairman last three. In addition to fundraising activities his CWA involvement includes a tour of the Klamath Basin to review the work of CWA and the Fish and Wildlife Service in the region. Tom's experience in non-profit governance and management of volunteers along with a passionate interest in waterfowl and wetlands helps him understand that being a CWA board member is a position that requires careful stewardship of California's waterfowl and wetland resource and heritage. He will serve a three year term.