

Steve Macaulay “Officially New” to West Yost Associates

Steve Macaulay is now a full-time member of the West Yost Associates (WYA) team. Although employed by WYA since 2005, Steve spent the majority of this time under contract as Executive Director of the California Urban Water Agencies (CUWA). Steve has now taken an active role on the leadership team for WYA’s water resources program, bringing with him 35 years of experience in California water management, water rights, groundwater, and conjunctive use programs. His recent work with CUWA on water management strategies related to climate change will continue to be a focus of his work at WYA. He will also continue active engagement in water conservation, water transfers, and integrated regional water management.

Steve is a strong proponent of water quality, reliability, and sustainability and is an established water professional in California. He worked for the Department of Water Resources (DWR) from 1980 to 1994, where he managed several significant programs of State-wide importance, including DWR’s Kern Water Bank program in the late 1980s and the State’s Drought Water Bank in 1991 and 1992. From 1994 to 1999 he was the General Manager of the State Water Contractors, representing most of the public agencies that receive water from the State Water Project (SWP). He worked on a wide range of progressive water management issues there, including major changes in SWP contract provisions, operating rules, and finance. In 1999 he was appointed Chief Deputy Director of DWR by the governor, and he had a leadership role in a variety of major water resources issues and programs, including the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. Steve retired from that position in 2003 and moved to CUWA to become more directly engaged in urban water agency issues including drinking water quality and regional water management.

