

## **Brief History Of Linden's Dam—Up The Road Near Bellota**

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In 1929 the Linden Irrigation District was incorporated and established plans to divert water from the Calaveras River at Bellota, a community about five miles east of Linden, and create a series of percolation dams to restore the depleted ground water table in the area. There had been an early dam in the same vicinity, built in 1905, but it washed out within a year.

A Civil Works Administration (CWA) project was authorized late in 1933 to construct the Bellota Dam and clean out the channel of the Calaveras River. Local opposition to the plan resulted in an injunction against the project, which was overridden by Harry Hopkins, director of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA), and the dam was built. But the CWA ended in only six months without completing the full project, which was completed by the Irrigation District later in 1934 with the Pezzi and Webster dams.

For many years, Bellota Reservoir was also used by San Joaquin County residents for fishing and recreation.

In 1948, the Stockton East San Joaquin Conservation District was organized. It built a new concrete diversion dam that year to force water into the old Calaveras River channel (the Calaveras River splits near Bellota and most of the runoff goes down Mormon Slough toward the Delta). This time, the idea was to aid in replenishment of ground water for Stockton.

Today the Bellota Dam is under the authority of the Stockton East Water District. It is surrounded by chain-link fencing and is inaccessible to the general public. It is used to pool water that is then pumped to the District's drinking water treatment plant for the city of Stockton. The dam also operates as a weir and is used to facilitate the movement of fish from the Calaveras River with the use of two fish ladders.

Eventually the district plans to replace the dam, when funds are available.

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ACWA ELECTIONS  
**June 21, 2023**

## **Virtual Town Hall Will Feature Candidates for ACWA President, Vice President** *Event to be Held July 19; Voting Begins July 17*

ACWA members can [register now](#) to watch the ACWA President and Vice President Candidates' Town Hall being held virtually July 19 at 2 p.m. Official candidates running for the 2024-'25 term will share their statements and participate in a Q&A session.

ACWA members are encouraged to [register online](#) and may submit questions for the candidates at the time of registration or during the event.

More information about the ACWA President and Vice President candidates is available at [www.acwa.com/elections](http://www.acwa.com/elections).

Member agencies' authorized voters will be receiving a ballot to vote for the ACWA President and Vice President on July 17. The ballot will include the names of all the qualified candidates and a separate space to write in the name of an eligible candidate. The ballots will be distributed from Simply Voting and must be returned by Sept. 15.

In addition, member agencies will also be receiving an official electronic ballot on July 17 for the region board elections. The ballot will identify the recommended slate of candidates, plus any additional candidates for consideration. These ballots must also be submitted electronically by Sept. 15.

### Questions

To learn more about both election processes, including information on candidates and how to vote, visit [www.acwa.com/elections](http://www.acwa.com/elections).

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