

## Melinda Terry – Bio

Melinda Terry started her career as a legislative aide to Assemblyman Trice Harvey (R-Bakersfield), working seven years on agriculture, water, and natural resource issues. As the Vice President of Government Affairs for the CA Forestry Association, she continued to work on natural resource issues with a focus on long term management of forests and species, including anadromous fish and spotted owls.

In 2004, she was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger as the Deputy Secretary for Legislation for the CA Resources Agency. Her duties included responsibility for legislative the activities of 25 departments, boards, commissions, and conservancies dealing with legislation on water, recycling, fish and game, forestry, coastal and marine, boating, state parks, and energy. During her tenure, the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) was initiated by the Schwarzenegger Administration and significant resource legislation was approved, including the creation of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and the Ocean Protection Council.

Since 2008, Melinda Terry has served as the Manager for the North Delta Water Agency (NDWA) and Executive Director of the California Central Valley Flood Control Association (CCVFCA).

Formed by a special act of the Legislature in 1973, the NDWA encompasses 300,000 acres of the legal Delta including portions of Sacramento, Yolo, Solano, and San Joaquin Counties. In 1981, DWR and NDWA executed a Contract for the Assurance of a Dependable Water Supply of Suitable Quality (1981 Contract). The 1981 Contract is a *guarantee by the State of California* to operate the SWP to meet specified water quality criteria while providing enough water to satisfy all reasonable and beneficial uses of water within NDWA's boundaries for agriculture, municipal, and industrial needs in perpetuity. In return, NDWA makes an annual payment to DWR.

CCVFCA was established in 1926 to promote the common interests of its membership in the maintaining effective flood control systems in California's Central Valley for the protection of life, property, and the environment. Association membership includes over 75 reclamation, flood control, levee and drainage special districts, as well as cities and counties with flood control responsibilities along the Sacramento and San Joaquin Federal Project Levee System and non-project levees within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.