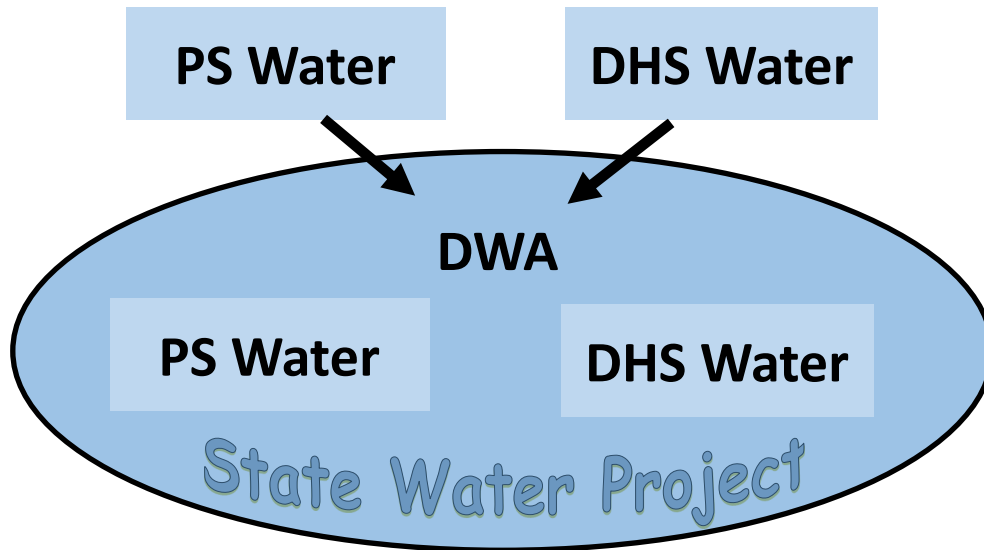
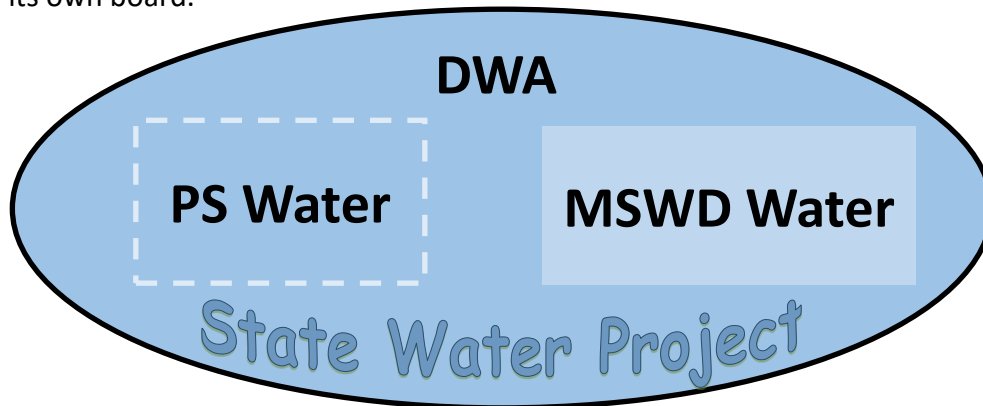


## WHAT IS THE DESERT WATER AGENCY?

In the early 1960's the Palm Springs and Desert Hot Springs water companies formed the **Desert Water Agency (DWA)** to jointly receive **State Water Project (SWP)** water.



Then **DWA** bought the Palm Springs Water Company and is now their retailer as well as purveyor of **SWP** water with one board governing both. Later, DHS Water Company became **Mission Springs Water District (MSWD)** and has its own board.



But **DWA** board members were elected "at large" so Palm Springs' size disparity all but ensured that all board members come from Palm Springs. Meanwhile, DHS residents continue to be assessed a monthly fee without representation. In addition, DHS has not even been getting the water allotment for which we are paying.

Two major legal battles have followed:

- MSWD** has sued **DWA** for its water, and the issue is not yet resolved.
- DWA** was required to have voting divisions to provide fair representation. That is why we have this unprecedented opportunity to now elect 2 or possibly 3 DHS residents onto the board.

My experience of 9 years on the **MSWD** board makes me uniquely qualified to represent YOU on the **DWA** board. I was there when the lawsuit against **DWA** was first filed and I am determined to see it resolved. My 16 years as a spa owner also demonstrates my passion for our water.