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Dear Valley Water Board (and staff!)

A happy and hopefully-wet-enough 2024 to you all. I am writing to you purely in my personal capacity.

Regarding election of the Chair and Vice Chair, I do not support an annual free-for-all election, an unnecessary contest that makes it even harder for everyone to work together. There is a good reason why virtually every elected board that does not have a separate election for a mayor-type position simply rotates the position around, usually on an informal basis. There is nothing in the revised rules for election of the Chair and Vice Chair that prevents the Board from continuing to follow this process. On extremely rare occasions such as happened in 2011, there may be reason to deviate from this process (it was a politically-necessary precondition for the successful 2012 bond measure), but no such occasion exists now.

Accordingly, I strongly support Vice Chairperson Keegan's election to Chairperson, and election of Director Santos to Vice Chairperson.

Best regards to you all, and let's not flood.

Sincerely,
Brian Schmidt

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