



Valley Water

APPLICATION FOR A SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Please complete this application in its entirety and submit an original signed copy to the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 5750 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California 95118. If more space is needed, please attach additional pages. Applications are valid for one year from the date of receipt and are public record. This application is available on-line at www.valleywater.org under "Board of Directors." For assistance, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (408) 265-2607, extension 2277.

A. CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Committee: Environmental and Water Resources Committee			
Name (First, Middle, Last): Mitchell Todd Ehrlich			
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Cell Phone:	Fax:
Mailing Address: (Street Address, City, State, ZIP)			
E-mail:			
If Applicable, Present Employer (Name and Address): Lonich Patton Ehrlich Policastrì LLP 1871 The Alameda #400 San Jose CA 95126		Job Title: Managing Partner (Attorney)	
Do you have a current contractual relationship with the Santa Clara Valley Water District? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please describe (if more space is needed, please attach additional pages):			

B. VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

List current and previous volunteer experience. Include experience with charitable organizations, committees and commissions, or public offices you may have held and relevant dates. If more space is needed, please attach additional pages.		
DATE(S):	NAME:	RESPONSIBILITIES/EXPERIENCE:
SEE ATTACHED	SEE ATTACHED	SEE ATTACHED

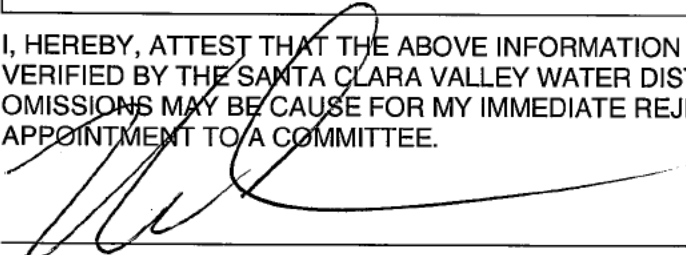
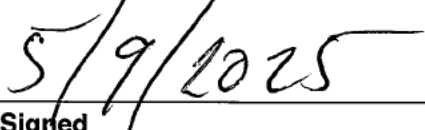
C. INTEREST AND AVAILABILITY

How did you hear about this committee opening?	
<input type="checkbox"/> District Website	<input type="checkbox"/> Director (please specify):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member (please specify): Shiloh Ballard	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):
Please describe your interest in serving on this committee: See attached	
Please describe your relevant qualifications, such as specific skills, training, or knowledge that should be considered in applying for this committee: See attached	
How would the community benefit by your participation on this committee? See attached	
Are you available to attend committee meetings when scheduled? (please go to www.valleywater.org for committee meeting schedule details) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If No, please describe:	
If you have a disability, what accommodations would you need to serve on this committee? N/A	

D. EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

In case of emergency, contact:	
1. Name:	Phone:
2. Name:	Phone:

I, HEREBY, ATTEST THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND MAY BE VERIFIED BY THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT. I UNDERSTAND THAT MISREPRESENTATION OR OMISSIONS MAY BE CAUSE FOR MY IMMEDIATE REJECTION AS AN APPLICANT OR TERMINATION FROM APPOINTMENT TO A COMMITTEE.

 _____ Applicant Signature	 _____ Date Signed
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VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

2025 to PRESENT	DISTRICT 9 LEADERSHIP GROUP Bd Member/Treasurer
2023 TO PRESENT	ELEVATE COMMUNITY CENTER Host/Participant Domestic Violence/Family Law Clinic
2018 -PRESENT	WILLOW GLEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION President; Vice President/Treasurer
2013-2017	LINCOLN GLEN LITTLE LEAGUE Youth Baseball Coach (4 seasons)
2013-2017	SOUTH VALLEY YMCA Youth Head Basketball Coach (3 seasons)
2015-2	SOUTH VALLEY SLAMMERS SOFTBALL Youth Head Softball Coach (3 seasons)
2011-2013	PROJECT CORNERSTONE Class Reader
2003- PRESENT	SANTA CLARA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION Atty/Client Fee Arbitrator
2002 to present	SANTA CLARA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT Judge Pro Tem- Traffic Court Judge Pro Tem - Settlement Conference Limited Superior Court, Judge Pro Tem - Settlement Conference Family Court Judge Pro Tem Settlement Officer Conference – Family Court
1999-2004	SAN JOSE TRAFFIC APPEAL COMMISSION Bd Member, Chair
1999-2003	PRO BONO ASSOCIATION OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY Pro Bono Counsel

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Volunteer Lawyer

1. Please describe your interest in serving on this committee:

My interest in serving on the Environmental and Water Resources Committee stems from an ongoing desire to contribute my energy, skill and experience to benefit our community and in this instance, for the benefit of our water system and public land. I like the idea that I can help to ensure that future generations live in a San Jose that is thriving both environmentally and economically. I understand the increasing importance of having sustainable water resources for our region's future, particularly in the face of climate change and population growth. I believe that informed public input is vital to the mission of Valley Water District and I want to be a part of that.

On a personal level, as a lifelong resident of San Jose, I have a great interest in and passion for the health and vitality of our region's creeks, rivers and reservoirs as well as the great benefits these assets offer the community. I grew up in Almaden Valley and spent great deal of time hiking in and around Quicksilver Park and Almaden Reservoir. I also lived near and was able to enjoy the many benefits of Almaden Lake Park and Los Alamitos Creek Trail. I now live in South Willow Glen (since 2002), just a block west of Guadalupe River and walk the creek often. I know these areas well and I know the value they hold to our community. I would very much like to see these areas restored, maintained preserved as a source of civic pride and environmental beauty.

2. Please describe any special skills or qualifications that should be considered:

I have been a practicing Family Law attorney in San Jose since Feb 1999. I am the managing partner of Lonich Patton Ehrlich Policastri, where I am also a California Certified Family Law Specialist. I hold a B.A. in Economics from UC Santa Barbara and a J.D. from Pepperdine University.

In addition to my legal background, I have extensive civic experience, including serving as a Judge Pro Tem, Temporary Traffic Court Judge, and an Arbitrator for the Santa Clara County Bar Association presiding over 100 attorney- client fee dispute over the past 20 years. In the past I have chaired the San Jose Traffic Appeals Commission. Since 2018, I been an active board member of the Willow Glen Neighborhood Association serving in roles as the President, Vice President, and Treasurer. I also currently serve on the District 9 Leadership Group and maintain a close working relationship with Councilmember/Vice Mayor Pam Foley.

On a personal level, I have made changes to reduce my environmental impact. I removed the lawn in front of my home and replaced it with California native grasses, and converted my backyard to hardscape to conserve water. These personal efforts reflect my broader commitment to water conservation and sustainable landscaping, which I believe align well with the goals of this committee.

3. How would the community benefit from your participation on this committee?

I bring a strong commitment to thoughtful, community-centered advocacy. My background in law and civic leadership allows me to analyze complex issues, build consensus, and help navigate competing stakeholder interests with integrity and balance. I understand the importance of ensuring transparency, accountability, and public trust in institutions like Valley Water.

My participation on this committee would ensure that the voices of residents are heard and thoughtfully represented. I would work to promote equitable access to clean water, responsible environmental restoration, and sustainable land use—all while maintaining a collaborative and respectful approach. I have very much enjoyed being involved in civic groups and working to make my neighborhood and my city a better place to live. My long-term investment in the wellbeing of San Jose and its environment makes me a passionate, knowledgeable, and service-driven candidate.