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From: Joe Eisenman [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 02, 2015 3:20 PM
To: Clerk of the Board
Subject: District 1 vacancy application
Attachments: AMI-officescan.pdf; ATT00001.htm

I would like to be considered for the vacant board member position.

I have attached a pdf file with the application, letter, and answers to the questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Date: December 2, 2015 at 3:14:27 PM PST
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December 2, 2015

Joe Eisenman

Morgan Hill, CA 95037

To: The board of directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District

I would like to be considered for the open board member seat for District 1.

I have lived in rural Morgan Hill for the past 17 years and own and manage a 2 acre vineyard.

My professional background is as a Network Engineer and for the past 9 years I have served as COO for Aerospace and Marine International.

Aerospace and Marine International is based in San Jose and provides weather forecasting services to customers all over the world. The primary customers are shipping companies and oil production companies.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to speaking with you.



Joe Eisenman

APPLICATION FOR
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS - DISTRICT 1

Please complete this application in its entirety and submit an original signed copy along with a letter of interest containing your name, residence address, occupation, summary of interest in the position, and any other relevant qualifications and experience, to the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 5750 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California 95118, by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 2, 2015.

A. CONTACT INFORMATION

Name (First, Last): JOE EISENMAN			
Residence Address (Street Address, City, State, Zip): MORGAN HILL CA 95037			
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Cell Phone:	E-Mail:

B. QUALIFYING SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS (Please use separate sheet of paper if necessary)

1. Explain why you think you should be appointed to the District 1 Board of Directors seat.

Answer Typed on ATTACHED sheet

2. Describe the experience you have that will assist you with the responsibilities required of you while serving as a member of the Board of Directors.

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3. A. What are your detailed thoughts on the current SCVWD practice of using parcel (property) taxes for State Water Project costs versus having the water consumers pay for 100% of these costs?

B. If some of the costs are to be paid by property owners, should certain property owners who are not able to receive any water from the SCVWD despite asking for water, be required to pay the costs?

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4. Agricultural water rates in both North and South County are heavily subsidized by water consumers and tax payers in Morgan Hill, Gilroy and others. Please explain your reasoning behind supporting the continuation of the rapidly expanding "open space credit" expense or reducing that expense so the SCVWD can use those funds for conservation, reduced water rates and other projects.

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5. What do you think will be the most significant challenges that the District will be facing in the next few years?

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6. What three items would be your highest priority if you are appointed as a SCVWD District 1 Board Member?

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Joe Ewenman
Applicant Signature

Dec. 2, 2015
Date Signed

Question 1:

I have had a long standing interest in water district operations as I live on the bank of Llagas creek below Chesbro Reservoir.

I have been around water district projects from an early age as my father worked for the Department of Agriculture and was involved with many flood control projects in Santa Clara, San Benito, and Monterrey counties.

Question 2:

I have extensive background in data communications, network engineering, and information technology.

As COO of Aerospace and Marine, I manage a team of 20 meteorologists and 7 IT staff. I also have some knowledge of weather and rainfall forecasting methods.

I also own and manage a small vineyard and am familiar with some of the agricultural issues in the county.

Question 3:

I would support parcel taxes being used for State water projects which are major long-term infrastructure projects.

I view Large pipelines or canals which bring water into the county as similar to highways and major roads.

In the long run, they will ultimately benefit the entire county even if the immediate direct users of the water transported are a subset of the county.

Question 4:

I am not a fan of Agricultural subsidies in general

Santa Clara County, however, has a stated goal of increasing the agricultural base and promoting "agritourism."

As the Water District is tasked by the state with cooperation with other entities in county, I think that some subsidy is consistent with supporting this goal of the county.

As the per acre foot rates are widely divergent, I can foresee increasing pressure to equalize them.

I would not support major changes right away absent a major shift in the goals of the county or widespread voter desire to equalize the rates.

Question 5:

I think water supply will continue to be the most pressing issue as the population of the county and the surrounding areas continues to expand. In addition, I think there will be increased demands on water presently imported which may cause additional supply constraints.

Question 6:

1. An expanding water supply for the county.
2. An expanded water recycling program
3. Flood control projects along Llagas creek.