

December 2, 2015

Carol Fredrickson

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Subject: Letter of interest to fill District 1 Board Member Position

Dear Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors:

Please accept this letter, and supplemental questionnaire as my desire to interview for and serve on the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors. I am interested in pursuing another successful and achievement-filled career in serving the public and look forward to this type of challenge.

My qualifications include my past experience working in government (retirement Dec 25, 2015) I managed Watershed Operations and Maintenance throughout Santa Clara County. This included managing the geographical area of responsibility as well as managerial responsibilities for 40 employees and emergency preparedness and response. I also represented the District as a liaison for various committees and outside agencies, negotiating and resolving sensitive and controversial issues.

Prior to my employment at the District, I worked for the City of San Jose as both a Senior Park Ranger/Parks Facility Supervisor and Environmental Enforcement Inspector/Supervisor. While working for the City, I gained over five years of increasingly responsible experience in planning, developing, coordinating, implementing, evaluating and maintaining policy's and developing the city inspection program to comply with the Federal Clean Water Act. I had professional analytical responsibility providing lead direction on ongoing projects including formulating and presenting program and policy recommendations, and designing methodologies for their implementation.

I am a graduate of San Jose State University with a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration, as well as credits for an Associate Degree in Park Management. I have continued my education obtaining certificates in various programs such as; Advanced Environmental Crimes, Emergency Response from the State Office of Emergency Services and Project Management from UCSC Extension and completing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Leadership Development Program.

I stay connected with the community by volunteering at the Centennial Recreational Center in Morgan Hill and the Red Cross. For several years I attended the Santa Clara Farm Bureau meetings.

I would like to discuss my qualifications and outline the potential I have to be a strong member of the Board of Directors.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carol Fredrickson



**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

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| Name (First, Last): Carol Fredrickson | | | |
| Residence Address (Street Address, City, State, Zip): [REDACTED] Morgan Hill, CA, 95037 | | | |
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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.

I think I would be an excellent candidate because of my broad range of experience and knowledge. I am very familiar with how the district operates as well as the City of San Jose. I have served as staff on a variety of boards, focus groups and committees. I have prepared and presented staff reports and other correspondence to government agencies, boards, councils and the general public. I have been a liaison with other divisions and outside agencies, negotiating and resolving sensitive and controversial issues.

I have served on many committees and master planning throughout the years. Below are a few committees I have participated that reflect agency-wide collaboration.

1. Coyote Specific Plan Task Force
2. Watershed Steering Committee, setting policy on the City of San Jose's water issues
3. City of San Jose Environmental Task Force, developing Environmental Guidelines, for inclusion in the city's Long Range Document-HORIZON 2020.

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.

I have been a public servant for over 30 years and over those years gained experience in all facets of government operations that will assist me with the responsibilities while serving as a member of the Board of Directors. I have worked in the field and have interacted with those residing in District 1 as well as throughout the county. My historical knowledge coupled with my experience will assist me greatly in serving the people.

While working at the district, I gained experienced and am well versed in reading and understanding staff reports, understanding the budget process as well as general governance policies. I am able to read between the lines and easily comprehend reports and discussions.

My experience working with a broad range of people is truly an asset. I have had to communicate to various people with varied ideas residing throughout the county. I understand the diverse population that we serve.

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?

A. My thoughts are that since the State has set a precedent to help the local governments they should continue to this practice.

B. Yes I think there should be some investment even though they don't receive any water because water supply is a county-wide issue. The district is recharging the ground water which benefits the entire county.

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.

The district has to be very careful with this controversial subject. If we don't keep agriculture competitive the land will be converted to homes and business and agriculture will leave the valley. This could be problematic for the district. The short-term gain could prove to be a long term loss. Farms allow water to percolate down into the ground water basin. If building is allowed it creates impervious surfaces and more runoff which flows into some of are already undersized facilities creating flooding issues and the need to build more costly flood control projects.

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

Some of the most significant challenges include:

Cost increases,

Providing adequate water supply,

Losing historical knowledge,

Providing adequate flood response,

Completing flood control projects that have competing interests and being able to negotiate through them,

Complex water issues with other agencies.



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

1. Increasing Costs
2. Water Supply
3. Flood Response

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12/2/2015

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