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To Whom it may concern

This letter serves as notice that I would like to be considered for the vacancy of district 1 board of directors Santa Clara Water District.

Sincerely,



Glenn Stansbury



San Jose CA 95136

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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): Glenn Stansbury			
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Home Phone: [REDACTED]	Work Phone:	Cell Phone: [REDACTED]	E-Mail: [REDACTED]

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 have a deep commitment to the south San Jose area. I have raised two children here and am a member of friends of the river. In addition I have an MBA and a diverse experience in the work force from running a small business to chairing the board of trustees my diversity will allow me to evaluate situations based on their merit. I understand that water is life and that we must protect it at all costs. Without a well run water delivery system it doesn't matter how many startups and geniuses we have, this valley will lose its' vibrancy.

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.

One of the most interesting experiences I had was while working on my masters I had the opportunity to work in Zimbabwe on an internship program. While there I saw first hand how lack of infrastructure impedes daily life. We live in a society in which things will never be so dire however we must protect our resources. In addition to this I have a solid background in the sciences that assist me in making decisions. As chair of the trustees I have had the opportunity to work with municipalities in the process of permits.

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?

It is important that taxes reflect the values that of the people paying them. One of the purposes of taxing vs direct charge however is the greater good. By this I mean if people were ask to kick in for a highway project no highways would ever be built-likewise with water projects. I do get leery of the consumers paying 100% these costs should be at least partially absorbed by the beneficiaries of the projects.

B, No i suspect that the number of people unable to receive benefit is small and it will have very little impact on the overall revenue stream. I imagine that these are people living in the rural areas of the mountains and such. I have several friends who live in the mountains and the cost of the water delivery off grid is much more expensive than having the luxury of having water delivered. This opting out should not be voluntary though if the district is able to deliver than the consumer should be charged.

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.

Open space is essential to the quality of life in this region. Any one who drives our congested freeways knows that more development will further erode a way of life. However using low water rates to maintain this open space has many pitfalls. One of the pitfalls is to grow crops that may be artificially sustained that have no business being grown in the area. Another pitfall is that many of these subsidized farms may be corporate entities whose profit should not be enhanced by the taxpayers. The final pitfall is that in a drought such as we are having subsidies send the wrong message.

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

The most significant challenges that the district will face are:

Aging infrastructure-dams that may have to be seismically upgraded, water treatment that must be able to utilize recycled water and deliver that water to appropriate areas.

Lake Almaden balancing the needs of the community with the challenges of keeping the lake safe for drinking.

Education of the residents to encourage conservation and good stewardship

Good financial stewardship-using resources where they will make the most impact



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

Understand the water delivery system

Understand the finances and how my decisions will impact them

Keeping transparent with respect to my votes and make sure that they reflect the best interests of my community

Applicant Signature

Date Signed