

**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): Rolando R ALVARADO			
Residence Address (Street Address, City, State, Zip): [REDACTED] SAN JOSE CALIF 95158			
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B. QUALIFYING SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS

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

I have lived in this area since 1965. I worked in a service type job, where I have discussed issues of all types, with former City Council persons, Teachers, Doctors, Business men and woman. I believe the knowledge I have acquired over the years allows me to be open minded and well rounded in many areas.

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 was raised on a farm, I served in the United States Air Force, I have been self employed for over 50 years, in 3 different locations. I have been VP and President of SJMAGA(an organization that extends from California to Arizona to Texas) for the past 4 years.

I have bought, rented and sold my own properties over the years. I do not have a degree but I have over 75 units at San Jose City College, in classes such as Marketing, Psychology, Real Estate, Language etc.

A Translation and Interpretation Certificate in Spanish/English from the Hispanic University.

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?

I believe in user pay (Higher %)

A percentage (small) by now users.

One should not have to pay for something they don't get.

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.

It is important to continue the process because the cost of food is determined by the expense of producing it. (Less water=Less food) Less food = higher cost, or we will have more shipped to us, which is also expensive.

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

Dam re-inforcement to make sure we can hold more water, protecting residents in flood zones.
Producing safe and healthy water, Conserving areas around our dams, creeks.

Being more vigilant so that we avoid the problems we are now having.

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

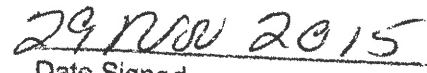
Continue to attempt the best and most efficient form of water usage.

Figuring out a way to reserve plenty of water for today, as well as tomorrow.

Being transparent with the public, so they understand where the water goes and why.

In talking to people over the years, many do not understand the process of helping Business's and Farms.


Applicant Signature


Date Signed