



## Letter of Interest

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Dear Water District,

11/29/2015

I am Joseph Carrillo and I have been interested in the local water system since childhood, as well as the environment. I have also always had an interest in politics and enjoyed public speaking. I have knowledge in watershed and rural ranches and creeks. I also have experience with maintaining a ten acre ranch with private dam and well on Twin Falls Creek which flows into upper Liagas Creek on Casa Loma Road. I am a resident of Morgan Hill for the last eight years and am familiar with all the reservoirs in the district. I am CEO and Owner of a media production company, Joseph Carrillo Productions which produces promotional videos on political and environmental issues.

Sincerely,



JOSEPH W. CARRILLO

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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): <b>Joseph Carrillo</b>			
Residence Address (Street Address, City, State, Zip): <b>[REDACTED] Morgan Hill, CA, 95037</b>			
Home Phone: <b>[REDACTED]</b>	Work Phone: <b>[REDACTED]</b>	Cell Phone: <b>[REDACTED]</b>	E-Mail: <b>[REDACTED]</b>

**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 always had an interest in local water issues and have explored local reservoirs since childhood. I lived in San Jose near the Guadalupe Creek percolation ponds along Coleman Avenue and swam in Almaden Lake reservoir near the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters. I now live in Morgan Hill District 1 where I was a caretaker for a ten acre ranch in the upper liagas creek watershed off grid.

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.

Extensive experience in public speaking and campaigning as a Morgan Hill City Council Candidate. Also experience in local organic farming and ranch maintenance in watershed areas with private dam, well, and water tower.

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?

Property taxes are the most efficient way to match the State Funded critical infrastructure projects such as dam retrofit and flood protection.

Property owners with private wells are extracting from the common aquifer, so should share the cost of maintaining the aquifer.

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.

I am in favor of preserving open space and local agriculture by subsidizing their water use, which is controlled in periods of drought with water use restrictions.

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

It will take the next few years to recover from the severe drought period. The water table is dangerously low to the point where conservation is a necessity and catchment of rain water should outweigh the concern of flooding.



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

Maintaining our water supply during times of drought.

Expanding water conservation projects such as reclaimed water and recycled water.

Complete dam restorations to increase our water storage capacity

Joseph Carrillo  
Applicant Signature

11/29/2015  
Date Signed