

Michele King

Subject: FW: District 1 Vacancy
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From: Joe [<mailto:cass1121@aol.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2015 7:56 AM
To: Michele King
Cc: Cass1121@aol.com
Subject: Re: District 1 Vacancy

Michele - Good morning,

Attached is my application for the District 1 vacancy. Please let me know if there is any additional/supplemental information required, or if personal and professional references would be helpful.

Thanks,

Joe

From: cass1121@aol.com [<mailto:cass1121@aol.com>]
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2015 7:28 AM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: District 1 Vacancy

Clerk of the Board,

I am very interested in submitting my application for the recent vacancy in District 1, as a result of Dennis Kennedy's medical resignation.

Please let me know the process, or if an application is available in an effort to pursue this interest.

Regards,

R. J. (Joe) Cassibba

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Santa Clara Valley Water District

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

<p>1. Explain why you think you should be appointed to the District 1 Board of Directors seat.</p> <p>I was born and raised in the Santa Clara Valley, and have resided here my entire life, except for a corporate transfer to Upstate New York, and Colorado for a period of 4 years. My grandfather began a diversified farming operation in the Almaden Valley, and we had been SCVWD customers for many years. I currently live in Morgan Hill, and continue to be a customer of SCVWD.</p> <p>I have a dedicated passion for maintaining adequate water levels, along with a general understanding of how the dams and reservoirs located in South Santa Valley serve in a percolating effort to maintain rural, and residential water capacities.</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>I have been employed in a variety of organizations during my career, from the Food Industry with Nestle' and Ralston Purina, to Public Education, and Non-profits. During this period I have had the opportunity to work with numerous Boards, at all levels. I understand the valued effort that a Board provides to an organization, in addition to the Communities for which it serves.</p> <p>I will provide my many years of local residency, and a diligent knowledge of our so valued water commodity. I have managed financial operations in excess of several billion dollars, and am conscientiously aware of how critical the management of those fiscal resources must be, in an ongoing basis.</p>

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 the SCVWD practice of using parcel taxes as being a critical component for sustainability. I am completely aware of the changes that have occurred in the Santa Clara Valley, and the continuing demand these resources will continue to prevail. The entire/general population benefits from all of our managed resources, and the strategic approach to achieve those levels must be universally shared.

Those property owners asking for water should be required to pay these ancillary costs, in an effort to possibly develop an infrastructure that may prevail, as per their requests.

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.

As expressed, my family had been involved in Agricultural Operations for many years, and relied on the SCVWD to manage the resources in the best effort for all. The SCVWD is the vital resource, as mentioned before, to manage the water rates in an effort to continue the sustainability of this valuable resource.

Operational expenses must have an on-going review, and those must be presented to the Board on a frequent basis. The projects and programs must be presented, and collectively processed by Management and the Board. There is an important relationship that must prevail, and it is those efforts that will work best for all customers.

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

The most critical and significant challenges facing the District, will again be, the sustainability of water as a resource, for the entire communities being served. Water management, as a commodity is paramount, and those collective practices will continually need to be assessed and evaluated for the present, and future generations.

SCVWD will continue to share the message of conservation, and work effortlessly with all of the areas, and communities in which it serves. Many in the State have been spoiled with the, at times, seemingly endless supply of this critical commodity, and continued awareness and education is also needed to message the entire population.

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

The first component would be to make all users and consumers aware of the critical need for managing our water resources. I would message the South County and adjacent areas as the messenger of these continuing expectations.

~~Next, the Board will need to fully understand the budgets presented, in an effort to best serve all consumers/users.~~ The annual budget must include long range planning and goals to be achieved, and again protecting the natural resources of the area. Our dams must be reviewed and monitored, and planned for capacity run-off and rainfall should those conditions present the respective need.

Finally, I would work to understand the current status of the SCVWD Operation, and work to express my many years of operations and experience to serve in everyone's best interest.

Applicant Signature

November 30, 2015

Date Signed