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I would like to

Express Opposition

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I congratulate Mr. Callender on being selected as the next CEO of the Water District.
He has been personally helpful to me on many occasions over the years.

Now for the glass-half-empty comments.

In the resolution, the Board claims that this was an open and competitive recruitment process. Perhaps for the

candidates, but not for the public.

You were asked, when we gave public input on considerations for choosing a new CEO, to report back to us on what you would use for your evaluation so that we could see if our input had any impact. You have not done so.

With respect to the employment contract.

In a comment for one of your earlier closed sessions, I objected to the Water District Board and new CEO agreeing to lie to public. I just submitted a 150-word version of the following comment as a Letter to the Editor in the SJ Merc in hopes that someone with standing will encourage you to remove the offensive language from the contract.

I think that an honest and accountable Water District Board and a true professional CEO do not need to lie to the public.

The contract between the Board and new CEO Callender continues a deceptive practice first reported by Paul Rogers on 01/19/2016 when privately the Board was said to have fired Mr. Goldie but publicly proclaimed that he had resigned.

Mr. Rogers reported that board members said the next contract they wrote would be different, yet the same language appeared in Ms. Camacho's contract and now that of Mr. Callender.

Back in 2016, Board Chair Barbara Keegan said "I'm not opposed ... to somebody saving face and being given the opportunity to resign."

There is something fundamentally wrong with selecting a person at a salary of \$326,352 but feeling that the person can not handle the public knowing that there had been a difference of opinion and thus a parting of ways. Mr. Callender should request, and the Board should apologize and accept, the removal of clauses 8.5 and 8.6.