



APPLICATION FOR A SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Please complete this application in its entirety and submit an original signed copy to the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 5750 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California 95118. If more space is needed, please attach additional pages. Applications are valid for one year from the date of receipt and are public record. This application is available on-line at www.valleywater.org under "Board of Directors." For assistance, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (408) 265-2607, extension 2277.

A. CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Committee: <i>Environmental and Water Resources Committee</i>			
Name (First, Middle, Last): <i>Diego Mora Tejeda</i>			
Home Phone: [REDACTED]	Work Phone:	Cell Phone: [REDACTED]	Fax:
Mailing Address: (Street Address, City, State, ZIP) [REDACTED]			
E-mail: [REDACTED]			
If Applicable, Present Employer (Name and Address): [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]		Job Title: [REDACTED]	
Do you have a current contractual relationship with the Santa Clara Valley Water District? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please describe (if more space is needed, please attach additional pages):			

B. VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

List current and previous volunteer experience. Include experience with charitable organizations, committees and commissions, or public offices you may have held and relevant dates. If more space is needed, please attach additional pages.		
DATE(S):	NAME:	RESPONSIBILITIES/EXPERIENCE:
<i>July 2018 - Present</i>	<i>Seven Trees Neighborhood Association</i>	<i>• Create social activities • Beautification • Neighborhood clean-ups • Created Association logo</i>
<i>Varies (2013-2014)</i>	<i>Sacred Heart Community Service</i>	<i>• Pack Grower Bags • Assist w/ clothing distribution • As needed</i>

C. INTEREST AND AVAILABILITY

How did you hear about this committee opening?

District Website

Committee Member (please specify):

Director (please specify):

Other (please specify):

Please describe your interest in serving on this committee:

See Attachment

Please describe your relevant qualifications, such as specific skills, training, or knowledge that should be considered in applying for this committee:

See Attachment

How would the community benefit by your participation on this committee?

See Attachment

Are you available to attend committee meetings when scheduled? (please go to www.valleywater.org for committee meeting schedule details) ☒ Yes ☐ No If No, please describe:

If you have a disability, what accommodations would you need to serve on this committee?

N/A

D. EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

In case of emergency, contact:

1. Name: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

2. Name: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

I, HEREBY, ATTEST THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND MAY BE VERIFIED BY THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT. I UNDERSTAND THAT MISREPRESENTATION OR OMISSIONS MAY BE CAUSE FOR MY IMMEDIATE REJECTION AS AN APPLICANT OR TERMINATION FROM APPOINTMENT TO A COMMITTEE.


Applicant Signature

10/7/20
Date Signed

C. INTEREST & AVAILABILITY

Please describe your interest in serving on this committee:

As a self-described environmentalist and neighborhood activist, the Environmental Water Resources Committee purpose aligns with my goals to protect the environment from adverse impacts and serve my community. I have a genuine interest in water resources rooting from my experience living next to Coyote Creek and being a certified scuba diver. My interest is rooted from experiencing and seeing the impacts people have on our waterways, such as: urban runoff pollution, developing on floodplains, impacts on marine life through litter, agrochemicals, algal growth, and many more. Furthermore, acknowledging that these negative impacts can be addressed in the form of well thought out policies, enforcement of policies, and investment of infrastructure prompt my interest to serve on this committee.

Please describe your relevant qualifications, such as specific skills, training, or knowledge that should be considered in applying for this committee:

I hold a B.S. in Environmental Studies, with a specific focus on sustainability, from Santa Clara University. Additionally, I'm expected to receive my Masters in Urban Planning December 2020 with a focus on Community Design and Development and Environmental Planning. From my education, I gained knowledge in the following areas as they relate to this committee:

- Environmental Politics & Policy
- Water Resource and Restoration
- Climate Science
- Sustainability

Also, I'm an experienced microbiologist (~3 yrs.) and currently a seasoned urban planner (~3yrs). The combination of these two experiences have provided me with a wealth of knowledge and skills. Some of those skills include:

- Interpretation of scientific reports
- Evaluating scientific data reporting
- Public Speaking (English/Spanish)
- Review development plans
- Interpretation of environmental and land use policies/regulations
- Urban planning & design
- Soft Skills
- Collaboration with public officials, engineers, architects, lawyers, and real estate developers

How would the community benefit by your participation on this committee?

As someone who was raised and continues to live in the community, I believe the community would benefit from my education and experience to assist on the development of policies and issues as they relate to the position. The community will also benefit from my informed judgment and direct relationship to the community. Additionally, as someone who is experienced working with the public, I will offer: accountability, accessibility to be contacted, and an open mind. Lastly, being bilingual in Spanish will offer a much-needed opportunity for residents in District 6 to be heard that otherwise feel isolated.

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