



PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT

A CENTURY OF SERVICE

October 4, 2023

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT TO BE HELD AT 2029 EAST AVENUE Q, PALMDALE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2023

6:00 p.m.

NOTES: To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, to participate in any Board meeting please contact Danielle Henry at 661-947-4111 x1059 at least 48 hours prior to a Board meeting to inform us of your needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible.

Additionally, an interpreter will be made available to assist the public in making **comments** under Agenda Item No. 4 and any action items where public input is offered during the meeting if requested at least 48 hours before the meeting. Please call Danielle Henry at 661-947-4111 x1059 with your request. (PWD Rules and Regulations Section 4.03.1 (c))

Adicionalmente, un intérprete estará disponible para ayudar al público a hacer **comentarios** bajo la sección No. 4 en la agenda y cualquier elemento de acción donde se ofrece comentarios al público durante la reunión, siempre y cuando se solicite con 48 horas de anticipación de la junta directiva. Por favor de llamar Danielle Henry al 661-947-4111 x1059 con su solicitud. (PWD reglas y reglamentos sección 4.03.1 (c))

Agenda item materials, as well as materials related to agenda items submitted after distribution of the agenda packets, are available for public review at the District's office located at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale or on the District's website at <https://www.palmdalewater.org/governance/board-activity/2023-meeting-agendas-minutes/> (Government Code Section 54957.5). Please call Danielle Henry at 661-947-4111 x1059 for public review of materials.

PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES: The prescribed time limit per speaker is three-minutes. Please refrain from public displays or outbursts such as unsolicited applause, comments, or cheering. Any disruptive activities that substantially interfere with the ability of the District to conduct its meeting will not be permitted, and offenders will be requested to leave the meeting. (PWD Rules and Regulations, Appendix DD, Sec. IV.A.)

Each item on the agenda shall be deemed to include any appropriate motion, resolution, or ordinance to take action on any item.

- 1) Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence.
- 2) Roll Call.
- 3) Adoption of Agenda.
- 4) Public comments for non-agenda items.

DENNIS D. LaMOREAUX
General Manager

ALESHIRE & WYNDER LLP
Attorneys



- 5) Presentations:
 - 5.1) None at this Time.
- 6) Action Items - Consent Calendar (The public shall have an opportunity to comment on any action item on the Consent Calendar as the Consent Calendar is considered collectively by the Board of Directors prior to action being taken.)
 - 6.1) Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held September 25, 2023.
 - 6.2) Payment of Bills for October 9, 2023.
- 7) Action Items - Action Calendar (The public shall have an opportunity to comment on any action item as each item is considered by the Board of Directors prior to action being taken.)
 - 7.1) Consideration and Possible Action on Election of Special District Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Alternate Member. (No Budget Impact – General Manager LaMoreaux)
 - 7.2) Consideration and Possible Action to Reschedule or Cancel the November 27, 2023 Regular Board Meeting due to Lack of a Quorum. (General Manager LaMoreaux)
 - 7.3) Consideration and Possible Action on Authorizing Staff to Prepare and Distribute a Request for Proposals for Management Consulting Services to Assist with District Operations. (No 2023 Budget Impact - Director Mac Laren-Gomez)
 - 7.4) Consideration and Possible Action on Authorization of the Following Conferences, Seminars, and Training Sessions for Board and Staff Attendance Within Budget Amounts Previously Approved in the 2023 Budget:
 - a) 2023 AV Edge Fall Forum to be held October 20, 2023 in Lancaster.
- 8) Information Items:
 - 8.1) Reports of Directors:
 - a) Standing Committees; Organization Appointments; Agency Liaisons:
 - 1) Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) – September 26. (Director Dino, Board Liaison/Director Mac Laren-Gomez, Alt.)
 - 2) Palmdale Fin & Feather Club Meeting – October 7. (Director Dizmang/President Wilson, Alt.)
 - b) General Meetings Reports of Directors.
 - 8.2) Report of General Manager.
 - a) Department Activity Updates:
 - 1) Human Resources Department. (Human Resources Director Garcia)
 - 2) Public Affairs Department. (Public Affairs Director Shay)
 - 8.3) Report of General Counsel.

- 9) Closed Session Under:
 - 9.1) Government Code §54957(b)(1):
 - a) Public Employee Performance Evaluation: General Manager.
- 10) Public Report of Any Action Taken in Closed Session.
- 11) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.
- 12) Adjournment.



DENNIS D. LaMOREAUX,
General Manager

DDL/dh



BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 9, 2023
TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager
RE: *CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ELECTION OF SPECIAL DISTRICT LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO) ALTERNATE MEMBER. (NO BUDGET IMPACT – GENERAL MANAGER LaMOREAUX)*

Background:

Palmdale Water District is entitled to cast one vote for a Special District Alternate Member on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for the term expiring in May 2026. Ballots must be returned by 5:00 p.m. on October 27, 2023. The candidates are as follows:

- Micah Ali, Compton Creek Mosquito Abatement District
- Steven Appleton, Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District
- Stephen H. Brown, Kinneloa Irrigation District
- Gary Burns, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
- Sharon S. Raghavachary, Crescenta Valley Water District

Strategic Plan Initiative/Mission Statement:

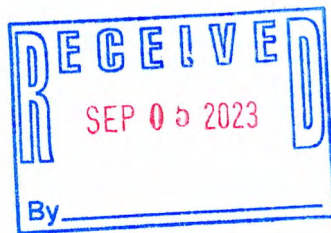
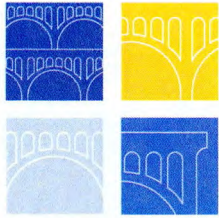
This item is under Strategic Initiative No. 5 – Regional Leadership.
This item directly related to the District’s Mission Statement.

Budget:

This item will have no impact on the budget.

Supporting Documents:

- Special District LAFCO Alternate Member Ballot
- Nomination Forms and Candidate Statements



MEMORANDUM

TO: PRESIDING OFFICER OF EACH INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT IN
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

FROM: WILLIAM F. KRUSE

RE: BALLOT; SPECIAL DISTRICT LAFCO REPRESENTATIVE

DATE: August 30, 2023

Enclosed is the Ballot and the supplementary materials submitted for each of the candidates for Special District LAFCO **ALTERNATE MEMBER** for the term expiring in May 2026. Nominations closed as of 5:00 p.m. on August 25, 2023.

Please vote for ONE candidate for the position. The marked ballot should be placed in the envelope marked "Ballot Envelope" and sealed. Please write the name of your agency and sign your name on the outside of the ballot envelope and return the completed ballot by mail to:

William F. Kruse, Esq.
Lagerlof, LLP
155 N. Lake Avenue, 11th Floor
Pasadena, CA 91101.

No ballot will be counted if it is missing the name of the voting agency and the signature of the Presiding Officer on the ballot envelope.

The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be declared the Special District **Alternate Member** to LAFCO.

Ballots must be returned by 5:00 p.m. on October 27, 2023.

WFK/dc
Enclosures

cc(w/ encls.): Paul Novak

BALLOT

SPECIAL DISTRICT LAFCO ALTERNATE MEMBER

Please vote for no more than one candidate.

MICAH ALI

Occupation: Board of Trustees
Sponsor: Compton Creek Mosquito Abatement District

STEVEN APPLETON

Occupation: Board of Directors
Sponsor: Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District

STEPHEN H. BROWN

Occupation: Board of Directors
Sponsor: Kinneloa Irrigation District

GARY BURNS

Occupation: Board of Directors
Sponsor: Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

SHARON S. RAGHAVACHARY

Occupation: Board of Directors
Sponsor: Crescenta Valley Water District

NOMINATION
OF
INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT **ALTERNATE MEMBER**
TO THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

To: Independent Special District Selection Committee
From: Mitchel R. Weinbaum
Date: August 23, 2023
Name of Candidate: Mr. Micah Ali

Compton Creek Mosquito Abatement District is pleased to nominate
Mr. Micah Ali as a candidate for appointment as special district **alternate**
member to the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission. The nominee is an elected official or a
member of the board of an independent special district appointed for a fixed term. For your consideration,
we submit the following additional information together with a resume of the candidate's qualifications.

Elective office: President, Board of Trustees

Agency: Compton Creek Mosquito Abatement District

Type of Agency: Special District, Mosquito Abatement District

Term Expires: 2025

Residence Address: 1224 S. Santa Fe Ave, Compton, CA 90221

Telephone: (310) 933-5321

PLEASE ATTACH RESUME OR CANDIDATE STATEMENT (limit one page)

Compton Creek Mosquito Abatement District

(Name of Agency)

By: 

Its: General Manager



Micah Ali

Strategist, Consultant, Public Sector And Governance Expert

Experienced strategist, catalyst for innovation and organizational effectiveness. Regarded as a pioneer in public affairs/government relations and board governance for clients in public education, public health and economic development spheres. Catalyzes private/public partnerships, coalition building and broad based initiatives intended to achieve impact in areas often deemed resistant to change. Co-author of the California Association of Black School Educators' Blueprint for Education Equity

EXPERIENCE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Founder, Managing Director

Synergistic Solutions Consulting
November 2004-Present

Strategy consultancy providing expertise in organizational culture, politics, and effective practices of School Boards and School District leadership, as well as other governmental and global organizations seeking to achieve next level results, sustainable change and improving overall organizational performance.

CONSULTING AREAS

Government Affairs and Crisis Management.
Land Use and Development Consulting
High-stakes and Large Project Negotiation
Community Development

Director

Los Angeles County Education Foundation
July 2012 - January 2014

Expanded supports for public schools across Los Angeles County in the area by way of innovation in health and education policy, including large-dollar investment projects, public education and achievement initiatives for districts across Los Angeles County, and innovated policy efforts.

Project Manager

Raytheon Space and Airborne Systems
October 2008 - June 2012

Oversee and ensure the successful completion of complex projects across several divisions of the global technology and aerospace organization.

Special Assistant, Government Relations

California State Legislature, Assemblymember Merv Dymally
August 2006 - November 2008

Established and maintained relationships with strategic community leaders, legislators, legislative aides, local elected officials, business trade leaders, public health agencies and organizations, charitable organizations, school districts, health care industry leaders and grassroots constituency groups.

OTHER POSITIONS HELD

Project Coordinator

Boeing Satellite Systems
July 2003- October 2004

Project Manager, Policy and Governmental Affairs

Community Redevelopment Agency
August 2002 - July 2003

Council Liaison Officer, Government Relations

City of Compton
August 1998 - August 2002

SKILLS

High-Stakes Negotiation

Board Effectiveness

Gov't/Private Partnerships

National/State Policy

EDUCATION

Loyola Marymount University
Masters of Arts in Education
School Administration

California State University, Dominguez Hills
Bachelor of Science
Public Administration

CIVIC & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Chair-elect
National Black Council of School Board Members

Chair Emeritus,
Council of Urban Boards of Education

Founder and President Emeritus
California Association of Black School Educators

President
Compton Unified School District Board of Trustees

President Emeritus
Los Angeles County School Trustees Association

President
Compton Creek Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees

Emeritus Member
National School Boards Association

Emeritus Member
California School Boards Association

Immediate Past Member
California Racial and Identity Profiling Advisory Board

Alternate
South Coast Air Quality Management District Hearing Board

INTERESTS

Education Innovation

Environmentalism

Land Use and Improvement Projects

Community Development

K-12 Education Systems

NOMINATION
OF
INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT **ALTERNATE MEMBER**
TO THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

To: Independent Special District Selection Committee

From: **GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

Date: **AUGUST 10th, 2023**

Name of Candidate: **STEVE APPLETON**

GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT is pleased to nominate
STEVE APPLETON as a candidate for appointment as special district **alternate**

member to the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission. The nominee is an elected official or a member of the board of an independent special district appointed for a fixed term. For your consideration, we submit the following additional information together with a resume of the candidate's qualifications.

Elective office: **BOARD OF DIRECTOR**

Agency: **GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

Type of Agency: **SPECIAL DISTRICT**

Term Expires: **MAY, 2026**

Residence Address: **2825 BENEDICT STREET**

LOS ANGELES, CA 90039

Telephone: **310/740-7294**

PLEASE ATTACH RESUME OR CANDIDATE STATEMENT (limit one page)

GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

(Name of Agency)

By: 

Its: **BOARD SECRETARY**



Steven Appleton

Technical knowledge, interdisciplinary skills, and a collaborative approach

As the past President of the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (2020) and the current Trustee for the City of Los Angeles, I have worked in collaboration with many public agencies. I have also engaged with municipal, State and Federal partners around watershed improvement and ecological restoration projects.

I serve as Board Member on the Los Angeles County Second District Consolidated Oversight Board and has served in a variety of capacities on watershed issues, including as a Technical Stakeholder to the yearly "State of the Watershed" report for the Los Angeles Region by the Council on Watershed Health. My interests and experience are especially attuned to balancing issues related to climate change, watershed protection, water quality improvement, parkland, and community engagement.

As a commissioner I would endeavor to render decisions in the best interest of the diverse set of Special Districts and the citizenry of the region. As those who have worked with me in local and regional agencies can attest, I show up ready and prepared to contribute, approaching issues in a collaborative manner.

Please consider voting for me as a Special District Alternative Commissioner to the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Organization (LALAFCO).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Appleton", followed by a horizontal line.

NOMINATION
OF
INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT **ALTERNATE MEMBER**
TO THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

To: Independent Special District Selection Committee
From: Tom Majich, General Manager, Kinneloa Irrigation District
Date: August 23, 2023

Name of Candidate: Stephen H. Brown

Kinneloa Irrigation District is pleased to nominate
Stephen H. Brown as a candidate for appointment as special district **alternate**

member to the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission. The nominee is an elected official or a member of the board of an independent special district appointed for a fixed term. For your consideration, we submit the following additional information together with a resume of the candidate's qualifications.

Elective office: Board of Directors

Agency: Kinneloa Irrigation District

Type of Agency: Special District, Public Water Agency

Term Expires: December 5, 2025

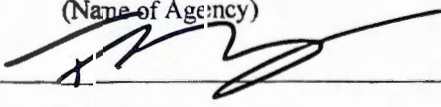
Residence Address: 1906 Country Lane; Pasadena, CA 91107

Telephone: (202) 744-5578

PLEASE ATTACH RESUME OR CANDIDATE STATEMENT (limit one page)

Kinneloa Irrigation District

(Name of Agency)

By: 
Its: General Manager

STEPHEN H. BROWN

My name is Stephen Brown and I am seeking to fill the recent vacancy of Alternate for Independent Special Districts on the Los Angeles County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

I am currently on the Board of Directors for the Kinneloa Irrigation District (KID) where I have served since May 2022. I reside in an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County (the North Kinneloa Ranch community in the San Gabriel foothills) with my wife and two young children. My family moved to this area in 2019 after residing in Northern Virginia for nearly forty years. I also serve on the Finance & Audit Committee of the Mayfield Junior School in Pasadena, which my children attend. In addition to these local community endeavors, I work as a private consultant providing legislative, political, and communications strategy development to various clients in the energy field.

Prior to re-locating to Southern California, I was employed for over three decades in Washington, DC, in a variety of positions in the public and private sectors. These positions included US Congressional leadership staff, serving as Of Counsel at a prominent law firm to create and run a federal lobbying practice, serving as Senior Vice President and Deputy General Counsel of a "top ten" federal and state lobbying company, and finally moving in-house as Vice President and Legislative Counsel with a major energy provider to manage its federal affairs office. Collectively, these positions afforded me the opportunity to represent a broad array of corporate and trade association clients on multiple matters before Congress and the Executive Branch. I was honored to be annually recognized from 2005 through 2018 as a "Top Lobbyist" by *The Hill*, a leading newspaper in Washington covering such activities.

There are multiple reasons why I am interested to make an investment of time in LAFCO. First, the challenge of working to constantly improve the establishment of spheres of influence for local units of governments or special districts so that the needs of their respective constituents or customers are efficiently met would be intrinsically rewarding. Second, the public policy issues inherent to LAFCO's mission and the matters pending before it would intersect broadly with many that I advocated on throughout my career in Washington. Water issues (supply, demand, conveyance), in particular, have always captured my attention and few other topics are as crucial to Southern California's future as this is. Finally, given that I am relatively new to the region, I am always looking to better understand and appreciate the rich tapestry of the greater Los Angeles community. Clearly, working on issues before LAFCO would provide that exposure.

To conclude, I believe that my legal education, professional experience in various public policy and political arenas, and desire to integrate more fully into our local community will allow me to make a positive and lasting contribution to the work of the Los Angeles County LAFCO. I ask for your consideration of my credentials and seek your support for my nomination to this position.

STEPHEN H. BROWN
1906 Country Lane
Pasadena CA 91107
(202)-744-5578

September 13, 2023

Mr. Dennis LaMoreaux
General Manager
Palmdale Water District
2029 East Avenue Q
Palmdale, CA

Dear Mr. LaMoreaux:

I am writing to introduce myself as a candidate for the Special District Los Angeles Local Agency Commission (LAFCO) Alternate Member vacancy and to personally ask for your support and that of your agency in the balloting for this position which closes on October 27, 2023. I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you or your Board if convenient and to learn of your priorities in the context of LAFCO.

While all of the candidates bring their own unique credentials to the table, I draw your attention specifically to mine that I believe serve to differentiate me.

- LAFCO's mission is to oversee the creation of and changes to the jurisdictional boundaries of local units of government and special districts to foster efficiency in the provision of services to Los Angeles County citizens. I have deep and unique experience doing just that through my prior work on congressional redistricting on behalf of US House Democrats nationwide in the 2000 cycle when I served as Executive Director of IMPAC 2000, the organization headed by then-Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt. More to the point, I am well versed in the legal, political and voter dynamics inherent in the complicated process of setting boundaries for local subdivisions.
- If the "mission critical" component of LAFCO is to ensure that local agencies or districts serve the needs of their constituents, the logical question then becomes what are the key policy priorities at stake? While all special districts are by their design "special," an overarching issue important to all is water policy. Few others have such an existential impact on Los Angeles County, present and future. Those Special Districts responsible for wrestling daily with the suite of water issues (demand, supply, conveyance, security and affordability) deserve unique support from county-wide organizations like LAFCO. That can best be achieved by having voting LAFCO members with water policy experience from all perspectives (local, state and federal). Additionally, as all future local boundaries are evaluated, their impacts on water

issues must be top of mind. My position as a Director on the Board for the Kinneloa Irrigation District continually educates me on the complexity and importance of water policy – a perspective that will always guide my work at LAFCO.

- Of all the candidates running, I am the relative “newcomer” to Los Angeles County. An alternative view is that an otherwise experienced candidate new to a jurisdiction can bring a set of fresh eyes along with independence from traditional power centers to constructively work with all interests to advance common goals and needs. It is my nature to immerse myself in projects or roles that I take on and to work diligently as well as responsibly in carrying out prescribed duties. I have come to have enormous appreciation for the cultural diversity that is a hallmark of Los Angeles County and the need to foster those cultural viewpoints in the public policy arena.

Given my objective of seeking the support of your agency for my candidacy, I reiterate my desire to either speak with you or the members of the Board for the Palmdale Water District. I may be reached by email at rbj2757@gmail.com or by phone at 202-744-5578.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and to consider my qualifications.

Yours Truly,

Stephen H. Brown

NOMINATION
OF
INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT **ALTERNATE MEMBER**
TO THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

To: Independent Special District Selection Committee

From: Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

Date: August 1, 2023

Name of Candidate: Gary Burns

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District is pleased to nominate
Gary Burns as a candidate for appointment as special district **alternate**

member to the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission. The nominee is an elected official or a member of the board of an independent special district appointed for a fixed term. For your consideration, we submit the following additional information together with a resume of the candidate's qualifications.

Elective office: Director, Division 3

Agency: Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

Type of Agency: Water District


Term Expires: December 4, 2026

Residence Address: 22118 Dardenne Street
Calabasas, CA 91302

Telephone: (818) 222-4200

PLEASE ATTACH RESUME OR CANDIDATE STATEMENT (limit one page)

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

By: 
(Name of Agency)
Its: General Manager

Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO):

Nomination of Candidates for Special District Alternate Member

Gary Burns, Candidate to fill LAFCO Alternate Member Position 8/2023

Gary Burns was elected to the LVMWD Board in December 2022. (Division 3, Secretary) He is the first direct Calabasas resident to serve on the District Water Board.

Gary desires to serve as the LAFCO Independent Special District Alternate Member to further serve the community and provide input to the Los Angeles Region.

Gary grew up in the New York New / Jersey area. He attended Fairleigh Dickenson (FDU) and Hofstra University where he received a BA and Master's in Psychology. He returned to FDU and received an MBA in Business and Finance.

He moved to the Calabasas area in 1989, and has been a resident of Calabasas since the inception of the City in 1991.

Gary has been President of Mulholland Heights Homeowners Association for the past 10 years. Additionally, he is a Board Member of Community Associations Institute, 2018 - 2024 (CAI of Greater Los Angeles County) and a Board Member of CAI International, National Homeowner Leaders Council 2021 – 2024. He was recognized by CAI Los Angeles for Excellence in Community Leadership in 2021 - 22

He is also a founding member of EPIC, (Emergency Preparedness in Calabasas) and volunteers for many local events. He is a partner in the Just Pure Foods Distribution company and a licensed Life and Health Insurance Broker.

Gary is searching for new sources of water to ensure there is sufficient future supplies for the community. He is available to advocate for his constituents whenever needed.

NOMINATION
OF
INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT **ALTERNATE MEMBER**
TO THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

To: Independent Special District Selection Committee

From: Crescenta Valley Water District Board of Directors

Date: August 22, 2023

Name of Candidate: Sharon S. Raghavachary

Crescenta Valley Water District Board of Directors is pleased to nominate
Sharon S. Raghavachary as a candidate for appointment as special district **alternate**
member to the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission. The nominee is an elected official or a
member of the board of an independent special district appointed for a fixed term. For your consideration,
we submit the following additional information together with a resume of the candidate's qualifications.

Elective office: Member of the Board of Directors

Agency: Crescenta Valley Water District

Type of Agency: Water and Wastewater

Term Expires: December 2024

Residence Address: 2209 Maurice Avenue

La Crescenta, CA 91214

Telephone: 818 248-3925

PLEASE ATTACH RESUME OR CANDIDATE STATEMENT (limit one page)

Crescenta Valley Water District

(Name of Agency)

By: 

Its: President of the Board of Directors



Sharon Raghavachary
President of the Board of Directors
Crescenta Valley Water District

Director Raghavachary has been active in the La Crescenta Community for over 20 years and has a background in accounting and computer systems.

Currently Ms. Raghavachary is the President of the Board of Directors for the Crescenta Valley Water District. She has served on the Board since 2019 and has been a past President as well as Vice President.

Ms. Raghavachary is a founder of the Crescenta Valley Community Association. She served for seven years on the Crescenta Valley Town Council, during which time she was co-chair of the Foothill Design Committee, that wrote design standards for Foothill Boulevard, and was a member of Supervisors Michael Antonovich's Library Committee. She also served as Council Vice President and Land Use Committee Chair.

Additionally, Director Raghavachary served three years on the Parent Advisory Council for Children's Hospital Los Angeles, providing input for the new hospital tower. She has been a volunteer for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Treasurer of the Crescenta Valley Arts Council, as well as a Girl Scout troop leader for ten years, and for over five years she wrote a featured column for the Glendale News Press and the Crescenta Valley Weekly. She also served on the Clark Magnet High School's School Site Council for four years.

Ms. Raghavachary has teenage twins, one currently studying at USC and the other who looks forward to studying abroad.



BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 9, 2023
TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager
RE: *CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RESCHEDULE OR CANCEL THE NOVEMBER 27, 2023 REGULAR BOARD MEETING DUE TO LACK OF A QUORUM. (NO BUDGET IMPACT – GENERAL MANAGER LaMOREAUX)*

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the second Regular Board Meeting in November, November 27, 2023, be cancelled due to lack of a Board quorum.

Alternative Options:

The second Regular Board Meeting in November could be rescheduled to an earlier time in November.

Impact of Taking No Action:

A quorum will not be available to hold a Board Meeting.

Background:

Four Board Directors have provided notice that they will be unavailable to attend the November 27, 2023 Regular Board Meeting in person. Under Brown Act provisions, a quorum of the legislative body must participate in person from a physical location open to the public within the boundaries of jurisdiction.

Strategic Plan Initiative/Mission Statement:

This item is under Strategic Initiative No. 5 – Regional Leadership.

Budget:

Cancelling or rescheduling the second Regular Board Meeting in November will not affect the budget.

Supporting Documents:

- There are no supporting documents.



BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 9, 2023
TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager
RE: *CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AUTHORIZING STAFF TO PREPARE AND DISTRIBUTE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES TO ASSIST WITH DISTRICT OPERATIONS. (NO 2023 BUDGET IMPACT - DIRECTOR MAC LAREN-GOMEZ)*

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Board authorize staff to prepare and distribute a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Management Consulting Services to assist with District operations.

Impact of Taking No Action:

The Board of Directors will not have an independent consultant to assist with duties such as strategic planning and contracted staff's evaluations.

Background:

The District worked with the Mathis Group for over ten years. It provided a number of services including director and staff training, strategic planning and updates, assistance with attorney and general manager evaluations, and building relationships with other water districts. These services have helped the Board stabilize the District and improve its operations. The Mathis Group is no longer an option due to the passing of Dr. Mathis.

There is still a need for similar services as the District moves forward. This item is intended to authorize staff to conduct a process and bring a recommended management consultant to the Board at a future date for the Board's consideration.

Strategic Plan Initiative/Mission Statement:

This item supports Strategic Initiatives No. 2 – Organizational Excellence and No. 5 – Regional Leadership.

Budget:

The 2024 Budget impact is unknown at this time. Past annual budgets have ranged from \$25,000 to \$35,000. This expense will fall within the Consultants budget for District-wide Operations.

Supporting Documents:

- There are no supporting documents.



Conference/Training Request

Event Name/Date(s):

2023 AV Edge Fall Forum/October 20, 2023/Lancaster, CA

REQUESTED BY:

First Name

Last Name

Date

ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION (if applicable)

Rooms and rates are subject to availability. Complete and submit this form as soon as possible as reservation blocks at host hotels book quickly. In the event that the host hotel is full, every effort will be made to secure a room at the nearest hotel within comparable rates.

Arrival Date

Departure Date

No. of
Guests

Room Type

Dietary Restrictions?

If yes, please provide specifics in additional info. box

Yes No

Smoking Room?

Yes No

Flight Needed?

If yes, please provide DL# and D.O.B. in additional info. box

Yes No

Flight Numbers

Departure/Return
Times

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/
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2023 AV EDGE Fall Forum is on Friday October 20th!

The AV EDGE team is excited to invite you to our 2023 AV EDGE Fall Forum, which is happening on **Friday, October 20th**, at the **Lancaster Performing Arts Center**. Join us to get up to date on the latest innovations in our area, with updates from experts in the fields of Aerospace, Education, Energy, Healthcare, Local/Regional Development, and Workforce Development. Tickets are **\$99 for Members** and **\$150 for Nonmembers**. Tickets are available for purchase at avedgeca.org.



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2023

AV EDGE

FALL FORUM

Featuring updates from experts in the fields of Workforce Development, Aerospace, Healthcare, Education, Energy, and Local/Regional Development

When: Friday, October 20th, 2023

Where: Lancaster Performing Arts Center

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tickets available for purchase online at avedgeca.org
or please call the AV EDGE office at (661) 441-2957