June 22, 2011

Sweetwater Springs Water District
Board of Directors
PO Box 48
Guerneville, CA 95446

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Dear Board Members:

I understand that there is currently an opening for the Board of Directors of the District. I am interested in serving on the Board of Directors and would like to request your consideration for the current vacancy. Unfortunately, I have a long planned vacation and will not be available for the June 29 meeting, I hope that you will consider my application despite my absence.

I have been a homeowner in Villa Grande for 30 years and I am currently residing there. I retired from the County of Sonoma in 2004. In my position at the County Permit and Resource Management Department, I was in charge of the Water Well and Septic System programs, the Building Inspection Section and the Building Plan Check Section. My experience and training have provided me with capabilities which should prove useful to the operation of Sweetwater Springs Water District. I now have the time available to provide my services to the District and I would like to be able to provide a benefit to the community.

I am a Registered Environmental Health Specialist and I have had training in the design, construction and regulatory aspects of small water systems. I have not been actively involved with the water system program since I worked for the County Health Department about 14 years ago, but I retain the basic skills. My main areas of expertise have been in onsite septic systems and individual water supply wells. I also have a strong management background from my experience with the County.

I am acutely aware of the water supply issues that we face in the County of Sonoma and I was actively involved with the groundwater evaluation that was performed for the County six years ago. I have also followed the low flow issues on the Russian River with considerable interest and concern.

I do not have a current resume, but I will summarize as follows:

EMPLOYMENT:

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County of Sonoma, Public Health Department, 1972 to 1995. Position: Environmental Health Specialist and Supervising Environmental Health Specialist.

County of Sonoma, Permit and Resource Management Department, 1995 to 2004. Position: Operations Division Manager.

EDUCATION:

San Jose State University, BA degree in Environmental Health, 1968
Post graduate work in Environmental Health, UC Berkeley, 1969.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPERIENCE:

Friends of Villa Grande, Board of Directors, 2005 to present, current President,

California Onsite Wastewater Association, Board of Directors, 2003 and 2004

Sonoma County Administrative Management Council, Board of Directors, 1996 to 2004.

Russian River Historical Society, Board of Directors, 1998 and 1999.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to the opportunity to serve with you.

Sincerely,

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