SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT

ORIGINAL

TO: Board of Directors **AGENDA NO. III-D**

FROM: Steve Mack, General Manager

Meeting Date: June 4, 2015

SUBJECT: SDRMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Resolution 15-12, selection of Robert Swan, Ed Gray and Sandy Seifert-Raffelson for election to the Special District Risk Management Authority Board.

FISCAL IMPACT: none

DISCUSSION:

SDRMA has asked its membership to vote in its annual elections. There are four candidates for 3 positions. Staff is recommending voting for two incumbents - Ed Gray, Chino Valley Independent Fire District, and Sandy Seifert-Raffelson, Herlong PUD, and Robert Swan from Groveland CSD. The 4th candidate is R. Michael Wright from Los Osos CSD.

SDRMA election information is available in the office for Directors' inspection.

RESOLUTION NO. 12

ORIGINAL

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
Sweetwater Springs Water District
FOR THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS TO THE SPECIAL DISTRICT
RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) is a Joint Powers Authority formed under California Government Code Section 6500 et seq., for the purpose of providing risk management and risk financing for California special districts and other local government agencies; and

WHEREAS, SDRMA's Sixth Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement specifies SDRMA shall be governed by a seven member Board of Directors nominated and elected from the members who have executed the current operative agreement and are participating in a joint protection program; and

WHEREAS, SDRMA's Sixth Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement Article 7 - Board of Directors specifies that the procedures for director elections shall be established by SDRMA's Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, SDRMA's Board of Directors approved Policy No. 2015-01 Establishing Guidelines for Director Elections specifies director qualifications, terms of office and election requirements; and

WHEREAS, Policy No. 2015-01 specifies that member agencies desiring to participate in the balloting and election of candidates to serve on SDRMA's Board of Directors must be made by resolution adopted by the member agency's governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Sweetwater Springs Water District selects the following candidates to serve as Directors on the SDRMA Board of Directors:

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SDRMA

OFFICIAL 2015 ELECTION BALLOT
SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VOTE FOR ONLY THREE (3) CANDIDATES

Mark each selection directly onto the ballot, voting for no more than three (3) candidates. Each candidate may receive only one (1) vote per ballot. A ballot received with more than three (3) candidates selected will be considered invalid and not counted. All ballots must be sealed and received by mail or hand delivery in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope at SDRMA on or before 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 25, 2015. Faxes or electronic transmissions are NOT acceptable.

☐ **ROBERT SWAN**
Director/President, Groveland Community Services District

☐ **ED GRAY** (INCUMBENT)
Director/President, Chino Valley Independent Fire District

☐ **R. MICHAEL WRIGHT**
Director/President, Los Osos Community Services District

☐ **SANDY SEIFERT-RAFFELSON** (INCUMBENT)
District Clerk, Herlong Public Utility District

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2015 by the Sweetwater Springs Water District by the following roll call votes listed by name:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

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JULIE A. KENNY
CLERK TO THE BOARD

APPROVED:

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GAYLORD SCHAAP
BOARD PRESIDENT

Special District Risk Management Authority
Board of Directors
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications

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Nominee/Candidate Robert Swan
District/Agency Groveland Community Services District
Work Address P.O. Box 350, Groveland, CA 95321
Work Phone 209-962-7161 Home Phone 209-962-6535

Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors? (Response Required)

SDRMA's services are particularly important to the successful operation of smaller special districts, such as the one I serve. I would like to contribute what I can to ensuring that SDRMA continues to provide its vital services to its member agencies, prudently and cost-effectively.

Board oversight can be time-consuming. Due to my personal circumstances (retired, single, two hours from Sacramento), I will be able to participate regularly in Board activities.

What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization) (Response Required)

I have been a member of the governing Board of the Groveland Community Services District (water, sewer, fire and parks district) since June 2013. I've served as Board President since January 2014.

Since February of 2010, member of the Board of Pine Cone Performers, a community choral and drama organization.

During 1995 to 2001, I was a delegate to the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) committees working on standards development in the area of wireless communications.

Special District Risk Management Authority
Board of Directors
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications

What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have? (Response Required)

In my work career in the semiconductor industry, I managed business operations and organizations with annual budgets in the range of ten to twenty million dollars, so I have a good working knowledge of budgeting and accounting principles. My academic background (BS in Physics, MS in Computer Science) and work experience have given me a solid understanding of statistical modeling and economic cost-benefit analysis.

What is your overall vision for SDRMA? (Response Required)

SDRMA has a well-defined role in providing comprehensive insurance coverage to member agencies. Clearly, continuing this function is central to its future operations. I would like to see continued expansion of the educational and loss-prevention aspects of the operation, as these are the keys to improving cost-effectiveness. However, as an insurance entity, prudent financial management is of paramount importance, and functional expansion must be thoughtfully controlled.

I certify that I meet the candidate qualifications as outlined in the SDRMA election policy. I further certify that I am willing to serve as a director on SDRMA's Board of Directors. I will commit the time and effort necessary to serve. Please consider my application for nomination/candidacy to the Board of Directors.

Candidate Signature Robert J. Auran Date 4-9-15

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Board of Directors
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications

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Nominee/Candidate Ed Gray
District/Agency Chino Valley Independent Fire District
Work Address 14011 City Center Drive, Chino Hills, CA 91709
Work Phone 909 902-5260 Home Phone 909 9627-4821

Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors? (Response Required)

When appointed to the Board of Directors of SDRMA in November of 2010, and my election to the Board 2012, I made a commitment to be an effective member of the SDRMA team and to work hard to ensure the continued success of the organization. As a Board member, I believe I have shown that I seek to understand issues and use common sense when making decisions. I wish to continue my service to SDRMA, as I can be a positive member of the SDRMA team and an asset to the members, Board and staff.

What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization) (Response Required)

I currently serve on the Board of Directors of the SDRMA and serve as Secretary. I have been an elected Director of the Chino Valley Independent Fire District since 2004. During my tenure, I have served multiple terms as President and Vice-President, and as a member of our Finance, Planning, and Personnel Committees. I have served as Liaison to the City Councils of Chino and Chino Hills and to the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors. I am also the District's representative and current Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the California Institution for Men in Chino. I am a member of the Chino Valley Lions Club. I also serve on the Governing Board of the Green Valley Lake Mutual Water Company.

Special District Risk Management Authority
Board of Directors
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications

What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have? (Response Required)

After serving in the US Army, I enjoyed a lengthy career in law enforcement retiring in 2004 as a Police Lieutenant. I learned early in my career, that to be an effective individual and leader, it was important to actively listen to people; to seek understanding of all sides of an issue; and make decisions based on common sense and "rightness".

My experience as an elected official has broadened my knowledge and reinforced my belief that decisions must be made based on what is right, and not on what is a personal preference.

What is your overall vision for SDRMA? (Response Required)

I see SDRMA as continuing its journey as a successful, effective and efficiant service provider through innovation, right thinking and conservative business strategies. I can visualize the organization exploring other avenues of financial endeavors that will benefit our customers.

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Candidate Signature _____ Date 3-30-2015

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Board of Directors
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications

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Nominee/Candidate R MICHAEL WRIGHT
District/Agency LOS OSOS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
Work Address 2122 9th STREET, LOS OSOS CA 93402
Work Phone 805-528-9370 Home Phone 805-234-4513

Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors? (Response Required)

WITH 38 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN THE INSURANCE FIELD, I BELIEVE I HOLD THE SKILL SET THAT WILL BENEFIT THE OPERATIONS OF THE SDRMA.
I HAVE OWNED AND OPERATED MY OWN INSURANCE AGENCY SUCCESSFULLY AND HAVE SOLD AND SERVICED ALL LINE OF INSURANCE INCLUDING COMMERCIAL AND WORK COMP.

What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization) (Response Required)

I AM CURRENTLY THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOS OSOS CSD. I WAS VICE PRESIDENT THE YEAR BEFORE. BEFORE I WAS ON THE LOCSD BOARD, I WAS A MEMBER OF THE LOS OSOS CSD EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE FOR SIX YEARS.

Special District Risk Management Authority
Board of Directors
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications

What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have? (Response Required)

LICENSED PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURANCE AGENT SINCE 1977. OVER 750 HOURS OF INSURANCE CONTINUING EDUCATION

I ALSO HALD A 6 AND 63 SECURITIES LICENSE.

What is your overall vision for SDRMA? (Response Required)

THE OVERALL VISION OF THE SDRMA IS TO PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE COVERAGE AND SERVICE TO ITS MEMBERS AND TO ~~ABO~~ EDUCATE THEIR MEMBERS TO ALERT THEM TO COST EFFECTIVE SAFETY PROGRAMS TO SAFE GUARD THEIR EMPLOYEES HEALTH AND WELFARE

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Candidate Signature R Michael Wright Date April 20, 2015

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Board of Directors
Candidates' State of Qualifications

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Nominee/Candidate: Sandy Seifert-Raffelson
District/Agency: Herlong Public Utility District
Work Address: 447-855 Plumas St, P O Box 515, Herlong CA 96113
Work Phone: (530) 827-3150 Home Phone: (530) 254-0234

Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors?

I am a current Board member of SDRMA and feel that I have added my financial background to make better informed decisions for our members. As a Board member, I have learned a lot about insurance issues and look forward to representing small District's and Northern California as a voice on the SDRMA Board. I feel I am an asset to the Board with my degree in business and my 29 years' experience in accounting and auditing. I have audited small districts and know what they need and what they can afford.

I understand the challenges that small District face every day when it comes to managing liability insurance and worker's compensation for a few employees with limited revenues and staff. My education and experience gives me an appreciation of the importance of risk management services and programs, especially for smaller district's that lack expertise with insurance issues on a daily basis.

I feel I am an asset to this Board and would love a chance to stay on the Board for 4 more years.

What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization)

I have worked as the District Clerk for the Herlong PUD for the last 7 years. Before that, I served as the Secretary to the Board of Herlong Utilities, Inc. and Office Administrator. I worked directly with the formation of our District which included working for 2 separate Board's of Directors and the transfer of assets from a public benefit corporation to a special district. As part of the team that worked to form the District I was directly involved with LAFCo, Lassen County Board of Supervisors and County Clerk to establish the District's initial Board of Directors as well as the transfer of multiple permits and closure procedures from multiple agencies for the seamless transition of our District operations. I closed out the Corporation books and established the books for the District transitioning to fund accounting. I have also administered the financial portion of a large capital improvement project with USDA as well as worked on the first ever successful water utility privatization project with the US Army and Department of Defense. I am currently working on HPUD's 2nd loan/grant for 4.8 million with USDA to improve the community's sewer system. I also am the primary administrator of a federal contract for utility services with the Federal Bureau of Prison.

While on the SDRMA Board, I have served on the nomination committee and SDLF Board. I have enjoyed learning and completing my duties on both boards and feel I have been an asset to both. I have served on CSDA's Audit and Financial Committee's for the last 2 years. In the last 20 years I have served on several Boards including school, church, 4-H, County and U.C. Davis.