



SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-11
OFFICIAL 2019 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 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 21, 2019. Faxes or electronic transmissions are NOT acceptable.

- ☐ **BOB SWAN (INCUMBENT)**
Board Member, Groveland Community Services District
- ☐ **JESSE D. CLAYPOOL**
Board Chair, Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District
- ☐ **PATRICK K. O'ROURKE, MPA/CFRM**
Board Member, Redwood Region Economic Development Commission
- ☐ **SANDY SEIFERT- RAFFELSON (INCUMBENT)**
Finance Manager/Treasurer, Herlong Public Utility District
- ☐ **JAMES (Jim) M. HAMLIN**
Board President, Burney Water District

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2019 by the Monterey Regional Waste Management District at a public meeting by the following votes:

AYES: _____
 NOES: _____
 ABSTAIN: _____
 ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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

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Candidate* Bob Swan

District/Agency Groveland Community Services District (GCSD)

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

I am a current Board member. I would like to be elected to a second term because:

1. As a board member of Groveland CSD, I am particularly aware of the great value that smaller districts get from SDRMA, and I'd like to continue to do my part to make sure that this important agency continues to operate smoothly and stably into the indefinite future.
2. The insurance market in California (and nationwide) is going through a period of rapid change. The Board and staff are engaged in a major re-evaluation of SDRMA's approach to fulfilling its mission of providing cost-effective risk management services to its members. I believe that it is important to maintain Board continuity in this effort.
3. SDRMA Board members are either board members ("electeds") or employees of a member agency. I think there is value in having a balance between elected and employee Board members. The Board seats that are NOT up for election are currently 3 employees / 1 elected. I'd like to make sure the new Board has at least 2 elected members.

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)

1. SDRMA Board Member since 2016. This year (2019), I serve as Secretary. During our "no CEO" period in late 2017 - early 2018, I was a member of the ad hoc Personnel Committee. I am also a member of the Alliance Executive Council, and a backup member of the Legislative Committee.
2. Groveland CSD Board Member since I was appointed in June 2013. For the years 2014-2018, I served as Board President. (We finally implemented mandatory rotation of the office in 2019).
3. Member of the Board of Southside Community Connections, a local nonprofit in Groveland that provides educational, social, and recreational services to seniors, as well as free transportation to those who cannot drive.
4. Board Member (currently Treasurer) of Pine Cone Performers, a local choral and acting group, since 2010.
5. Back during my work life, I was a corporate representative on an IEEE standards committee concerned with wireless networking. It was very educational being on a committee where the members had widely differing (competing) goals.

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Candidate* Jesse D. Claypool
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Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors? (Response Required)

My interest for being on the SDRMA Board of Directors is because I believe it is imperative for there to be a knowledgeable and experienced voice on the Board with the perspective of the small to mid-size special district, working together with the other SDRMA Board Members, to ensure relevant—affordable solutions are available to all size special districts.

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 serving my fifth (5th) consecutive term as Chairman of the Board of a special district. I served two (2) yrs. on a Technical Advisory Committee for the prevention of violence against schools K-12. I served one (1) term on an elementary school board. I am currently serving my second (2nd) consecutive term on CSDA's committee for Professional Development. I am currently serving my sixth (6th) consecutive term on the board of a Regional Water Management Group. I am currently serving my second (2nd) consecutive term on CSDA's committee for Member Services. I am currently serving as a member of the County's Civil Grand Jury.

I have attended and completed the California School Board Association's New Board Member Training. I have Certificates of Completion from CSDA for General Manager Evaluation, Exercising Legislative Authority and Achieving Transparency. I attended and completed CSDA's Extraordinary Leader training. I attended and completed CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy and I have received CSDA's Recognition in Special District Governance certificate.

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Candidate* Patrick K. O'Rourke, MPA/CFRM

District/Agency Redwood Region Economic Development Commission (RREDC)

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

I have considerable interest, knowledge, and experience in board leadership; board service; and board governance/policy development & oversight in for-profits, nonprofits, a joint powers authority/SDRMA member organization, and as an elected city councilman. I also have considerable experience (as a top-level executive board leader and manager) in organizational risk management and risk mitigation/prevention. I would like to share my knowledge, skills, abilities, and experience in service to SDRMA members, via my service on SDRMA's board of directors. I believe that my knowledge, experience, and dedication to excellence and implementation of best practices in governance and policy development/oversight will serve SDRMA well, and will assist SDRMA in maintaining its "Excellence" accreditation via the California Association of Joint Powers Authorities (CAJPA).

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)

Having served in board leadership roles (25+ years in for-profit entities; 25+ years in nonprofit & private/public foundations; and 2+ years in a Joint Powers Authority [SDRMA member organization]), I am well-versed and experienced in board governance; policy development; financial statement analysis and budget review; executive management search/selection, oversight and evaluation; organizational risk management/mitigation; litigation oversight; and best practices in organizational governance. At SDRMA member organization, Redwood Region Economic Development Commission (RREDC), I have served as 2019 Immediate Past Chair; 2018 Board Chair; 2017 Vice Chair; Chair of Executive Committee; and Member of the Loan Committee. I have in-depth knowledge of policy governance (Culver, et al.); I am an advocate for transparency & best practices; and I am knowledgeable & experienced in California's Ralph M. Brown Act and Roberts Rules of Order. I have also served in board governance and board leadership roles in several nonprofit organizations and in both public and private foundations, including as Board Chair (12+ years) and in President & Vice President roles. I have also Chaired Search/Selection committees; Public Relations committees; Fund Development committees; and Finance/Audit committees.

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Candidate* Sandy Seifert-Raffelson

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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 continue to improve my education of 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 30 plus years' experience in accounting and auditing.

I understand the challenges that small District face every day when it comes to managing liability insurance, worker's compensation and health insurance for a few employees with limit revenue and staff. My education and experience give me an appreciation of the importance of risk management services and programs, especially for smaller District 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 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)

While serving on the SDRMA Board, I have been privilege to be Secretary of the Board for two years, and currently the Vice-President. I have served on CSDA's Audit and Financial Committee's for 6 years; I have served on the SDLF Board; Northeastern Rural Health Clinic Board; Fair Board; School and Church boards; 4-H Council and leader for 15 years; and UC Davis Equine Board. In the past 25 years, I have learn that there is no "I" in Board and it can be very rewarding to be part of a team that makes a difference for others.

As part of my many duties working with Herlong PUD, I worked to form the District and was directly involved with LAFCo, Lassen County Board of Supervisors and County Clerk to establish the initial Board of Directors and first Policies for HPUD. I have administered the financial portion of 2 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 a 4.2 million grant from California for new infrastructure for the small District HPUD absorb through LAFCo in 2017. I am also the primary administrator of a federal contract for utility services with the Federal Bureau of Prison and the US Army.

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Candidate* James (Jim) M. Hamlin
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Hope to serve and help with decisions being made to both strengthen SDRMA and
move into new areas. Our districts are facing new challenges constantly.

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