



**AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT**

6425 Main Street,
Georgetown, California 95634

**Monday, November 18, 2024
3:00 P. M.**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mitch MacDonald, President

Donna Seaman, Vice President

Mike Thornbrough, Treasurer

Michael Saunders, Director

Robert Stovall, Director

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the purpose of the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District to:

- Provide reliable water supplies.
- Ensure high-quality drinking water.
- Promote stewardship to protect community resources, public health, and quality of life.
- Provide excellent and responsive customer services through dedicated and valued staff.
- Ensure fiscal responsibility and accountability are observed by balancing immediate and long-term needs.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. SPECIAL MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE: Under Government Code section 54954.3, public comment at special meetings of the legislative body is limited to the item(s) listed on the agenda. Public comment will be taken at the time the following agenda item(s) are opened for public comment by the Board President.

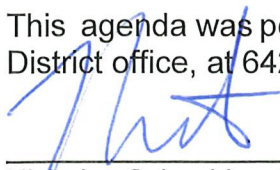
3. CONSIDER CANDIDATES FOR THE MOUNTAIN COUNTIES WATER RESOURCE ASSOCIATION (MCWRA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SUBMIT THE ASSOCIATED FORMS

- **Possible Action-** Consider and identify potential candidates for the MCWRA Board of Directors and authorize staff to submit the interest forms.

4. PROPOSITION 218 RATE SETTING DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION

- **Possible Action-** Discussion regarding Proposition 218 rate-setting options and provide staff and consultant possible direction regarding rate-setting structure.

This agenda was posted on the District's bulletin board at the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District office, at 6425 Main Street, Georgetown, California, on November 13, 2024.



Nicholas Schneider, General Manager

11-13-24

Date

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83239280287?pwd=LBAknOoHZOMDaxVbyPiMdTcyu4CQab.1>

Meeting ID: 832 3928 0287 and **Passcode: 265259** or via teleconference by calling: **1-669-900-6833**, Please note that any person attending via teleconference will be sharing the phone number from which they call with the Board and the public.

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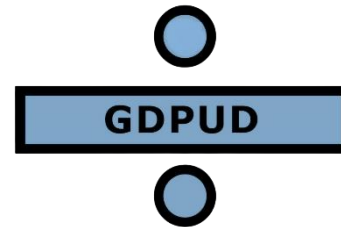
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REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Meeting of November 18, 2024

Agenda Item No. 3



AGENDA SECTION: ACTION ITEMS

SUBJECT: Consider Candidates for the Mountain Counties Water Resource Association (MCWRA) Board of Directors and Authorize Staff to Submit the Associated Forms

PREPARED BY: Elizabeth Olson, Executive Assistant

Approved By: Nicholas Schneider, General Manager

BACKGROUND

The Mountain Counties Water Resource Association (MCWRA) works to promote the statewide importance of Sierra Nevada water resources through advocacy and collaboration. The association strives to be the premiere advocate influencing water policy and protection of the Sierra Nevada watershed. MCWRA serves as a valuable resource for the District via coalition-building opportunities while keeping apprised of pertinent developments and information related to the industry, allowing GDPUD to remain responsive to best protect the interests of the Georgetown Divide’s residents and water utility.

DISCUSSION

The MCWRA Board consists of six (6) elected Water Board members and three (3) county supervisors. Directors represent the membership at large in a regional capacity, not a specific entity. MCRWA is seeking to elect four (4) Board of Directors from its executive membership; three (3) elected Water Board Directors and one (1) elected county supervisor. Solicitation for candidates will close on Wednesday, November 27th, 2024. Representation is of benefit to GDPUD, and the Board is encouraged to identify potential candidates for submission and consideration. Candidate recommendation approves associated travel costs including mileage for MCWRA board of director participation should the candidate be appointed.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action beyond the already provided membership fees.

CEQA ASSESSMENT

This is not a CEQA project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the Board of Directors of the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District (GDPUD) identify potential candidates for the MCWRA Board and authorize staff to submit the candidate form and interest statements to MCWRA for consideration.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board may choose to forego recommending candidates for the MCRWA Board and forfeit any benefits associated with the representation.

ATTACHMENTS

1. MCRWA Memo Announcing Board of Directors Position Openings
2. MCWRA Candidate Nomination and Interest Statement Form



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Board of Directors and Officials
Scott Ratterman (CCWD) – President
Barbara Balen (TUD) – Vice President
Jim Holmes (County of Placer) – Secretary
Lori Anzini (EID) – Treasurer
Mike Lee (PCWA) – Director
Lori Parlin (County of El Dorado) – Director
Sue Hoek (County of Nevada) – Director
Don Blaser (YWA) – Director
Susan Peters (AWA) – Director

Justin Caporusso – Executive Director

Dave Breninger, retired (PCWA) – Governmental Affairs Official
Tom Cumpston – Legal Counsel

November 06, 2024

Subject: MCWRA Board Director Elections

As Chief Executive of your organization, this is to inform you that four (4) expiring local elected official terms will result in the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association (MCWRA) seeking to elect four (4) Board Directors from its Executive Membership; three (3) elected Water Board Directors and one (1) elected County Supervisor, in that capacity.

2024 Expiring Local Elected Terms:

- Jim Holmes, Placer County Supervisor
- Barbara Balen, Tuolumne Utilities District Director
- Don Blaser, Yuba Water Agency Director
- Mike Lee, Placer County Water Agency Director

Nomination Process

The Governance Committee shall, through the Secretary, solicit for qualified, interested candidates from its Executive Membership (Chief Executives). Solicitation for additional candidates is now open and will remain open until close of business Wednesday, November 27, 2024.

If there is interest from your organization in nominating a representative to sit on the MCWRA Board of Directors, please complete the Candidate Interest Statement below and return directly to Emily Randall at emily@caporussocommunications.com.

Directors

The MCWRA Board shall consist of six (6) elected Water Board members (in that capacity) and three (3) County Supervisors (in that capacity). Directors shall represent the membership-at-large in a regional capacity, not a specific entity.

Qualifications of Directors

Representative of an Executive Member as an elected official with service at the member organization in an elected capacity for a minimum of one (1) year; and dedication to the purposes of Mountain Counties stated in Article III of the Bylaws.

- Executive Members**
Amador Water Agency
Calaveras County Water District
County of Alpine
County of Amador
County of Calaveras
County of El Dorado
County of Nevada
County of Placer
County of Tuolumne
County of Yuba
El Dorado Water Agency
El Dorado Irrigation District
Foresthill Public Utility District
Georgetown Divide
Public Utility District
Jackson Valley Irrigation District
Murphys Sanitary District
North Yuba Water District
Placer County Water Agency
Tuolumne Utilities District
Twain Harte
Community Services District
Utica Water and Power Authority
Weimar Water Company
Yuba Water Agency

- Affiliate Members**
City of Folsom
Mesa Water District
Santa Clara Valley Water District

After the close of the candidate solicitation process, the MCWRA Governance Committee will review the qualifications of the submitted candidates and nominate those qualified as per the Bylaws. The Governance Committee will establish a list of nominees that meet the qualifications and will prepare an election ballot for your organization. This ballot will be transmitted via email to you.

Election of Directors

All Executive Members may vote on the election of MCWRA Directors. A ballot with the name, title, and organization of each nominee will be issued and directed via email from the Secretary to the Chief Executive of each Executive Member organization.

The Chief Executive of each Executive Member can vote on behalf of that Executive Member for MCWRA Directors. Each Executive Member organization shall be entitled to cast one (1) ballot, and may not cast more than one vote for any one nominee for Director. Voting will remain open for 30-calendar days or until all ballots have been cast (whichever comes first).

If MCWRA has an uncontested election for new Board members, the Association will dispense with balloting and the candidates are thus considered elected by consent and acclamation.

The term of the Director will run from January 2025 through December 2028.

If you have any questions, please contact me at jholmes@placer.ca.gov.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Jim Holmes, Placer County Supervisor
Secretary, MCWRA Board of Directors

Cc: Justin Caporusso, MCWRA Executive Director

MOUNTAIN COUNTIES WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION



2025 - 2028 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Candidate/s Interest Statement

You may submit candidate name/s for consideration for nomination by the MCWRA Governance Committee by completing this form and returning an emailed/scanned copy to Director Jim Holmes, Secretary, MCWRA no later than close of business on Wednesday, November 27, 2024.

Print candidate/s and their organization in the space provided, date and sign as representative for your organization, and email to Emily Randall at emily@caporussocommunications.com

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Authorized Representative Signature
(only one candidate form per Executive Member)

Please Print Authorized Representative Name

Agency/County/District

Date