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**Board member Jim Nelson resigns after 12+ years of service; Board seeks replacement**

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Jim Nelson, who was originally appointed to the San Lorenzo Valley Board of Directors on February 3, 2000, announced his resignation at the June 7, 2012 Board meeting. "I've enjoyed serving on the Board, but it's time to spend more time in other areas of my life, including Camp Joy," he said, referring to the small, organic family farm in Boulder Creek that he has run since 1971.

Before joining the Board, Nelson served on the Waterman Gap Citizen's Advisory Committee, which was formed to advise the Board on the disposition of the District's 1,200 acre forested property at the headwaters of the San Lorenzo River. "It was great that the District decided in the end to sell the property to Sempervirens Fund, keeping it in the public domain," he said.

Nelson was elected to Board in November 2000 and then re-elected three times during his service. During his watch, the District successfully acquired the Felton water system from California-American Water in 2008, at the behest of the Felton community.

As an active member of the Board's Environmental Committee, Nelson helped drive the District's watershed planning process, including the ongoing restoration of the Olympia Watershed property. "I've done my part. Now it's time for some new energy to step forward on the Board," Nelson said.

District Manager Jim Mueller explained the process to fill the vacancy. The Board expects to appoint a new director at its regular July 5, 2012 public meeting. Board members will select from candidates who are registered voters of the District, and who have submitted a letter of interest and statement of qualifications to the Board no later than 5 p.m., June 28, 2012. For questions about the application process, please contact the District Secretary at 831-430-4636.