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To: Board of Directors

From: District Manager

Subject: Special District Risk Management Authority Board of Directors Election

Date: August 31, 2007

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors review this memo and approve the attached resolution ballot for the election of three (3) Directors to the Special District Risk Management Authority Board of Directors.

BACKGROUND:

The District is a member agency of the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA). 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.

In April 2007, SDRMA notified its membership that nominations were being accepted for three (3) seats on the Board of Directors. In response to said notification SDRMA received nine (9) nominations. Each candidate has submitted a Statement of Qualifications. See Attachment 1.

SDRMA's Board of Directors Policy specifies that member agencies desiring to participate in the balloting and election of candidates to serve on SDRMA's Board of Directors must be adopted by resolution of the member agency's governing body. Signed resolution ballots must be sealed and returned by mail or hand delivery to SDRMA's office on or before 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 14, 2007.

It is recommended that the Board of Directors review this memo and approve the attached resolution electing three (3) Directors to the Special District Risk Management Authority Board of Directors.

James Mueller
District Manager

JAM/bsb

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
SAN LORENZO VALLEY 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 Fifth Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement specifies that 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 risk protection program; and

WHEREAS, SDRMA's Fifth 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. 2005-02 Establishing Guidelines for Director Elections specifies director qualifications, terms of office and election requirements; and

WHEREAS, Policy No. 2005-02 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 San Lorenzo Valley Water District selects the following candidates to serve as Directors on the SDRMA Board of Directors:

**OFFICIAL 2007 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. Only one (1) vote per ballot. A ballot received with more than three (3) candidates selected will not be counted. All ballots must be sealed and returned by mail or hand delivery in the enclosed envelope to SDRMA on or before 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 14, 2007. Faxes or electronic transmissions are not accepted.

- ☐ **VINCENT C. FERRANTE**
Commissioner, Moss Landing Harbor District
- ☐ **ANTONIO "TONY" SEDANO**
Board Member, Local Agency Formation Commission of San Bernardino County
- ☐ **ROBERT F. TOPOLOVAC**
Board Member, Olivenhain Municipal Water District
- ☐ **ED GRAY**
Board Member, Chino Valley Independent Fire District
- ☐ **HENRY MILLER**
Trustee, Temecula Public Cemetery District
- ☐ **JERRY M. LEDBETTER**
Safety and Health Officer, Alameda County Water District
- ☐ **JOHN WOOLLEY (INCUMBENT)**
Board Member, Humboldt Waste Management Authority
- ☐ **JEAN BRACY**
Director of Administrative Services, Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District
- ☐ **WILLIAM R. MILLER (INCUMBENT)**
General Manager, North of the River Municipal Water District

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2007 by the _____
listed by name:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ELECTION INSTRUCTIONS FOR SDRMA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Notification of nominations for three (3) seats on the Special District Risk Management Authority's (SDRMA's) Board of Directors was mailed to the membership in April 2007. Nominations were received for nine (9) candidates by the July 6, 2007 filing deadline.

SDRMA's Election Committee reviewed and confirmed that all nine (9) candidates' met the qualification requirements and submitted nomination documents in accordance with SDRMA's Policy No. 2005-02 Establishing Guidelines for Director Elections.

Enclosed is the Official Election Resolution Ballot along with a Statement of Qualifications as submitted by each candidate. Election instructions are as follows:

1. The enclosed combined Official Election Resolution and Ballot must be used to ensure the integrity of the balloting process.
2. After selecting up to three (3) candidates, your agency's governing body must approve the enclosed Official Election Resolution Ballot.
3. **Resolution ballots containing more than three (3) candidate selections will be considered invalid and not counted.**
4. Signed resolution ballots MUST be sealed and returned **by mail or hand delivery to SDRMA's office on or before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 14, 2007.** A self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed to return the Election Resolution Ballot:

Special District Risk Management Authority
Election Committee
1112 "I" Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, California 95814

5. The four-year terms for newly elected Directors will begin on January 1, 2008 and terminate on December 31, 2011.
6. Important balloting and election dates are:

September 14, 2007 – Deadline for members to return completed ballots

September 17, 2007 – Ballots are opened and counted

September 18-21, 2007 - Election results are announced and candidates notified

October 3, 2007 – Newly elected Directors are introduced at the SDRMA Annual Meeting/Breakfast to be held in Monterey at the CSDA Annual Conference

January 23, 2008 – Newly elected Directors are seated and Board officer elections are held

Please do not hesitate to call SDRMA's Chief Executive Officer Jim Towns toll-free at 800.537.7790 if you have any questions regarding the election and balloting process.

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

This information will be distributed to the membership with the ballot, "exactly as submitted" by the candidates. No statements are endorsed by SDRMA.

Nominee/Candidate Vincent C. Ferrante
District/Agency Moss Landing Harbor District
Work Address 7881 Sandholdt Road
Work Phone 831.633.5417 Home Phone 831.449.2409

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

I have been involved in Special District fiscal planning and risk management and have an interest and desire to support sound fiscal policies and promote quality risk management services to special districts throughout the state.

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 served as an elected official on the Moss Landing Harbor District (MLHD) Board of Harbor Commissioners since 2003. This requires constant budgeting vigilance and action responsive to constituent needs. I have served as Chair of the MLHD Liveaboard Committee, Vice Chair of the MLHD Budget Committee and Property Improvement Committee. In that capacity I gained in-depth knowledge of rules and regulations governing special districts as well as consensus-building among committee members.

I was appointed to the Monterey County Overall Economic Development Commission by the County Board of Supervisors and serve as Vice Chair of its Grants and Finance Committee. By this appointment, the County Board has demonstrated confidence in my fiscal abilities, experience and insight.

I have also served as a Director on the Central Coast Federal Credit Union Board where I gained knowledge of the needs of the community and small and large businesses, in addition to Federal Banking regulations and reporting. Other committee involvement includes Vice Chair of the Salinas, California Sister City Organization (of which I was named Member of the Year in 2005), Trustee of the Salinas, California Sons of Italy in America Lodge and Chair of the City of Monterey's annual Festa Italia Festival Parade.

**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?

I have experience and/or training in project management, report preparation, public speaking, strategic planning, budget analysis and preparation, risk management, health benefits and retirement plans. Being on committees and working with others toward common goals requires a willingness to listen and exercise flexibility. My analytical skills are thorough and enable me to make informed decisions.

General Comments / Statements

I have completed the CSDA Special District Governance Academy and have taken courses through the Institute for Local Government. I am confident I will be a diligent and valuable member of the Board.

I will dedicate myself to the vision and goals of the SDRMA and I look forward to the opportunity to be a contributing member serving on this Board.

I certify that I am a Board member or a full-time management employee for the agency from which I have been nominated. 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: _____

Vincent C. Ferrante

Date: July 2, 2007

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

This information will be distributed to the membership with the ballot, "exactly as submitted" by the candidates. No statements are endorsed by SDRMA.

Nominee/Candidate ANTONIO "TONY" SEDANO
District/Agency Local Agency Formation Commission for San Bernardino County
Work Address 215 North "D" Street, Suite 204, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0490
Work Phone (909) 383-9900 Home Phone (909) 864-5989

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

As a charter board member of the Special District Insurance Authority (SDIA), the predecessor of SDRMA, starting with 71 members and an initial funding level of \$150,000, I wish to continue my participation in this organization. It is my desire to participate in achieving the continued success of this JPA and the services it provides for the Districts and the taxpayers of the State of California.

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

Initial member of the Board of Directors of the SDIA, having served as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board; served 10 years as a member of the Board of Directors of the Big Bear City Community Services District; 1989-91 served as the General Manager of the South San Bernardino County Water District until its merger with the City of San Bernardino; served in the City of San Bernardino Water Department until my retirement in 1997; and have served on LAFCO since 1998 as an Alternate Public Member.

**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?

I have served as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Special District Insurance Authority. I am the past President of the Arrowhead United Way and work with my local Neighborhood Watch Association.

General Comments / Statements

I am most interested in seeking the appointment to the Board of Directors of the Special District Risk Management Authority to continue my public service. I believe that my experience during the formative years of the Special District Insurance Authority and my involvement in almost every level of local government provide a unique background. I currently serve as the Alternate Public Member for the San Bernardino Local Agency Formation Commission which has opted to become a member of SDRMA to seek the most competitive prices for its insurance needs.

I have held the following positions within the Big Bear City Community Services District : Assistant Fire Chief (on-call paid position), member of the Board of Directors (two terms), Citizen Advisory Committee President, Employee Relations Committee, Chair, Public Relations Committee, Chair. I was the General Manager of the South San Bernardino County Water District and was involved in the process resulting in its merger with the City of San Bernardino. I have a broad understanding of the role and relationship of independent special districts serving their communities.

Since I am retired, I have the time available to devote to the activities of the Authority and would be an active participant.

I certify that I am a Board member or a full-time management employee for the agency from which I have been nominated. 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

Antonio R. Sedano

Date

6-5-2007

**Special District Risk Management Authority
Board of Directors**

Candidate's Statement of Qualifications

This information will be distributed to the membership with the ballot, "exactly as submitted" by the candidates. No statements are endorsed by SDRMA.

Nominee/Candidate Robert F. Topolovac
District/Agency Olivenhain Municipal Water District
Work Address 1966 Olivenhain Road
Work Phone (760) 753-6466 Home Phone (858) 755-4279

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

Your mission to provide renewable, efficiently priced risk financing and risk management services through a financially sound pool while ensuring all services are delivered in a timely, cost-efficient, responsive manner is whole heartedly supported by the Olivenhain Municipal Board of Directors. I wish to continue the partnership formed between our organizations and represent San Diego County on the Board. Risk management is of ever increasing importance and will only become more critical in years to come.

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

Past President and current Vice-President Board of Directors of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District
Past representative to San Diego County Water Authority Recycled Water Committee
Olivenhain Municipal Water District Personnel Committee
Olivenhain Municipal Water District Safety Committee
Olivenhain Municipal Water District Facilities Committee

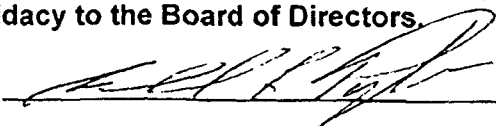
What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have?

Master degree in Human Relations and School Administration from Ohio University
Assistant Director of Student Affairs and Director of Residence Halls at UCSD
Over 35 years of service as an educator and administrator in both higher and secondary education
Very familiar with government entities and special districts
Recognized by State of California for my contributions to Core technology curriculum development
Volunteer Sheriff with the Encinitas Sheriff's Station

General Comments / Statements

I certify that I am a Board member or a full-time management employee for the agency from which I have been nominated. 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



Date

7/3/07

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

This information will be distributed to the membership with the ballot, "exactly as submitted" by the candidates. No statements are endorsed by SDRMA.

Nominee/Candidate Ed Gray
District/Agency Chino Valley Independent Fire District (Director)
Work Address 2005 Grand Ave. Chino Hills, CA. 91709
Work Phone (909) 920-5260 Home Phone (909) 627-4821

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

Having been a police officer for over 28 years and a member of the Board of Directors of the Chino Valley Independent Fire District since 2004, I believe I possess a broad, balanced knowledge of the risk issues faced by public service organizations. My knowledge, experience and commitment to team problem solving would benefit the SDRMA and its' member organizations. I would bring with me a desire to continue the positive direction of the organization and to be an effective leader.

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 been a member of the Board of Directors of the Chino Valley Independent Fire District since 2004. During my tenure on the board I have served a President and Vice-President, member of the districts Finance, Personnel, Planning and Emergency Medical Services committees. I have been liaison the the City Councils of Chino and Chino Hills, liaison the the San Bernardino County Fourth District Supervisor, member and Chairman of the Chino Valley Public Agencies Committee and member of the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Department of Corrections California Institute for Men in Chino.

**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?

I have had considerable exposure to the issues of risk to organizations and their members and the importance of finding ways to mitigate these risks.

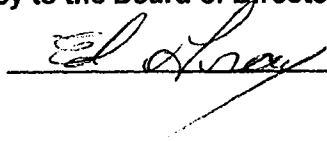
I feel I have the ability to "actively listen" to people to gain understanding, to seek out facts and to make timely decisions.

General Comments / Statements

I feel it is important for people to know something about the "person" they are considering choosing to represent their interests. To try to help people understand who I am, I have attached a brief information sheet about me. I thank you all for considering me for the important position of Director for the SDRMA and can promise that if chosen, I work hard to be an effective member o the organization.

I certify that I am a Board member or a full-time management employee for the agency from which I have been nominated. 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



Date

6-25-07

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

This information will be distributed to the membership with the ballot, "exactly as submitted" by the candidates. No statements are endorsed by SDRMA.

Nominee/Candidate HENRY MILLER
District/Agency TEMECULA PUBLIC CEMETERY DISTRICT
Work Address 41911 "C" STREET TEMECULA CA. 92592.
Work Phone 951-694-6450 Home Phone 951-695-0933

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

IT IS MY MISSION TO BE A SERVANT OF GOD. TO DO MY PART TO FULFILL HIS ULTIMATE PLAN AND TO UPHOLD THE OLD TRADITION OF GOD MORALS, SOUND ETHICS AND STRONG FAMILY VALUES. TO SEEK NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR MY FAMILY, MY NEIGHBORS, AND MY COMMUNITY.

I BELIEVE THAT THE BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE THIS IS TO INCREASE RISK AWARENESS THROUGH SOUND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND TO INSURE THAT FAIR AND PROPER LEGISLATION IS INACTED THAT ADDRESSES FUTURE CHALLENGES AND REDUCE LIABILITY COSTS.

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

COMMISSIONER B.S.A 1985-1990

CHAIRMAN - SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL 1985-1992 (TUSD)

COMMISSIONER OF PARKS & RECREATION 1992-1995 (T.C.S.D)

COMMISSIONER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF TEMECULA 1995-1997

CHAIRMAN OF TEMECULA COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT 1997-2000

TRUSTEE FOR THE TEMECULA PUBLIC CEMETERY DISTRICT 2000-PRESENT.

DIRECTOR OF THE MARRIETTA REPERTORY THEATRE 2000-2006.

**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?

COMPLETION OF THE CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS GOVERNANCE ACADEMY 2006.

B.S. IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION FROM C.S.U.S.B. W/ MINOR IN LEADERSHIP. 2000.

A.A. IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM MT. SAN JACINTO C.C. 1991
CERTIFICATE OF LEADERSHIP FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 1991
VOLUNTEER - RIVERSIDE CO. PARKS DEPT. 1972-1986

General Comments / Statements

AS A NATIVE CALIFORNIAN, I FELT THAT IT WOULD BE A GREAT HONOR TO SERVE THE CITIZENS OF THIS PROFOUND STATE AND OFFER MY COMMITMENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE S.D.R.M.A. PLEASE ACCEPT AND CONSIDER MY STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION FOR THE S.D.R.M.A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

I certify that I am a Board member or a full-time management employee for the agency from which I have been nominated. 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 Henry Miller Date 5-16-07

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

This information will be distributed to the membership with the ballot, "exactly as submitted" by the candidates. No statements are endorsed by SDRMA.

Nominee/Candidate Jerry M. Ledbetter
District/Agency Alameda County Water District
Work Address 43885 S. Grimmer Blvd., Fremont, CA 94538
Work Phone (510) 668-4212 Home Phone (925) 454-0557

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

I wish to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors because I feel that I could be invaluable in providing an end user perspective. I also understand the challenges that many smaller districts have when it comes to managing workers' compensation and risk management programs and costs with limited resources and personnel. SDRMA's mission to provide renewable, efficiently priced risk financing and risk management services is not only an objective in today's litigious society, but a necessity. Additionally, my background and experience gives me an appreciation of the importance of risk management services and programs, especially for many of us smaller agencies who do not have the expertise in-house or the frequency of claims to feel proficient.

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

I served on the Executive Committee for the San Francisco Chapter of the American Society Safety Engineers (ASSE) in various positions of Vice President of Programs, Vice President of Membership, President-Elect, and Chapter President. Additionally, I served 2 years as Delegate for ASSE National - Region 1 dealing with legislative affairs. Member of the Air Issues and Regulations (AIR) Committee of the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies and the Alameda County Office of Emergency Services Public Agency Group representing a publicly owed treated water (POTW) agency.

**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?

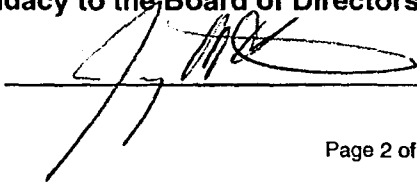
I have worked in the safety profession since 1992 after graduating from CSU, Chico with a Bachelors in Industrial Technology with Emphasis in Industrial Safety Management. Earned the designations of Occupational Health and Safety Technologist (OHST) and Certified Safety Professional (CSP) while working for various water and wastewater special districts, universities, and a DOE research laboratory. Was awarded as the 1997-1998 Safety Professional of the Year by the San Francisco Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers.

Currently, I am responsible for workers' compensation claims management; workplace safety management/loss prevention; DOT and transportation safety; occupational health and medical surveillance; and safety education and training. Was awarded the McMurchie Excellence in Safety Award for ACWD's Workers' Compensation Program for Large Members in 2006.

General Comments / Statements

I certify that I am a Board member or a full-time management employee for the agency from which I have been nominated. 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



Date

6-27-07

Special District Risk Management Authority

Board of Directors

Candidate's Statement of Qualifications

This information will be distributed to the membership with the ballot, "exactly as submitted" by the candidates. No statements are endorsed by SDRMA.

Nominee/Candidate: John Woolley
District/Agency: Humboldt Waste Management Authority
Work Address: 825 5th Street, Room #111, Eureka, CA 95501
Work Phone: 707-476-2393 Home Phone: 707-443-6889

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

For many years now I have enjoyed my association with SDRMA, both from marketing its services to various Districts throughout our area to serving on the Board. We have noted a very positive growth due to: offering worker's compensation coverage, the actuarial confidence level in our programs has risen to better protect the pool and its assets, and now we are able to offer a competitive health package that doesn't impact the pool's resources. The SDRMA staff and Board work well together, making us feel more confident for the future of SDRMA.

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

I serve as a Board Member on the Humboldt Waste Management Authority, as well as serving as a Humboldt County Supervisor, both since 1997. I have been able to assist with communication with other affiliated risk management organizations, which furthers our ability to seek the best coverage we can afford and serves to help keep the Board and staff aware of the overall market. I consider it a privilege to continue making SDRMA a responsive, cost effective risk management organization.

My position as county supervisor requires me to serve on various boards and commissions. Several are SDRMA members, i.e. Redwood Region Economic Development Commission, North Coast Unified Air Quality District, Redwood Coast Energy Authority, and of course, my nominating body, Humboldt Waste Management Authority. These and other organizations require an understanding of the public governing rules and regulations and knowledge of the specific types of risk management each has.

**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?

My public service experience includes many common traits most could identify as essential to the position held. A proven record of being able to make sound fiscal decisions, establish an effective policy and long range vision, budget oversight, making appropriate decisions that are in the member's best interest, and representing the entity in public gatherings; all are part of the skill set required to serve on the SDRMA Board. Risk management services also require the ability to track unique and complicated matters specific to risk analysis, rating evaluation, and other related matters. I have had to practice these and other related skills in my current position, as well my previous service on the SDRMA Board. I enjoy my service on the SDRMA Board because of the staff and board commitment and in the achievements we have combined to actualize.

General Comments/Statements

The Special District Risk Management Authority innovations and offerings have continually benefited each member entity through expanding coverages, yet charging fair and competitive rates. While the greater insurance market costs to its clients can vary significantly in their offerings and annual rates; SDRMA is able to cost out its risk management services with the primary focus being to stabilize rates and provide quality service.

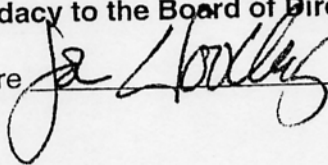
The Board of Directors comes from the SDRMA membership, and thus the Board wants to see the services equitably and effectively provided. The team charged to make sure good quality products are provided is comprised of both the Board and staff working together for that common goal. All Board members should approach their candidacy with this in mind: be respectful of the past and current accomplishments and continue to focus on providing the best cost effective service available for each member.

The workers' compensation merger has definitely help create strong SDRMA growth. While the growth helps strengthen the pool, the challenge will be to ensure the services do not diminish. The Board will need to evaluate carefully the extent of change required to continue to provide the quality of service SDRMA members have come to expect.

I am fortunate to have the interest and time to commit to SDRMA. My current position has expanded my scope and representation to cover several SDRMA member entities, all of which has broadened my understanding and appreciation for SDRMA risk management services. I would appreciate your support and vote to continue my work on the Board of Directors. Thank you.

I certify that I am a Board member or a full-time management employee for the agency from which I have been nominated. 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



Date

6-2-07

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

This information will be distributed to the membership with the ballot, "exactly as submitted" by the candidates. No statements are endorsed by SDRMA.

Nominee/Candidate Jean Bracy

District/Agency Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District

Work Address 14306 Park Avenue, Victorville, CA 92392-2310

Work Phone (760) 245-1661

Home Phone (760) 946-1882

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

I believe I can complement the current board composition with a representative perspective from the regulatory community. The regulatory community has specific risk issues that vary among agencies whose primary mission is delivery of important community services. For nearly 20 years, I've worked for public agencies. My approach to organizational management is drawn from a wide variety of experience. My career tasks have included designing the framework for agencies to conduct business in a manner best suited to serve the needs of their respective communities. Each adjustment to an organization's "framework" involves risk that must be measured and managed. I've worked closely with SDRMA for several years, and I am attracted to its aggressive and positive mission. I want to contribute my experience to SDRMA's overall function to further strengthen and enhance the lines of services provided by SDRMA.

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

As the Director of Administrative Services for the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District, I am the staff representative to the Governing Board Budget and Personnel Committees. I am a member of and have chaired the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) statewide committees for Fiscal and Human Resource officers. I represent the District on the Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Committee evaluating proposed projects for grant awards. I organized and currently chair the Alternate Fuel Task Force for the Mojave Desert air basin; I represent the District in the Antelope Valley Clean Cities Coalition. While employed with the City of Victorville, I served as the City representative to the Technical Advisory Committee for the Victor Valley Transit Authority and as the City representative and officer on the Executive Committee of the Regional Economic Development Authority. I volunteered four years on the Board of Directors of the Victor Valley Federal Credit Union. For six years, I worked as an adjunct professor at Victor Valley Community College teaching Public Works Administration. I have worked on the statewide Resolutions Committee for the California Baptist Convention and served as the regional representative for developing statewide women's programs. I am actively involved in a local community service organization and for many years in that capacity have been involved with a wide range of experiences in designing organizational growth, strengthening the core structure, long term and vision planning, development of staff and volunteers, and resource and program management.

**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?

As a professional and as a volunteer, I have a wide range of experiences with organizational structures, long term and vision planning, development of staff and volunteers, and resource and program management. My experience of leading organizational activities and implementing change for growth includes bringing together intergenerational and multicultural groups to achieve common goals. I am an effective manager with expertise in efficient and productive management implementing process improvements in finance, human resources, risk management, and a wide variety of related administrative and organizational functions. I have led highly skilled teams to support the achievement of overall agency goals and objectives.

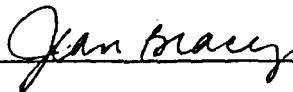
General Comments / Statements

I believe in SDRMA's stated mission. My agency is a strong supporter of the risk pool concept and particularly SDRMA. From our recent claims experience I presented the topic, "The Good, The Bad, The Ugly. Leadership: A Management Case Study," at the CSDA Annual Conference in September 2006, where I was able to demonstrate our agency's positive experience with SDRMA's expert management of our claims.

I am attracted to the passion and energy expressed by SDRMA staff and Board in their aggressive and confident approach to the mission of SDRMA. I want to contribute to SDRMA's objective and its future.

I certify that I am a Board member or a full-time management employee for the agency from which I have been nominated. 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



Date

May 15, 2007

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

This information will be distributed to the membership with the ballot, "exactly as submitted" by the candidates. No statements are endorsed by SDRMA.

Nominee/Candidate: William R. Miller, General Manager
District/Agency: The North Of The River Municipal Water District
Work Address: 4000 Rio Del Norte Street
Bakersfield, California 93308-1024
Work Phone: 661.393.5411
Home Phone: 661.822.6059

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

SDRMA serves several important functions for its member districts. Claim prevention is one of them. As a past member of the Board of the now SDRMA consolidated Special District Workers Compensation Authority, I was able to assist in the formation of many of the policies now in use by SDRMA. One of these policy areas is safety. The prevention of accidents and injuries is very important to me. I want to continue to assist in developing programs, which in a cost effective manner, encourage the improvement of the safety environment of our member districts.

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

Past Board Member and President of the Special District Workers Compensation Authority

Board Member (18 Yrs) and Past President (3 Yrs) California Special Districts Association

Current Board President, Tehachapi Resource Conservation District

Current Commissioner, Kern County LAFCO

**Special District Risk Management Authority
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What special skills, talents or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have?

12+Yrs as a Special District Board Member

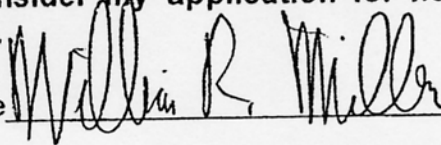
26 Yrs as a Special District General Manager

General Comments and/or Statements

In addition to SDRMA's several insurance lines offered, it also provides educational and support services designed to better enable the member district to deal with claims and potential claims, and more importantly, prevent claims and injuries. One of my main thrusts as an SDRMA Board Member will be to continue to support and help develop programs and services that will help member districts reduce or eliminate claims. Whilst it is one of my continuing goals to have the best coverage possible for the district and its employees, my idealistic goal is to make the use of this coverage almost unnecessary. My other interest in serving on the SDRMA Board is its business side. Yes, SDRMA is a Joint Powers Authority; but in reality it is also a business, and needs to be run that way, as it is now. Not in the sense of making profits, but in the sense of holding down costs as much as one can, whilst still maintaining standards of excellence. As the then President of the Special District Workers Compensation Authority, I was instrumental in helping to achieve the recent merging of that program with SDRMA, thereby saving both pool's members thousands of dollars in duplicative administrative costs. As a member of the SDRMA Board, I would continue to look for ways to provide cost-effective service to its member districts. I ask for your vote. Thank you.

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Candidate Signature



Date: May 16, 2007