

MEMO

To: Board of Directors

From: District Manager

Subject: Special District Risk Management Authority Board of Directors Election

Date: August 10, 2005

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors review this memo and approve the attached resolution electing seven (7) Directors to the Special District Risk Management Authority Board of Directors.

BACKGROUND:

At the August 4, 2005 Board of Directors meeting your Board received information relative to the Special District Risk Management Authority Board of Directors Election. Staff was directed to reagendaize this item for a future meeting to give the Board time to review the candidate's statements.

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 2005, SDRMA notified its membership that nominations were being accepted for seven (7) seats on the Board of Directors. Eleven (11) nominations were received and each candidate 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 16, 2005.

It is recommended that the Board of Directors review this memo and approve the attached resolution electing seven (7) Directors to the Special District Risk Management Authority Board of Directors.

James Mueller
District Manager

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER
DISTRICT
FOR THE ELECTION OF SEVEN 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 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 participate in at least one of SDRMA's joint protection programs; 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 Policy No. 2005-02 Establishing Guidelines for Director Elections stipulates director qualifications, terms of office and election requirements; and

WHEREAS, SDRMA's Board of Directors Policy No. 2005-02 Establishing Guidelines for Director Elections 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of San Lorenzo Valley Water District authorizes the selection of the following seven (7) candidates to serve as Directors on the SDRMA Board of Directors:

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OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT
SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VOTE FOR ONLY SEVEN (7) CANDIDATES

Mark each of the seven (7) selections directly onto the ballot. A ballot received with more than seven (7) candidates selected will be considered invalid and not counted. All ballots must be sealed and returned by mail or hand delivery in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope to SDRMA on or before 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 16, 2005.

- ☐ **THOMAS N. LEWIS**
Board Member, Trinity County Waterworks District No.1
- ☐ **GREGORY S. HALL**
Director of Administration, Rancho Murieta Community Services District
- ☐ **HAROLD L. GANO**
Board Member, Olivenhain Municipal Water District
- ☐ **KEN SONKSEN**
General Manager, Sanger Del/Rey Cemetery District
- ☐ **DAVID ARANDA**
General Manager, Stallion Springs Community Services District
- ☐ **JOHN WOOLLEY**
Board Member, Humboldt Waste Management Authority
- ☐ **DANA S. MULDER**
Board Member, Minter Field Airport District
- ☐ **JOHN C. YEAKLEY**
General Manager, Bear Valley Community Services District
- ☐ **ALAN G. DYER**
Board Member, West Valley Water District
- ☐ **ANTONIO "TONY" SEDANO**
Board Member, Local Agency Formation Commission of San Bernardino County
- ☐ **WILLIAM R. MILLER**
General Manager, North of the River Municipal Water District

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2005 by the Board of Directors of San Lorenzo Valley Water District by the following roll call votes listed by name:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

APPROVED:

President
Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Secretary
Board of Directors

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	175 West 5 th Street, 2 nd Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0490
Work Phone	(909) 387.5866 Home Phone (909) 864.5989

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

As a charter board member of the Special Districts Insurance Authority (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 taxpayers of the State of California.

B. 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 CWD until its merger with the City of San Bernardino; served in the City of San Bernardino Water Department until my retirement in 1997; served on LAFCO since 1998 as Alternate Public Member.

C. What special skills, talents, or experience including volunteer experience do you have?

Have served as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Special Districts Insurance Authority; currently volunteer with the United Way Board of Directors; work with my local Neighborhood Watch Association.

D. General Comments and 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 Districts 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.

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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. Therefore, 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. Salas Date 6/13/05

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	Alan G. Dyer
District/Agency	West Valley Water District
Work Address	855 W. Baseline (P.O. Box 920) Rialto, CA 92377
Work Phone	(909) 875-1804 Home Phone (909) 873-1843 (900) 388-6000 (School Site)

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

As a current three term SDRMA Board member, I want to continue on behalf of C.S.D.A. to promote and vote on policy issues regarding risk management and property liabilities that affect California Special Districts Statewide. I will strive to maintain my 90% or better attendance goals as an active SDRMA Board member.

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

As a Water Board Director of the West Valley Water District, I have served in leadership roles as (a) Board President and Vice President (b) Personnel Committee Chairperson (c) Budget Committee. As SDRMA Board member, I have attended numerous Director/Board Workshops/Conferences as part of enhancement of Director Development Goals.

C. What special skills, talents, or experience including volunteer experience do you have?

I have the following work and educational skills to be of benefit to the SDRMA Board: (a) Strong leadership skills (b) excellent "people" skills, 32 years as an Educator/Administrator (c) memberships in community service organization, such as: Rotary, BPW and CCAE (d) proficient with computers "tech savvy" and (e) bi-lingual skills, speak, write and read Spanish with good fluency.

D. General Comments and Statements

To sum up my desire to serve as an SDRMA Board member are based upon these specific qualifications:

- (a) Current knowledgeable experience as an SDRMA Board member (2 terms – S.D.W.C.A. Board – 1 term SDRMA Board) 3 terms Board Director – West Valley Water District.
- (b) Strong educational background–BA/MA Degrees in Education/Administration (Life Credentials) 32 years Professional Experience.

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- (c) Strong CSDA experience—Local So. Ca. Region – SBCSDA – Vice President/Committee experience.
- (d) Honorable Military Service—Retired MSGT, U.S. Air Force Reserve, 22 years of service.
- (e) Excellent “people” skills, good “team player”, honest with a strong sense of ethics to accomplish the “public’s business.”
- (f) A “doer” that participates actively in Civic and Community “Volunteer” projects as a Church member, Rotary and BPW member.

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Candidate Signature Alan G. Dyer Date 5/18/05

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 C Yeakley
District/Agency	Bear Valley CSD
Work Address	28999 South Lower Valley Rd, Tehachapi, CA 93561
Work Phone	661-821-4428 Home Phone 661-397-4519

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

I have served on the SDRMA Board since March of 1999. During that time, the organization has experienced tremendous growth and I am proud to have been a part of that. I would be honored to continue to serve on this board.

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

Six plus years on SDRMA Board, ten years on the Tehachapi Water Availability Preservation Committee, three years on the Greater Tehachapi Fire Safe Council, three years on ACWA Groundwater Committee and Safe Drinking Water Sub-Committee.

C. What special skills, talents, or experience including volunteer experience do you have?

Substantial military and civilian experience in General Management, Contract Administration/Negotiation, Project Management, Energy and Environmental issues. Licensed Professional Engineer in California and Oregon. Certified Special District Administrator and recognition in Special District Governance.

D. General Comments and Statements

Background:

26 years, United States Navy Construction Forces including combat construction (Seabees), Base Maintenance, and construction management, Vietnam Veteran, enlisted in 1967, retired in 1993 as a Lieutenant Commander, Civil Engineer Corps. Took employment with Bear Valley CSD shortly after retiring.

Education:

AAS (Diesel Technology)	Oregon Technical Institute	1967
BS (Mechanical Engineering)	University of Washington	1976
BS (Business and Management)	University of Maryland	1980
MS (Petroleum Engineering)	University of Texas	1981

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Organizations:

Toastmasters International, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Fleet Reserve Association, National Rifle Association

Hobbies & Interests:

Fishing, firearms, judo, scuba, cribbage, outdoors and fitness.

Personal;

Age, 58; Married 34 years; reside in Bakersfield with wife, daughter and grandsons (ages 11, 10 & 3).

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 6/11/05

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	Dana S. Mulder		
District/Agency	Minter Field Airport District		
Work Address	201 Aviation Street, Shafter CA 93263		
Work Phone	(661) 393.0402	Home Phone	(661) 746.2189

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

I have been on the Minter Field Airport District Board for over 17 years. In 2005 I was elected to another 4-year term. I have the time to attend the meetings and feel that I can continue to contribute to SDRMA.

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

Served on following boards: SDWCA, SDRMA, CSDA Alliance, Minter Field Airport District, Local School Board, Local Church Board, City of Shafter Visions Committee, Shafter Disaster Response Team, Shafter Kiwanis.

C. What special skills, talents, or experience including volunteer experience do you have?

I am a good Listener and am old enough to have accumulated a variety of skills and experiences. Have volunteered to City of Shafter disaster Response Team; have been involved in school reading program, served as assistant to Hospital Chaplain, worked with youth groups. I try to help where I see a need.

D. General Comments and Statements

I have served on a wide variety of Boards. I still enjoy it and am able to attend a majority of meetings. I feel I can continue to serve in a productive way.

The services provided by CSDA cover a wide variety of local community needs. The majority of people in California are not aware of the part Special Districts play in our daily lives, yet that part is vital to our comfort and well-being.

I have served and, if elected, will continue to contribute and serve with due diligence.

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Candidate Signature Dana S. Mulder Date 6/23/05

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 5 th Street, Rm 111, Eureka, CA 95501		
Work Phone	707-476-2393	Home Phone	707-443-6889

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

I served on the SDRMA Board from 1988 through 1995 and since have remained involved by promoting the programs and recruiting new SDRMA members. In my current capacity as county supervisor I believe I can provide broader communication & representation than before, and can assist in keeping SDRMA a responsive, cost effective risk management organization.

B. 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 serving on boards, committees & commissions since 1981, as a board member of Manila Community Services District and since 1997 as county supervisor. In addition to Humboldt Waste Management Authority, I also serve on several boards that are members to SDRMA as well; e.g. North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District and Redwood Coast Energy Authority.

C. What special skills, talents, or experience including volunteer experience do you have?

Through my long term public service experience, I have demonstrated and been supported by the electorate in my abilities to make sound fiscal decisions, establish effective policy and long range vision, able to track unique & complicated matters, make decisions that are in the best interest of both the public & agency, and have an understanding of public governing rules & regulations.

D. General Comments and Statements

I was fortunate to have had the experience to serve on the SDRMA Board from 1988 through 1995; helping to ensure the newly formed entity would fulfill its mission and commitment to its members. My continuing support of SDRMA has enabled me to interact with staff and keep track of its services and growth into new arenas. The Board and staff members have continued to assure services are equitable and effectively provided.

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The workers' compensation merger has created phenomenal growth, and while the growth helps strengthen SDRMA's pool, the challenge will be to ensure that services are not diminished. The Board will need to evaluate carefully the extent of change required to continue providing the quality of service and appropriate responsive measures.

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 as a board member to Special District Risk Management Authority. 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

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Date 6/15/05

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	David Aranda
District/Agency	Stallion Springs C.S.D.
Work Address	28500 Stallion Springs Drive, Tehachapi, CA 93561
Work Phone	661-822-3268 Home Phone 661-822-9714

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

I continue to find the ability to assist special districts with the workers compensation, liability, auto, etc. needs challenging. I desire to see SDRMA provide other coverages such as Health Insurance and Disability Insurance.

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

Served on SDRMA's Board since Jan 1998. Past CSDA Board member. Currently serve on the CRWA Board.

C. What special skills, talents, or experience including volunteer experience do you have?

I serve as chair of the Special District Leadership Foundation which allows me to stay in "touch" with many of the various types of Special Districts. This allows me to understand the specific needs of all types of Independent Special Districts.

D. General Comments and Statements

I have served as the President/Chair for SDRMA for the past five years.

I have spoken on behalf of SDRMA at the various workshops the Authority conducts. I have enjoyed meeting many of the members and presenting information that assists various districts.

As the General Manager of Stallion Springs C.S.D., I am responsible for water, sewer, parks, police, solid waste, and roads. This allows me to be familiar with the problems, issues, and needs of many of our members.

I welcome phone calls from members or potential members of SDRMA in regard to problems, issues, or questions.

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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 5/12/05

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	Ken Sonksen		
District/Agency	Sanger/Del Rey Cemetery District		
Work Address	568 S. Rainbow, Sanger CA 93657		
Work Phone	(559) 787-2267	Home Phone	(559) 447-5780

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

I would like to continue to be a part of an organization that will forge new ideas and technology that better equips Special Districts to meet today's challenges and future demands. I look forward to helping members by promoting responsive services, comprehensive coverage's, and fiscal oversight to ensure SDRMA's future strength and integrity.

B. 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 deeply involved with SDRMA, CSDA and California Association of Public Cemeteries (CAPC) over the past 15 years. I have served in the capacity of past Board President and current Vice President of SDRMA, Board member and Secretary of CSDA, and Board member and Treasurer of CAPC. I chaired a committee appointed by the Sanger Planning Commission that was charged with developing the community goals for the cities General Plan.

C. What special skills, talents, or experience including volunteer experience do you have?

I have spent over 30 years in public service working for the US Forest Service. During my tenure, I served as a Landscape Architect responsible for the design and construction of recreation and administrative facilities. The last ten years of my career I served as Assistant Recreation Officer responsible for the development of a forest recreation program including the management of a 2.3 million dollar budget. From 1976 to 1996 I was a Trustee of a cemetery district responsible for developing goals, direction, and setting policies to provide direction for the day to day operations. The past eight years I have been the General Manager of the Sanger/Del Rey Cemetery District responsible for the implementation of policies and procedures developed by the Board of Trustees, budget development, and the day-to-day operations of six cemeteries consisting of 70 acres.

I am also actively involved in the community of Sanger with the Chamber of Commerce serving as an Ambassador and volunteering for events like the Sanger Toy Land Parade.

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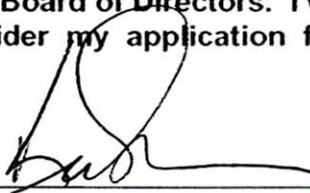
D. General Comments and Statements

I am excited about the possibility of serving our members for another term. Together we have brought SDRMA from an organization of 73 property and liability members to a combined workers compensation and property and liability organization of 593 members. SDRMA is setting the pace for public entity pool in California. I would like to continue that movement by promoting pool health benefit coverage's; on-line computer training for employees and Directors; continue to provide safety training opportunities to those Districts that haven't yet moved into the internet world; reflect the values of our members; and explore ways to diversify business opportunities that will strengthen SDRMA's financial future.

I will continue to promote rates of 15% or more below market rates; maintain confidence levels of 95% or greater; promote a business plan that builds the financial integrity of SDRMA; and promote membership growth that will stabilize the exposure of the pool protecting all members.

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 6/16/05

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	Harold L. Gano
District/Agency	Olivenhain Municipal Water District
Work Address	1966 Olivenhain Road, Encinitas, CA 92024
Work Phone	(760) 753.6466
Home Phone	(760) 435.5437

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

As one of the founding members on the SDWCA Board and as an incumbent on the SDRMA and former SDWCA Board of Directors since 1986, I would like to continue on the Board to serve the members that expect the diligence and commitment from their Board representatives. Efficiently priced and stable risk financing and management are vital to the continued success of both SDRMA and its members.

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

Not only have I served on the SDRMA Board (and SDWCA Board) for 19 years, I have served on the Board of Olivenhain Municipal Water District for 23 years. I also currently serve on the ACWA Governmental Affairs Committee. I also serve as SDRMA's representative to the CSDA Executive Alliance Committee.

C. What special skills, talents, or experience including volunteer experience do you have?

I have made significant contribution to SDWCA & SDRMA for the past 19 years. My experience on these two Boards is unrivaled. Through my experience, I have gained a thorough comprehension of the challenges and needs that face Special Districts in the insurance and risk areas. Before becoming involved with Special Districts over 20 years ago, I served as CEO of several Southern California hospitals. I am also a Veteran of the United States Navy.

D. General Comments and Statements

SDRMA has proven itself as a leader in providing renewable, efficiently priced and creative risk financing and risk management services. I feel that my contributions to the SDRMA board have helped the program be the success that it is today. SDRMA has grown dramatically in its membership. Special districts have had to become increasingly frugal and cost efficient in running their organizations. I understand this as my own agency, Olivenhain Municipal Water District, is losing almost 3 million dollars in property tax revenues to

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the State over the next 2 years. If you re-elect me to the SDRMA Board, I will continue to work to keep rates competitive and will continue to work with the dedicated and talented SDRMA staff to implement the best management practices for the benefit of all SDRMA members. I will also continue to serve on the CSDA Executive Alliance, which has served SDRMA members through this inter-agency partnership. Based on the aforementioned, I ask for your vote and thank you for your continued support.

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 7/6/05

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

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Nominee/Candidate	Gregory S. Hall
District/Agency	Rancho Murieta Community Services District
Work Address	15160 Jackson Road, Rancho Murieta, CA 95683
Work Phone	916-354-3700 Home Phone 916-984-0434

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

As a current board member of SDRMA I believe strongly in the important risk management solutions we provide. Working together, the board and staff recently updated SDRMA's vision and goals and I would like to continue as a member of the team to working to achieve those goals for the betterment of SDRMA and its members.

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

As stated above, I am a current board member of SDRMA, appointed in December 2001. I served as SDRMA's appointee to the CSDA Board of Directors from 2002-2003 and served on their legislative committee. In addition, I serve as an important team member of several committees of the Rancho Murieta Community Services District including personnel, finance and communication and technology.

C. What special skills, talents, or experience including volunteer experience do you have?

I graduated from California State University, Sacramento with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration (Finance). I am currently the Director of Administration for the Rancho Murieta Community Services District overseeing finance and information technology and have worked for the District for over 20 years. I have received certificates of completion for Special District Board Management from SDBMI and the Special District Governance Academy from CSDA.

D. General Comments and Statements

Serving on the SDRMA board has been a great learning experience for me. I admit when I was first appointed to the SDRMA board, I asked myself, "How exciting is this going to be"? The reason I asked that question is that most of us take for granted risk management services. Once we have insurance coverage we sit back and hope that nothing happens. We rarely do anything proactive for risk management. However, once I was appointed to the SDRMA board, I was able to see firsthand how important risk management is. The key

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to stable rates is not only reducing losses, it is loss prevention. It is understanding the market place and working with consultants who sell us reinsurance to give us the best possible coverage and the best possible price. It is setting aside prudent reserves for the future. It is being efficient and productive and recognizing when changes need to be made, such as the recent consolidation of SDRMA and SDWCA (Workers Compensation program). And it is customer service to our members. It is not sitting back and letting technology pass us by, but instead harnessing and using the power of technology for our advantage; like our brand new online safety training program and online renewal questionnaires (coming soon). It is also maintaining valuable partnerships such as our Alliance with CSDA and the CSDA Finance Corporation. All of these important pieces fit together creating the backbone of your risk management solution provider.

Just this year alone, SDRMA members have grown over 11% in the Property and Liability program and over 20% in the Workers Compensation program. In addition, our reserves have grown in both programs and require prudent management and oversight. I would like to continue being a part of your team, working to ensure both programs remain financially sound while keeping rates competitive.

I am proud to one of **YOUR** SDRMA Board of Directors. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve 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 7/5/05

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

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Nominee/Candidate	Thomas N. Lewis	
District/Agency	Trinity County Waterworks District #1	
Work Address		
Work Phone		Home Phone 530-628-4772

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

After serving on the Board for the past four years, I feel that a second term will further my knowledge as a policy maker. I enjoy being part of a team and seeing the progress that SDRMA is making in the business world. As a member of the Board, my awareness of "How the insurance system works" and the benefits of how SDRMA is helping districts throughout California have greatly increased.

B. 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 on the SDRMA Board of Directors since 2002. I am currently serving my second term as Director/Assistant Chairman on the Trinity County Waterworks District #1 Board of Directors. I have served as a financial officer for my church for many years and also served as Chairman and Board Member of the Church Campground Committee for a number of years.

C. What special skills, talents, or experience including volunteer experience do you have?

Budget Planning

D. General Comments and Statements

I was raised in Southern California (Ontario). I attended high school and community college there. I received an A.S. Degree, majored in aeronautics and minored in fire science. My career as a firefighter included working for the City of Pomona and the County of Ventura over a 30-year span in fire prevention and suppression. I have been married for forty-four years and have three grown children. I am 67 years old and have been retired since 1993. I built my home in Hayfork following my retirement in 1993-1994. My hobbies include woodworking, working on vehicles and machine embroidery work with my wife Bonnie.

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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 Thomas H. Lewis Date June 15, 2005

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		
District/Agency	North of the River Municipal Water District		
Work Address	4000 Rio Del Norte, Oildale, CA 93308		
Work Phone	661-393-5411	Home Phone	661-822-6059

A. 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.

B. What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (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

C. 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

D. General Comments and 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 overarching goal is to make the use of this coverage unnecessary. My other interest in serving on the SDRMA Board is its business side. Yes, SDRMA is a Joint

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Powers Authority; but it 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 Walter R Miller Date May 12, 2005