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Candidates Letters of Interest
and Statement of Qualifications

Sara Reyes

From: Kevin Dayton <kdayton@laborissuessolutions.com>
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To: Sara Reyes
Subject: Sara: Application for MPWMD Division 3 vacancy

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Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District c/o Sara Reyes PO Box 85 Monterey, CA 93942

Dear Board Members:

I'm applying for the vacant board position for Division 3. I live in the district and I'm registered to vote.

If I were appointed to the board, I would focus on a vision that would make many people uncomfortable: freeing district residents from dependence on a public utility for their water. The fierce battles over who controls local water supply and distribution - and how much water should be available to present and future users - are a symptom of a problem, not a solution. Whoever controls water, electricity, and internet for a community has power over the destiny of that community.

Residents who decry private ownership of the water supply have a valid argument that the profit motive of a corporation may not correlate with the public good. But why are a majority of residents seemingly eager to have government (public) ownership of the water supply? The democratic will - as expressed through elections of representatives - does not necessarily correlate with the public good either.

Limits on water supply are a likely contributor to the recent population decline and school enrollment decline in cities within the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. Any effort to create or expand housing stock - or to open or expand businesses - is constricted by insufficient water.

And to be honest, that's what a democratic majority seems to want. Voters who own residential property benefit when the District interprets phrases in law such as "sufficient water" and "present or future beneficial use or uses of the lands or inhabitants within the district" in narrow or biased ways. Their property values and "quality of life" go up when water supply is used as a tool to stymie population growth, demographic change, and commercial activity.

To free people from the tyranny of owners of the water supply - whether it's a corporation or the democratic majority - people need to be free of the water supply. The District should have a long-term vision of putting itself and any of its partners out of the business of utility-scale water supply, with its burdensome fixed costs and its susceptibility to manipulation by people with money, power, and influence.

As "distributed solar" through rooftop panels and microgrids threatens the hegemony of electric utilities, "distributed water" would threaten the hegemony of water utilities. Monterey Peninsula water users would be ultimately able to pursue their happiness without being subjected to the ideologies, philosophies, and theologies of whoever controls the water utility.

And, as an added benefit, ending dependence on utility-scale water supply would eliminate a security weakness in our community that could be exploited by domestic and foreign enemies.

Obviously these visions sound outlandish to people who believe the current water supply system will be - or must be - the source of water for the next few generations of Monterey Peninsula residents to fulfill all their water needs for "irrigation, domestic, fire protection, municipal, commercial, industrial, recreational, and all other beneficial uses and purposes." And you may decide that consensus is superior to creativity.

At the very least, the board should formally dedicate part of their meeting agendas or a committee to a vision of water freedom through cisterns, condensers, small-scale water reuse and recycling, and other potential technology to obtain and store water without a massive government-owned or corporate-owned infrastructure system. That's what I would seek as an appointee to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Board of Directors for Division 3.

Sincerely,

Kevin Dayton
Division 3 Resident and Registered Voter

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Dear Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Board of Directors,

Please find my Statement of Qualifications attached for consideration for the MPWMD Division 3 vacancy. I currently reside at 45 Linda Vista Drive, Monterey. I have lived on the Monterey Peninsula full time since 2006.


I am a graduate of UC Santa Cruz and have spent my entire professional career, spanning 25 years, in the public and private sector of the water and wastewater utility management business. I have found public service to be very rewarding and would like to contribute my technical expertise and knowledge to help guide the local community with long term water supply solutions.

The Monterey Peninsula has been struggling with solutions to the complex local water supply issues for decades. I am very familiar with the history of water supply on the peninsula as well as the various issues related to the Carmel River diversions, the failed Regional Desal Plant project, disputed California American Desal Plant in Marina and the Pure Water Monterey and Carmel River winter flow diversion ASR well projects.

I consider myself an established subject matter expert in the area of water supply, treatment, reuse and management and would very much want to share my expertise to help guide the community by serving on the MPWMD Board. I would be honored to serve on this important Board.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



James Derbin
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STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

James Erin Derbin

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, UC Santa Cruz 1993, Environmental Studies and Biology
Emphasis: Water Quality

CERTIFICATION

Grade V Wastewater
D5 Water Distribution
T4 Water Treatment
CWEA Grade IV Collections
CA/NV AWWA Cross-Connection Control Program Specialist
CA/NV AWWA Backflow Assembly General Tester

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

9/17 - Present **Coastside County Water District**
Superintendent of Operations

Manage the daily operations and maintenance of the potable water system serving The City of Half Moon Bay and the unincorporated El Granada and Princeton. Administer Asset Management, Benchmarking and preventative maintenance programs for the District. Administer Cross-Connection Control program. Provide input for the District's Capital Improvement Program, annual budget process, as well as strategic and master planning efforts. The water system is supplied by 2 surface water treatment plants, 10 tanks, 5 booster pump stations, and 100 miles of distribution pipeline and is currently rated as a T3/D4 system. Supervise, train and motivate a staff of 11 comprised of 2 direct reports and 9 indirect reports. Coastside County water system collectively serves a population of 30,000 with 7,600 active potable water customer accounts. I am responsible for preparing and managing the annual Operations budget totaling \$4.8 Million. In FY 17/18 the Operations Department managed \$3 million in CIP projects.

4/06 – 9/17 **Marina Coast Water District**
Operations & Maintenance Superintendent

Manage the daily operations and maintenance of the potable water system and wastewater collections system serving The City of Marina and the former Fort Ord. Administer CMMS, Asset Management, Benchmarking and preventative maintenance programs for the District. Administer FOG and Cross-Connection Control programs. Provide input for the District's Capital Improvement Program, annual budget process, as well as strategic and master planning efforts. The water system is supplied by 7 groundwater wells, 8 tanks and 240 miles of distribution pipeline and is currently rated as a T1/D4 system. The collection system has 19 lift stations and 160 miles of collection pipeline. Supervise, train and motivate a staff of 14 comprised of 2 direct reports and 12 indirect reports. Marina and Ord systems collectively serve a population of 34,000 with 8,400 active water and wastewater customer accounts. I am responsible for preparing and managing the annual O&M and Laboratory budgets totaling \$4.3 Million. In FY 16/17 the O&M Department managed \$1 million in CIP projects.

4/03 – 4/06

The Sea Ranch Water Company
Director of Utilities

Manage the operation and maintenance of water and wastewater systems serving a private community on the Northern Sonoma Coast. The Sea Ranch water system is rated as a T3/D2 water system comprised of 2 groundwater wells and a surface water treatment plant. Two secondary wastewater treatment facilities, 5 lift stations and associated collection system were operated under contract with Sonoma County Water Agency. A nationally recognized septic inspection program was administered by my Department under contract for Sonoma County Permit Resource and Development Department. As the Director of Utilities, I managed a staff of 5, with 2 direct reports. During my employment with The Sea Ranch, I managed a consultant contract for developing a hydraulic model of the water system, SCADA improvements, welded steel tank coating and repair project, and a variety of surface water and wastewater treatment plant improvements which resolved several long standing regulatory compliance issues. The annual operations budget was \$1.3 million.

1/01-4/03

Weber, Hayes and Associates
Staff Engineer

Field engineering, system design, installation start up, operation and environmental sampling of a variety of groundwater remediation systems. Supervise the installation of the systems and manage contractors supporting this effort. Consult small water and wastewater system owner/operators on compliance issues and solutions.

11/99-12/00

Carmel Valley Ranch
Lab Director/Operator

Operate and maintain an 80,000 gallon per day water reclamation facility and maintain an ELAP certified analytical laboratory. Collect and analyze samples to confirm Title 22 compliance, and process control.

5/98-11/99

The City of Palo Alto
Water Transmission Specialist

Operate and maintain a 17 million gallon per day potable water distribution and storage system utilizing SCADA. Maintain chlorination and fluoride facilities. Supervise crew when Lead Operator absent.

12/96-5/98

The City of San Jose
Source Control Technician

Conduct industrial pretreatment inspections to confirm permit compliance. Collect storm water samples and storm event flow data, analyze results and present data.

6/95-12/96

The Highlands Inn
Wastewater Operator/Laboratory Director

Refurbish and operate a 40,000 gallon per day secondary wastewater treatment facility. Build, operate, and handle ELAP application and certification of a newly constructed analytical laboratory.

12/93-6/95

Long Marine Laboratory Trace Organics Facility
Laboratory Technician III

Extract and analyze water, sediment and shellfish samples for trace levels of Pesticides, PCBs, and Aromatic Hydrocarbons. Operate and maintain an HPLC. Train and supervise chemistry interns.

12/90-12/93

Long Marine Laboratory Trace Organics Facility
Environmental Chemistry Intern

Sample preparation and analysis using GC/ECD, GC/MS. Develop analytical methods to detect trace amounts of pentachlorophenol in water, sediment, and shellfish.

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From the desk of
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January 6, 2021

Via Email: Sara@mpwmd.net

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Att'n: The Board of Directors
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Monterey, California 93940

RE: Letter of Interest and Statement of Qualifications for
Director Appointment for Open Division 3 Seat

TO THE HONORABLE MR. ALVIN EDWARDS, BOARD CHAIR, AND TO
THE MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Responding to the call of the MPWMD's December 21, 2020 press release seeking immediate replacement for Division 3 Seat, I humbly apply for the Director position. In addition to providing my Statement of Qualifications (attached), I'd like to briefly describe who I am and why I am enthusiastic to serve on MPWMD's Board.

About Me

First, family. Yesterday was the 29th anniversary of my marriage to my wife, Maria - a Brooklyn-born, second generation Sicilian whom I met during my undergraduate studies in New York. We married right out of college. Maria and I are blessed with three incredible children. The oldest, Katrina, now 35, we took in when she was 15 - a native of Seaside. Our son, Alex, is 27 and he resides in Dublin, California, where he works for the City in their communications department. Lastly, Ethan, 22, graduates this summer from CSU Long Beach, and is actively applying to medical schools.

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Next, career. I am a founding partner in the law firm of Gates Eisenhart Dawson, with offices in San Jose and Monterey. The firm opened up its downtown Monterey office in 2019 which I head up. I am a California State Bar Certified Appellate Specialist, litigating broadly in the areas of real estate, business, employment, housing and financial elder abuse, both at the trial court and appellate levels. I've been practicing law for nearly 25 years.

Here's what makes me tick. I consider myself of defender of fairness and justice. In my legal career, I have often represented the underdog, whether at the beginning of my career representing criminal defendants, or later on when pursuing civil rights claims on behalf of individual and class members in the areas of tenants' rights, employment discrimination, and financial elder abuse cases. Simply stated, I don't like a bully. In addition, I have learned long ago that there is no greater joy in life than doing for others.

Now to the really important stuff. I am, forgive me, an avid Star Trek fan. My wife and I are devout cooks in our Italian kitchen. (Every year we jar our own sauce.) And we love to entertain because breaking bread with friends and family is probably our number one pastime.

Why I Want To Serve

Although our family is relatively new to the Peninsula, we have quickly become experts in many of the issues surrounding water. Our first lesson was our first Cal-Am water bill. I can attest that living at our prior residence in San Jose, we used precisely the same amount of water, but in Monterey, we pay many times more.

After the passage of Measure J/Rule 19.8 - *which I whole-heartedly support* - I have watched how Cal-Am has launched its fight against the takeover. I carefully read their law firm's response to the EIR on the Potential Acquisition of Monterey Water System and District Boundary Adjustment. They were clearly going to resist in court, as evidenced by the pending lawsuit. I believe that my experience as a litigator and an appellate specialist will be an asset to the Board as it navigates these challenges, working closely with retained counsel for the MPWMD.

Separately, MPWMD's water supply projects and Carmel River mitigation programs are of great interest to me. Frankly, everything I have read on these projects and

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programs are inspiring. I would look forward to serving on any committee which would afford me the opportunity to engage more closely in these and other initiatives.

I look forward to discussing my candidacy, as well as any views expressed herein, with each Board Member, whether socially distancing in person, or via zoom or other remote access. I remain grateful for the opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,



Marc A. Eisenhart



cc: All Board Members

Statement of Qualifications

Residency and Voter Registration

There are two technical requirements for serving as a MPWMD District 3 Director. One, the applicant must reside in District 3. Two, the applicant must be registered to vote in Monterey County. As to both requirements, I am in compliance.

Education

My educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts Degree (French literature) from the State University of New York at Stony Brook (1991) and a Juris Doctorate from Santa Clara University School of Law (1996).

Career

My work experience includes nearly 25 years as a litigation attorney and I am a founding partner of the firm of Gates Eisenhart Dawson.

As it pertains to water, and for the last 15 years, I have represented a privately held water company in Santa Clara County, successfully navigating its varied litigation needs. In working closely with the utility, I am quite versed with the practices - and politics - associated with the CPUC's GRC purposes and procedures.

More information on my qualifications can be found at www.gedlaw.com.

Community Involvement

In maintaining my ties with my alma mater, I have both created and taught law courses at Santa Clara University School of Law.

Over the years, I have served on a number of boards and in various organizations, including serving as a board member for a local chapter of the ACLU of Northern California, assisting the H.E.L.P. Division (Homelessness Prevention Eviction Law Project), serving as a Judge Pro Tem and Judicial Arbitrator for the Santa Clara County Superior Court, and providing free MCLE programs through the Monterey County Bar Association, of which I am a member.

I speak French, Italian, and a Sicilian dialect. References provided upon request.

Sara Reyes

From: Safwat Malek <safwat@enviro-international.com>
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Dear Sara & David,

Please consider this is my application for candidacy to fill the vacant seat for Division 3.

Name: Safwat Malek
address:
Residence: 500 Glenwood Circle, #423, Monterey CA 94953
Occupation: Architect
Residency: I lived in Monterey County since 2000

I am an architect located in Monterey. my website is: www.enviro-international.com

We design a variety of building types: residential, commercial & religious here on the Monetary County, Bay Area and internationally.

I have been practicing architecture since 1970s. my license # 7308

I have lived in Pebble Beach, Carmel Highlands and now in Monterey.

I am interested in enhancing the water supply on the Monterey Peninsula

My goal is to create this economically, equitably, environmentally and in a spirit of cooperation and fairness.

I value community cooperative spirit and I offer respect and listen to all points of view, open and free discussion to arrive at the most beneficial outcome for the entire community

I believe that I am a good fit for this position and have worked successfully with the MPWMD's staff over the years in a variety of projects

I look forward to hearing from you

Safwat Malek
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Ms. Dije Ndreu
606 Taylor St.
Monterey, CA 93940

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Sara Reyes
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

Ms. Reyes:

I am interested in filling the current Board vacancy and representing Division 3 on the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Board. I reside in and am registered to vote in the Division 3 area.

I am a consumer and environmental protection prosecutor with Monterey County. Prior to my law career, I was a water quality chemist and then an environmental manager. I have previously worked for two California water districts. Please see my statement of qualifications for more information.

I believe my working knowledge of drinking water laws and regulations and familiarity with how water districts operate, along with my experience enforcing environmental laws and regulations would make me well-suited to fill this vacancy.

Sincerely,



Ms. Dije Ndreu

Dije Ndreu
Statement of Qualifications
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Board Vacancy, Division 3

- Experienced attorney, environmental manager, and scientist
- 25+ years working in the public sector
- 12+ years as a consumer and environmental protection prosecutor with Monterey County (current position)
- Extensive knowledge of environmental laws and regulations
- Former water quality chemist
- Eight years ensuring compliance with drinking water laws and regulations at two different California water districts (Marin Municipal Water District, Goleta Water District)
- Thorough understanding of potable water treatment and quality operations, regulations, and issues, as well as those concerning recycled water
- Familiarity with how California public water districts operate
- Five years serving as Water Pollution Control Administrator for the City of Hayward (oversaw wastewater and stormwater programs)
- Solid oral and written communication skills
- Experienced at preparing and reviewing regulatory reports and technical memoranda
- Presenter at numerous conferences and training seminars
- BS and MS degrees in chemistry

680 Dry Creek
Monterey, CA 93940

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I am applying for Molly Evans empty spot on the BOD.

My training is as an engineer. Most of my career was on the Operations Research faculty at the Naval Postgraduate School – a complete resume can be found at <http://faculty.nps.edu/awashburn/>. I am a skeptical “show me the data” kind of person.

I have lived here since 1970, so I sort of know the local water history. I advised Charlie Zuhoski’s Masters thesis during the 1975(?) water rationing period. The subject of his thesis was optimal decisions about water rationing when the objective function was a discounted multi-year utility where rainfall was predictable only statistically. More recently I briefly got involved in the persistent question of whether a local desal facility is actually “needed”. Expectations about rainfall are again crucial to that question.

I am retired, so I have the time and would like to contribute to the important decisions that we are about to make about water.

Sincerely,

Alan Washburn

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