



Santa Clara Valley Water District

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Item No.: 3.3.

BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Approve the Nomination of Ms. Swanee Edwards, by District 1 Director John Varela, as Replacement to the District 1 Representative Seat on the Santa Clara Valley Water District 2021 Redistricting Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the nomination of Ms. Swanee Edwards, by District 1 Director John Varela, as replacement to the District 1 Representative seat on the Santa Clara Valley Water District 2021 Redistricting Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY:

Recently, District 1 Committee member Juan Munoz-Morris informed staff that due to unforeseen circumstances, he would not be able to commit the time necessary to serve on the Redistricting Advisory Committee. District 1 Director John Varela has since submitted a new nominee, Ms. Swanee Edwards, to the Committee. Ms. Edwards received the Volunteer of the Year Award in 2019 and is currently a Valley Water-Water Ambassador. More information on Ms. Edwards' background, as well as a photo, are contained in Attachment 1.

With this appointment, the 2021 Redistricting Advisory Committee (Committee) will be back to its full membership of seven members each one representing one of Valley Water's seven districts. The Committee's responsibilities are to:

1. review 2020 census data;
2. determine if population shifts require adjustments in electoral district boundaries;
3. take public input on what boundary adjustments should be considered; and
4. oversee the drafting district boundaries based on 2020 census data.

The Committee conducted its orientation on April 20, 2021. The Committee's next meeting will be in June and is expected to finish its work in April 2022.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no additional financial impact associated with this item.

CEQA:

The recommended action does not constitute a project under CEQA because it does not have a potential for resulting in direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Nominee Qualifications

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Don Rocha, 408-355-4196



Ms. Edwards moved to Morgan Hill California in 1989 from Portland, Ore. She was educated at University of Oregon, (Eugene, Ore.) with a major in Construction Management and minored in Psychology. She has three grown daughters and one son, a San Jose Police veteran of 27 years.

Ms. Edwards became involved in the Democratic Party in Santa Clara County in 1995. She is active in Morgan Hill as a member of the Morgan Hill Community Foundation, AAUW, and graduated in the Leadership Morgan Hill Class of 2013. Awarded Volunteer of the Year in 2019 for Valley Water and became a Valley Water Ambassador in the same year.

Ms. Edwards was appointed to the Santa Clara County Election's Commission by Supervisor Mike Wasserman in 2016 and remains a Commissioner to the present day. One of the top issues at the Commission is redistricting.

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From: [John Varela](#)
To: [Michele King](#)
Subject: FW: Re Districting - District 1 Valley Water
Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 4:45:01 PM

Hi Michele

Please distribute message from Swanee Edwards to Directors prior to tonight's Board meeting

Thank you

John

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Board of Directors District -1
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From: [Swanee](#)
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 4:12 PM
To: '[John Varela](#)'; [John Varela](#)
Subject: Re Districting - District 1 Valley Water
Importance: High

Valley Water Board of Directors,

I humbly accept my appointment to the Valley Water Redistricting Commission. I am so grateful that John reached out to me as this position fits nicely into another position I hold at The County of Santa Clara as a second term Elections Commissioner. As a Valley Water Ambassador, this position will allow me another education experience and understanding.

I am so very proud to be a small part of this organization and so appreciate the constant outreach to our community. Valley Water is now a part of our community and a partner in assisting our Leaders in the process of operating Valley Water. I receive so MANY positive comments about our Flood Control Project, and the transparency shown regarding the Anderson Dam Project as well.

Thank you District 1 Board Member John Varela and to all of your fellow Board Members for this opportunity! I hope to proudly serve the Water District and my fellow residents in District one well.

Ever Onward,

Swanee

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