

VOTER'S PAMPHLET

LOCAL NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

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Statement of **CRAIG AUSTIN**, Candidate for
Director
San Lorenzo Valley Water District

Occupation: US Sales Support Supervisor **Age:** 46

My wife, children and I love living in the Redwoods and hope to spend the rest of our lives here. We moved here from Southern California in 1994. We lived in Felton, Ben Lomond and finally purchased our first home in Boulder Creek in 1998 and have been there ever since.

I bring over 20 years of experience in direct sales, sales management, business development, strategic planning, territory development, and sales training and coaching. I have been very successful in building solid relationships with management and staff and consistently meeting client objectives throughout my career. At Newark Electronics I held a position as Operations Manager and directed a \$33 million dollar sales territory in Northern California and Northern Nevada. Newark is one of the largest electronics distributors in the US. I managed a staff of 12 inside account representatives and outside account managers.

Last year SLVWD asked for and was granted yet another price increase. Now I learn that SLVWD has a \$10 million dollar surplus, what is up with that? I can no longer sit idly by and have decided to run for a seat on the BOD.

I appreciate your support.

Best regards,

Craig Austin

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Statement of **STEPHEN SWAN**, Candidate for
Director
San Lorenzo Valley Water District

Occupation: Program Manager **Age:** 59

As a Program Manager in the high-tech industry for over 30 years, I have had the privilege of managing complex multi-million dollar projects comprised of diverse teams from around the world. As an entrepreneur I have developed new products and negotiated investments and contracts with manufacturers, distributors and suppliers. Skills that I can bring to this position include: Project planning, Problem solving, Analytical skills, Requirements gathering & interpretation and excellent communication skills.

Also as a 30+ year resident of San Lorenzo Valley and father of 3, I have seen the evolution and growth of our valley community struggle with our existing infrastructure. Maintaining our Water system in a manner that is acceptable, safe and sufficient for our needs, will be a priority for myself and us all given the economic times and limitations that will be forced on all our federal, state and local governments.

As a Veteran and Staff Sergeant in the USAF during the Vietnam Era, I view this opportunity to serve as another chance to give back to my community in appreciation of its support over the past 40 years. If elected to this office I will serve with energy and purpose on behalf of our community.

Statement of **MARGARET BRUCE**, Candidate for
Director
San Lorenzo Valley Water District

Occupation: Environmental Consultant/Appointed Incumbent

Without water, life as we enjoy it now in the San Lorenzo Valley would not be possible. The San Lorenzo Valley Water District provides infrastructure and service critical to the economic and social well-being of the Valley. I have been a resident of the San Lorenzo Valley for 18 years. I have a degree in Environmental Studies and more than 20 years of diverse public and private sector experience in the environmental field. I have been honored to serve as an appointed member of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District's Environmental Education Commission. My previous appointment to the SF Regional Water Quality Control Board and non-profit board service with Sustainable Silicon Valley gives me useful perspective and experience.

As our water infrastructure ages, technical and economic challenges increase. I am a strong advocate for the stewardship of the District's fiscal, operational and environmental resources to ensure the Valley will continue to have clean, safe water, reliably provided and fairly priced. To meet the Valley's future needs I will be a champion for:

Sustainability

Accountability

Operational excellence

Community engagement

Innovation supporting resource conservation and fiscal health