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For Soquel Creek Water District Director
Occupation: Water Engineer/Director

In 2016, I ran for office because I was concerned about the lack of results in obtaining a long-term safe, sustainable water supply for Soquel Creek Water District. We have results!

The District is moving forward with implementing/constructing projects that will keep our sole source of water, groundwater, safe from saltwater intrusion using purified water. We have obtained over \$50M in grant and \$100M in low interest rate loan funding to pay for the Pure Water Soquel project costs, reducing the cost to our ratepayers for the project. In the future, I plan to support working with our neighboring water agencies to find ways to help one another and finding ways to use stormwater for times when we have rain.

I'm uniquely suited to be a Director due to my education and experience. I've been a registered civil engineer for 38 years with more than 24 years of experience in water and wastewater combined. My work experience includes 14 years as the Sanitation Engineer for Santa Cruz County, where I obtained grant funding for projects and prepared fiscally responsible budgets. As a Director, I have brought my valuable understanding of engineering, construction, grant funding, and budgeting to the District.

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