

San Juan Water District

August 22, 2017

Board of Directors

Re: Board Vacancy

With the unfortunate passing of long time Board member Bob Walters, I would like to humbly submit my name into the nomination process for consideration to fill the remainder of Mr. Walter's term.

While I believe few in our community will be able to match the experience and knowledge that Bob Walters brought to the SJWD Board, I do feel we shared a similar respect for the work done by the entire SJWD staff and faith that the district is being managed in a responsible and efficient manner.

Any elected Board position is also a political position. But in all the meetings I attended where Mr. Walters was a part the group, he always maintained a very objective perspective with an open mind. Our acquaintance was short, beginning with the ad hoc drought committee back in 2014. But he was most approachable and willing to consider all suggestions to tackle a thorny issue dealing with SJWD.

Whoever the Board selects to fill the remainder of Mr. Walter's term, I hope that person will bring the same thoughtfulness and objectivity to the position.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. V. Knauss". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a large initial "K" and "V".

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Professional and Career Development

Sacramento - San Joaquin Delta Tours, 1980s

Organized and hosted tours of the Sacramento - San Joaquin Delta through the California Action Network in Davis, California. The tours focused on the history of the delta and the important role it plays in California's water infrastructure coupling Northern California water storage projects with San Joaquin and Southern California water demands.

UC Davis, B.S. International Agricultural Development, 1989

Graduated from UC Davis with a degree in International Agricultural Development with an emphasis in economics and irrigation.

Irrigation and Plumbing Manufacturer's Representative, 1990 – 2001

Represented a variety of manufacturers of irrigation and plumbing products to the wholesale market, landscape architects of municipal and commercial irrigation projects in Northern California.

IrriDigital Wireless Irrigation Controller, 2001 – 2005

Owner and developer of a wireless irrigation controller for residential and commercial irrigation projects. Worked with programmers to integrate a wireless receiver into an existing irrigation controller and managed the development of the computer user interface. Was the principle marketing agent working trade shows throughout California.

Water Protection Specialist, California Rural Water Association, 2002

Worked with rural water districts to develop a map of potential ground water pollution sites within their boundaries and plan to protect their ground water sources from becoming contaminated.

Sprinkler Service & Supply, Irrigation Equipment Wholesaler, 2003 – 2010

Helped managed the retail and wholesale division of Sprinkler Service & Supply in Carmichael, California. Prepared bids for local, state and federal projects. Designed residential and commercial irrigation systems.

Independent Insurance Agent, 2011 – Present

Became a licensed insurance agent in 2011, focusing on health insurance for individuals, families, and small groups in California.

Placer County Grand Jury 2014 – 2016

Served two terms as a Placer County Grand Juror. County Grand Juries typically review citizen complaints related to the efficiency of county government agencies and special districts. The second year I was Pro-Tempore to the Fore-Person assigning complaints to committees, tracking investigation progress, and developing training for new Grand Jurors.

San Juan Water District Drought Committee 2014 - 2015

Ad hoc committee of San Juan Water District consumers and Board members who met quarterly to discuss potential methods and communication for water conservation to residential and commercial consumers within the district.

San Juan Water District Rate Advisory Committee 2017

Part of a small group of residential consumers, agencies, and commercial users within the San Juan Water District who reviewed and provided feedback to the proposed rate increases beginning in 2017.

Hidden History Beneath Folsom Lake, 2016

Authored and published the book "Hidden History Beneath Folsom Lake" that focuses on the historic structures revealed when Folsom Lake was at drought water levels in 2014 and 2015. Particular attention was given to the North Fork Ditch Company that was the predecessor to the San Juan Water District.