

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

MARTIN D. BERN

Age: 46

Occupation: Attorney

Education and Qualifications: As a Director for the past four years, I have worked to protect our precious water resource -- Serene Lakes -- from threats to its continued vitality as a quality water, recreational and fishery resource. I have asked hard questions regarding proposals to dredge the lakes in order to increase water supply at the expense of water quality, lake health and recreation. I am skeptical about the suggestion that we raise the dam on Serena Creek because it poses a threat of flooding to lakefront and other properties. I support the Board's action to exercise eminent domain to acquire the land beneath our lakes. If re-elected, I will continue to serve as a voice for the protection of our important water resources. As an attorney, I believe I bring an important perspective and skill set to our board in relation to issues of water rights and environmental review. In addition, I support the phased upgrade and replacement of our aging underground water and sewer systems. These efforts will save the District money by avoiding future emergency repairs, which are both costly and disruptive. Thank you for your consideration.