

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Michael J. Boyle, Assistant County Executive

DATE: June 9, 2009

SUBJ: Consider a written request from the Chairman of the Board of the Nevada Irrigation District (NID), to offer input on the candidates seeking appointment to the unexpired term of the NID Division IV Seat, recently vacated by the retirement of the incumbent, and transmit any recommendations to NID.

ACTION REQUESTED

At the request of the Chairman of the Board of the Nevada Irrigation District, your Board is being asked to provide input or a recommendation on the candidates seeking appointment to the recently vacated NID Division IV seat.

BACKGROUND

First formed in 1921, the Nevada Irrigation District is headquartered in Grass Valley and operates as a multi-county independent special district providing services to Yuba, Placer and Nevada counties. The District is divided into five geographical divisions. NID is governed by a five-member Board of Directors elected to four-year terms by district voters within the boundaries of each division.

NID Board Vacancy – Division IV

Your Board will recall that NID Division IV Director, Mr. R. Paul Williams recently retired prior to the end of his elected term after a long tenure with the agency. Mr. Williams' retirement obviously created a vacancy on the NID Board of Directors for the remainder of that Division IV term, which expires on December 4, 2010. The territory of NID Division IV is wholly located within Placer County, primarily covering Supervisorial District 2.

NID Division IV Vacancy – Process for Filling Unexpired Terms

After advertizing the Division IV vacancy, NID received five letters of interest, Mark Adams, Jim Bachman, Noah D. Mackenroth, William Morebeck and Eric J. Thompson,

which were presented to the Board at its meeting on May 27, 2009. At the NID Board meeting, the NID Board of Directors took two votes on two candidates from the original list of five, Jim Bachman and William Morebeck. Each vote resulted in a 2/2 split, and the issue was deadlocked.

REQUEST TO PLACER COUNTY, AGENCY JURISDICTION AND TIMING ISSUES

The attached letter dated June 1, 2009, from NID Chairman Mr. Drew, requests that your Board provide input or recommendations in advance of the next NID Board meeting of June 10, 2009, tomorrow.

The statutory timing associated with filling such a vacancy is important to note. Current law authorizes NID 60 (sixty) days to either appoint a person to fill the unexpired term or call a special election allowing the division voters to decide the matter. Should NID not make an appointment or call for a special election, the jurisdiction in this matter falls to your Board, allowing an additional thirty days to make the appointment, or call for a special election to resolve the issue. In effect, should NID not make an appointment or call an election the matter falls to the Placer County Board of Supervisors.

The following shows the relevant timelines:

- April 23, 2009 - Effective retirement date of Mr. Williams.
- May 27, 2009 - NID Board meeting resulting in deadlock.
- May 27-June 1, 2009 - Contacts with NID resulting in a written request to Placer County for input on candidates.
- June 9, 2009 - Regular meeting of Placer County Board of Supervisors
- June 10, 2009 - Regular meeting of NID Board.
- June 21, 2009 - End of 60-day period for NID to either appoint or call a special election.
- June 22, 2009 - Jurisdiction shifts to Placer County.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact from any action your Board may take today. However, in keeping with the timeline above, there is the possibility that your Board may be called upon to make the appointment, if the NID Board does not act upon this matter by June 21, 2009.

Placer County Board of Supervisors

Nevada Irrigation District, Division IV Vacancy

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Attachments:

June 1, 2009 Correspondence from NID Chairman to Chairman Rockholm

NID Division IV Candidate Letter of Interest Submittals

NID Division IV Map



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June 1, 2009

F.C. "Rocky" Rockholm, Chair
Placer County Board of Supervisors
175 Fulweiler Avenue
Auburn, CA 95603

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CLERK OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Re: Nevada Irrigation District
Division IV Vacancy

Dear Honorable Chairman:

As you may be aware, the Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District met on May 27, 2009 to interview and appoint a replacement for a Director for Division IV (Director R. Paul Williams retired on April 23, 2009). The Board of Directors interviewed five candidates and nominated two candidates. The Board was unable to reach a majority decision on a candidate. During the course of discussions, it was suggested that the Placer County Board of Supervisors be asked to offer their opinion on the two remaining candidates. The Board agreed that the Placer County Board of Supervisors be offered an opportunity to share its opinion on the matter, as Division IV is located in Placer County.

If NID neither appoints a candidate nor schedules a special election within 60 days of the vacancy, the matter will move to Placer County for appointment, or election. An election may be desirable to allow the voters in Division IV to express their will, but an election would also deprive Division IV of representation for a substantial period of time, and would be costly. Therefore, while the final decision rests with the NID's Board at this time, the Nevada Irrigation District's Board of Directors has requested that I send a letter to Placer County asking the Board of Supervisors to offer their recommendation as to which of the two candidates the Board of Supervisors feels would best represent the constituents of Division IV for the balance of Mr. Williams' term. If your Board, like ours, is unable to reach a consensus, the input of individual Board members, particularly those members whose Supervisory District includes part of Division IV, would be very helpful to our deliberations and is respectfully requested.

F.C. "Rocky" Rockholm, Chair
Placer County Board of Supervisors
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It would seem appropriate for the candidates to appear before your Board to allow the Board of Supervisors to meet them. Attached are the names and addresses of the two candidates. Our staff can assist you in coordinating this matter.

In conversations with your staff, who have been very courteous and helpful in this matter, especially Mr. Boyle, we have been informed that a meeting of your Board will occur on Tuesday, June 9, 2009. Our Board is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, June 10, 2009. It would be necessary to forward any letter of recommendation in the form of an e-mail or facsimile to our office, so that any recommendation can be available for the Board of Directors to consider on June 10, 2009.

We appreciate your assistance with this very important matter.

Sincerely,

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT



John H. Drew, President
Board of Directors

Attachment *(As Noted Above)*

F.C. "Rocky" Rockholm, Chair
Placer County Board of Supervisors
Re: Nevada Irrigation District – Division IV Vacancy
Attachment to Letter dated June 1, 2009

Candidates Nominated by Nevada Irrigation District:

Jim Bachman
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bachmanranch@peoplepc.com

William Morebeck
4272 Garden Bar Road
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(916) 645-8650
William@psyber.com

Other Candidates Interviewed by Nevada Irrigation District:

Mark Adams
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Lincoln, CA 95648
(916) 645-2075

Noah Mackenroth
P.O. Box 696
Newcastle, CA 95658
(916) 663-4657
noahmackenroth@calwisp.com

Eric Thompson
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Lincoln, CA 95648
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Jim Bachman
3680 Garden Bar Road
Lincoln, CA 95648
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NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

N.I.D. Board of Directors
1036 West Main Street
Grass Valley, CA. 95945

Re: District 4 Director

My name is Jim Bachman; I would like to apply for the district 4 seat on the N.I.D. board.

I was born in Grass Valley in 1937, moved to the Lincoln area in 1942. Except for two years in the 60's I have always lived in the Lincoln area.

In 1963, my wife Joyce and I built our home and raised our family at 3680 Garden Bar Road in Lincoln. We have approximately 80 acres. Our place is part of the original 240 acres that my folks bought in 1942.

I remember, as a kid, my Dad told me that N.I.D. wanted to bring water through our property. He would join the district and he could buy water for his dairy operation. He would have to give up his water rights on Doty Ravine. This was a major decision but in the end he gave N.I.D. the right of way for the Musser Canal. He bought water at that location for the next 20 years. I have been a customer close to 30 years. We purchase 12 inches of water for irrigated pasture for our cow, calf operation. The water comes from the same Musser Canal.

My career has been in construction. I graduated from high school in 1955 and completed four years of trade school. I worked 50 years in general construction, both housing and commercial. I started as a carpenter and moved on to construction superintendent and for the last 20 years as construction manager. I retired in 2005. I worked for Carmichael Construction from 1962 to 2005.

I am currently on the board of directors for the Placer County Farm Bureau. I have been on the board for 15 years. I served as president

from 2005 to 2008. I have been a delegate, representing Placer County, to the state Farm Bureau House of Delegates for the past 10 years.

For the last 20 years I have been a board member for the Placer Farm Supply in Newcastle. I served as president for over 10 years.

The district 4 seat on the N.I.D. Board has always been a position I would someday like to fill. To follow former directors Warren Wilson, Bud Vineyard, Alex Ferreira and now Paul Williams would be an honor. These men have done a tremendous job. I would do my best to continue the representation that district 4 deserves.

The N.I.D. will enter new challenges as the relicensing process is completed, with the continued demand for our water and the needs for hydro power. N.I.D. will have to remain strong to protect its customers and its continued success.

I would appreciate your consideration for my application for the district 4 seat on the board.

Yours sincerely,



Jim Bachman

Home: 916-645-2059

E-mail: bachmanranch@peoplepc.com

Jim Bachman

Objective

To obtain the appointment from the Nevada Irrigation District Board of Directors to fill the vacant Director, Division IV position. Serving on the N.I.D. Board of Directors has been a goal of mine for many years.

Career

General Construction

- 50 years experience in General Construction, both Residential and Commercial.
- Worked for the same company, Carmichael Construction Company, from 1962 until retirement in 2005.
- Started Career as Apprentice Carpenter, later moved to Job Superintendent, followed by General Superintendent, and then to Construction Manager.
- Performed responsibilities of Construction Manager for Carmichael Construction Company from 1985 to 2005.
- Managed construction projects that included Churches, Office Buildings, Shopping Centers, Restaurants, Warehouses, Banks and remodels. These projects ranged in value from one thousand to several million dollars.

Experience

Public Service

- Member of the Placer County Farm Bureau Board for the past 15 years.
 - Served as President and Vice President from 2001 to 2008.
 - Served as delegate to represent the Placer County Farm Bureau at the state Farm Bureau House of Delegates for the past 10 years.
 - Selected to represent the Placer County Farm Bureau and the California Farm Bureau on a Washington D.C. congressional visit in 2005.
- Member, Board of Directors for the Placer County Farm Supply the past 20 years.
 - Served as President for 10 years.
- Member of Tahoe Cattlemen.
- Member of the Mt. Pleasant Hall Board.

Education

Degrees

- Completed California Contractors License Program at the Heald Business College, 1969
- Completed Construction Trade School, 1955-1959
- Graduate of Lincoln High School, 1955

References

References are available on request.

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NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

The Board Of Directors
Nevada Irrigation District
1036 West Main St
Grass Valley, CA 95945

Dear Directors Weber, Miller, Drew, and Wilcox

I am applying for the position of Director of District IV of the Nevada Irrigation District

After many years working in agriculture professionally, personally, and as a volunteer, I am seeking to utilize my experience and work ethic to represent district IV on the N.I.D. Board. My experience has provided me the opportunity to work with county government, the environmental community, agriculturists, and the many volunteers that make Placer County an enviable place to live. The specific summary of my relevant experiences are as follows:

Placer County Agricultural Commission----Appointed by the Board of Supervisors in 1998 to represent small farms. During my tenure I have served on the following committees.

Right to farm ordinance---Worked with County Council and U.C. Cooperative Extension to enact an ordinance protecting farmers from nuisance lawsuits.

Nursery ordinance---Allowed small nurseries to sell products in ag res zones.

Winery ordinance---Chaired a committee that worked with county planners, road engineers, fire marshals, ag commissioner representatives, and the environmental health department, to revamp the winery ordinance.

Placer Parkway---Served as the ag commission representative during the Tier 1 Eis/Eir process.

Water sub committee---Worked with Placer County planners to determine feasibility of water delivery systems for western Placer county.

Teichert project.----Did extensive study on the environmental impact report with special emphasis on the impacts to water and agriculture.

Placer Legacy---Advocated on behalf of farmers for conservation easements through the legacy program.

Williamson Act---Supported small farms inclusion into the Williamson act.

Placer GROWN---Past president, vice-president, and eight year board member. During my tenure I helped institute the PlacerGROWN website, farm trails map, and the Placer County Agricultural Marketing Program. Additionally, I chaired the farm conference committee.

Placer County farmer---Currently I grow Mandarins and Meyer lemons. I previously grew mixed vegetables and herbs. All products grown are C.C.O.F. certified organic.

In conclusion, through my professional and volunteer experience, I have recognized the absolute necessity for an efficient water delivery system. I believe N.I.D. is just that system. Without N.I.D. all the above efforts would be very difficult if not impossible. I believe my experience can help to ensure the viability of water, in an environmentally sustainable manner for the farms and the structured growth of the cities. I would be honored to join the board and utilize my work ethic in furtherance of the goals of this organization.

I have also included a brief work and education history.

Sincerely,



William Morebeck

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William Morebeck

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

March 1989 **River City Delivery** Sacramento, CA
to
Present Operations Director

Responsible for the efficient operation of a courier company. Duties include the supervision of 45-50 drivers in the distribution of parcels throughout California. Also responsible for contract negotiations with major airlines.

April 1980 **Western Grain Marketing** Stockton, CA
to
February 1989 Assistant Marketing manager

Responsible for field purchase and distribution of feed grain products. Negotiated purchase and storage agreements.

October 1973 **Rice Growers Association** Sacramento, CA
to
April 1978 Field Rep/Seed Manager

Managed the cleaning and distribution of seed rice at Merit seed plant. Assisted growers in the selection of seed varieties. Also served as a field representative to rice growers throughout Northern California.

EDUCATION:

1981 **Southland School of Law** Pasadena, CA
Juris Doctor General Law

1971 **San Jose State** San Jose, CA
Bachelor of Arts Political Science

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May 17, 2009

Nevada Irrigation District
1036 W. Main St.
Grass Valley, CA 95945

Re: BOD Vacancy

The following is a short resume / application for the open BOD position.

Born 1950 in Palo Alto, CA.

Lived there until I was 14 at which time I moved to Antioch, CA.

At 16 I moved to La Honda, CA where I graduated High School from Pescadero High in 1967.

I took 1 year off from school to work as a carpenter and save money for college.

College lasted from 1968 through 1973. During this time I also became a journeyman carpenter.

I received an AA degree from Canada College with honors in 1970.

I received my BS degree in Conservation from CSUSJ in January of 1974.

In 1979 I became a licensed General Contractor in California. #B378295.

I did mostly residential construction working mainly in the bay area.

In 1988 I expanded my business into commercial construction and Property Management.

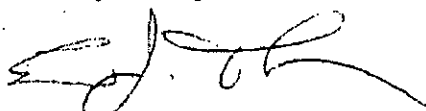
From 1988 through 1994 I had 4 full time employees. I handled all aspects of the business from rental negotiations to tenant improvements. I was "hands on" with everything from building landscaping to the HVAC systems. I rented one bedroom apartments to 100,000 square foot office suites. My tenants were varied from single mom's to the Social Security Administration.

In 1989 I purchased a small ranch of 240 acres in Modoc county. By 1994, I had increased the size of the ranch to about 5,000 acres with 300 CFS of 1st priority water rights.

In 1995 I "retired" to my present location in Placer County, from which I raise horses and pretend to still be a general contractor.

I am interested in joining the BOD of the NID because I see major challenges within our area. These challenges are not just in the delivery of water. I believe we need to have an integrated policy which will recognize the needs of our growing area in the concerns of population, waste (both on site and off site), water quality and quantity, recreation, and energy production and use.

Thank you for your consideration of my application.



Eric J. Thompson

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NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Mark Adams
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May 18, 2009

Lisa Francis Tassone, Secretary to the Board of Directors
Nevada Irrigation District
1036 West Main Street
Grass Valley, CA 95945

RE: Application for the Director position for Division IV.

Dear Ms Tassone,

Please accept my application to fill the vacant position for Director, Division IV. I am a resident of the District and of Division IV. Our Rancho Roble Vineyards and Winery is located at 340 Fleming Road, Lincoln. We are in the business of growing grapes and making wine. This is a petite family winery with the production of around 600 cases of wine annually.

I have a life long career in the telecommunication industry in outside plant engineering. Outside Plant is any thing beyond the central office switch. This would include poles, aerial cable, underground structures, underground cable and fiber optic facilities. The last position held was Senior Outside Plant Planner with SBC Sacramento, CA.

Planners have to come up with an immediate plan of action to meet service demands first. Perhaps more important, to this position sought here Director, Planners have to project what will be the ultimate solution in the entire route along the various sections. This requires having prepared a route plan and to stick to it. Said another way, when working in a section to neither over build nor under build would be the objective.

Bell System Training has been some of my best educational background. Working and living in the Middle East and in the Philippines was a real eye opener experience. I have taken many various continuing education courses at UC Davis for Grapes and Wine, University of Tennessee Land Survey. I attended the recent NID sponsored Irrigation Course, thank you very much it was good. I am a graduate of Gretna High School, Gretna, Virginia 1965.

If appointed to fill this position I would have every intention of continuing this service into the next term, this is a long term committee.

I would be happy to travel to your office for an interview. I would be happy to spend time with any of the Board of Directors at their convence. Yourself and any of the board who would like to visit the vineyard and winery would be more than welcome to have a tour. This last paragraph is an open invitation regardless of the out come of this application. Thank you for the opportunity to apply for this position.

Sincerely,



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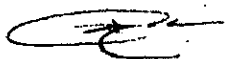
Attention: Lisa Tassone
NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
1036 West Main Street
Grass Valley, CA 95945

Lisa and Honorable Board Members:

Please consider me for appointment to the Division IV Directorship, left vacant by the departure of Mr. Paul Williams. I believe that I have the required qualifications to serve my constituents and the NID well.

As a person who grew up here in District IV, I have been involved with local affairs for all of my adult life. In 1998, I ran for this very NID Division IV seat, and nearly won (146 votes shy). Since then, I have become a graduate of the inaugural (first) Leadership Auburn class of 2000, a specialist union/management relations, the Director of an educational research firm, a lobbyist and a leader in the charter school movement. I hold a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, and a Master's degree in Education. In summary, I have a demonstrated ability to work with people toward a common goal.

It would be an honor to represent the interests of my neighbors in Division IV, and to further the goals of the Nevada Irrigation District as a whole. Thank you for your consideration,



Noah Mackenroth

