



Board of Directors

Brian Brennan, Director
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CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT Meeting to be held at the

The meeting will be held via teleconference.
To attend the meeting please call (888) 788-0099 or (877) 853-5247
Enter Meeting ID: 957 6566 2281#
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Special Meeting Agenda
May 10, 2021 @ 5:00 PM

Right to be heard: Members of the public have a right to address the Board directly on any item of interest to the public which is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. The request to be heard should be made immediately before the Board's consideration of the item. No action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by subdivision (b) of §54954.2 of the Government Code and except that members of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under section 54954.3 of the Government Code.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE CASITAS MWD DIVISION IV DIRECTOR VACANCY APPOINTMENT.
 - 4.a. Review, discussion and possible action on the director vacancy including approval of the Director Appointment Guidelines.
[Board Memo on Division IV Vacancy.pdf](#)
[Updated Director Appointment Guidelines 051021.pdf](#)

4.b. Review, discussion, and possible action on the interview questions.

[Interview Questions - Division IV Vacancy 051021.pdf](#)

4.c. Recommend scheduling a special board meeting on Monday, May 17th to conduct interviews with the applicants.

[Beaman Application.pdf](#)

[Bergen Application.pdf](#)

[Holguin Application.pdf](#)

[Presley Application.pdf](#)

5. ADJOURNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
From: Michael L. Flood, General Manager
RE: Review, Discussion and possible action on the Division IV Director Vacancy Appointment
Date: May 6, 2021

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors review, discuss and approve the Director Appointment Guidelines; review and approve the list of interview questions; conduct preliminary review of applicants; and schedule a Special Meeting for Monday, May 17, 2021 to conduct interviews.

STATUS OF APPLICANTS:

The District received six applications for the Division IV Director Vacancy. Two of the applicants do not reside in Division IV and are not eligible. Four applicants reside in the Division. They are:

- Timothy Beaman
- Mary Bergen
- Andrew Holguin
- Piper Presley

Eligibility of voter registration will be verified with the Elections Division prior to interviews. The application materials will be included in the agenda packet.

Casitas MWD

Director Appointment Requirements and Guidelines

Requirements:

1. The candidate must live within the boundaries of the Casitas MWD Division under consideration for appointment.
2. The candidate must not be barred from holding public office in the State of California.
3. Casitas MWD will advertise the vacancy at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the appointment of a candidate to a director vacancy as per California Government Code Section 1780.

Guidelines:

1. The Casitas MWD Board of Directors will solicit applications to the vacancy which may include an application form, letter of interest, resume', candidate statement, etc.
2. Proof of proper residency within the Casitas MWD Division under consideration will be the responsibility of each candidate with verification to be conducted by the Casitas MWD Clerk of the Board.
3. Interviews for the vacancy will be conducted in open session during either a regular or special meeting of the Casitas MWD Board of Directors.
4. The order of interviews will be decided by a random drawing conducted by the Clerk of the Board.
5. Each Director will have only one affirmative vote for the candidate of their choice.
6. The successful appointee will be determined by the candidate that garners the most affirmative votes.

7. In the event of a tie, one revote will be taken.
8. In the event that a two-way tie persists after the revote, the Board President will initiate a single coin flip between the candidates with each candidate being assigned by the Board President (or designee) either 'Heads' (the profile picture) or 'Tails' (the side opposite the profile picture). The side of the coin that is facing up after the flip will thus determine the appointee.
9. In the event that a three-way or more tie persists after the revote, a second revote will be taken.
10. In the event that a three-way or more tie persists after the second revote, the Board will discuss and decide upon a means to resolve the tie which may include another retaking the vote, drawing of lots, or some other means.

Division IV Vacancy Interview Questions

Provided below is a list of suggested interview questions.

Candidate:

Date:

A. WORK HISTORY / ORAL RESUME - 5 minutes

Will you please summarize your experience and highlight elements of your background that you believe are especially relevant to this position.

B. STRUCTURED QUESTIONS – 25 minutes

1. Tell us about successes you have had and what lessons you have learned in developing collaborative relationships. Any difficult lessons learned?

2. How would your colleagues describe you as a leader and what qualities would they highlight about you?

3. What steps would you take or have already taken to prepare yourself for the Casitas MWD Division IV Directorship?

4. Please describe your experience with elected officials and appointees.

5. Have you ever found yourself in a situation that involved issues which generated significant disagreement? How did you handle the matter and what was the final outcome?

6. Please describe your knowledge of the State of California's 'Sunshine Law' also known as the Ralph M. Brown act.

7. Is there anything about your background or experience you would like to discuss that our questions have not covered?

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT DIVISION IV VACANCY

Instructions

If you are interested in serving on the Casitas Municipal Water District Board of Directors, please complete this application and return it to: Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, Casitas Municipal Water District 1005 Ventura Ave., Oak View, CA 93022 or via email at rvieira@casitaswater.com.

Application must be received by May 3, 2021. You will be advised by the district board if you are selected for an interview and if your appointment is confirmed. Thank you for your interest.

District: CMWD - District 4 Date: 4/20/2021

Name: Timothy Beaman (Tim) Age (optional): 36

Residence Address: 254 Mountain View Street, Oak View, CA 93022

Business or Mailing Address: Same

Phone (Daytime): 805-760-1837 Phone (Evening): Same

E-Mail: beaman.t@gmail.com

Education			
Institution	Major	Degree	Year
Northeastern University (Boston);	B.S. Civil Engineering;		2008

Work / Volunteer Experience				
Organization	City	Position	From	To
City of Oxnard	Oxnard, CA	Senior Civil Engineer	05/2020	present
Carpinteria Valley Water District	Carpinteria, CA	Associate Engineer	07/2018	05/2020
California Coastal Horse Rescue	Ojai	Maintenance Volunteer	07/2018	10/2018


STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS:

Please briefly describe your qualifications and why you are interested in serving on the Casitas Board of Directors. You may also attach a resume or additional pages if needed.

Please see attached.

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct. I authorize the verification of the information in this application.



Signature

4/20/2021

Date

A passion for water resource and reliability is something that transcends my career and has been integrated into my day to day life. As a California licensed civil engineer I bring the unique perspective of working with the policies set by elected officials, as well as having regular interaction with the customers. My experience includes:

- Regional water treatment plants and distribution systems involving coordination and cost sharing with multiple agencies
- Groundwater recharge, basin pumping, and future allocation affected by SGMA

I have based entire trips around visiting water infrastructure sites. I have also been fortunate enough to live in Australia twice, a place with similar, and in some cases more severe, drought conditions to what we experience here. My time there was focused on regional recycled water programs, dam maintenance, and work in remote Aboriginal communities.

My grandmother raised my mom in the Ojai Valley so when it came time to put down roots and start a family, Oak View was the obvious choice for my wife and me. Our wedding ceremony was held at Lake Casitas and we regularly enjoy an afternoon walk or round of disc golf at the lake. The future of the area's water supply is very important to me; I understand that the current policies being discussed by the Board will have a drastic impact on maintaining safe and reliable potable water for the District's residential and agricultural customers.

I have highlighted two Board topics of discussion where I believe my experience will be an asset to the District.

Diversifying Water Sources – The District is actively pursuing alternative water sources in order to reduce its reliance on annual rain runoff and increase supply reliability for its customers.

- State Water Connection through the Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board and Carpinteria Valley Water District
 - Lake Cachuma is also reliant on basin runoff, was in severe drought conditions recently, and distributes water through infrastructure installed in the 1950's.
 - Cost is dependent on capital investment, State Water operating costs, and depending on the final agreement: welding, treatment, and COMB O&M costs.
 - Water Quality: Differing methods of disinfection.
 - Opportunity to serve as a water source to the COMB agencies.
- State Water Connection through other Ventura County municipalities
 - Connection between regional users and Calleguas Municipal Water District are still in the planning phases. The capacity and age of existing infrastructure might not be suitable and require a whole new distribution pipeline.
 - Discussion of direct connection vs. allocation diversion.
- Desalination: Although often a topic of concern in the environmental community, on a strictly financial level the capital and operational costs associated with desalination typically requires a large customer base to make it viable.

Infrastructure Replacement – Aging infrastructure is an issue all municipalities share. In order to provide reliable water service an aggressive replacement schedule needs to be maintained, particularly with the old Golden State system.

I thank the Board of Directors for the opportunity to apply for the District 4 appointment and the chance to serve our community.

**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER
DISTRICT DIVISION IV VACANCY**

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District: CMWD Division 4 Date: _____

Name: Mary Bergen Age (optional): 74

Residence Address: 11584 Creek Road, Ojai, CA 93023

Business or Mailing Address: same

Phone (Daytime): (805) 798-1054 Phone (Evening): (805) 649-5207

E-Mail: mary_bergen1@roadrunner.com

Education			
Institution	Major	Degree	Year
Stanford	Biology	B.A.	1968
U.C. Santa Barbara, Biology M.A. 1971; USC, Biology Ph.D 1985			

Work / Volunteer Experience				
Organization	City	Position	From	To
see attached resume				

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS:

Please briefly describe your qualifications and why you are interested in serving on the Casitas Board of Directors. You may also attach a resume or additional pages if needed.

I believe I am uniquely qualified to serve on the Board of Directors, having been on the Board from 2014 to 2018 and watched Board meeting videos since then. I have in-depth knowledge of the legal and functional framework as well as issues affecting the District (See attachment). I want to use my knowledge and abilities to help the District and my community.

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct. I authorize the verification of the information in this application.

Signature



Date

4-26-2021

To the Board of Directors:

I am pleased to apply for Director, Division 4, of the Casitas Municipal Water District (CMWD).

I believe I am uniquely qualified for the position. I served on the CMWD Board from 2014 until 2018. Since then, I have watched Board meeting videos to keep apprised of issues affecting the District.

I have in-depth knowledge of the legal and functional framework as well as issues facing the Board. Specifically, I understand:

1. The structure of the CMWD service area

CMWD provides water to retail and wholesale customers within District boundaries, including the area from the Ventura/Santa Barbara County line along the coast to the City of Ventura as far as Mills Road to the Ojai Valley and Upper Ojai. The Bureau of Reclamation owns the land under and adjacent to Lake Casitas. CMWD owns and operates the water infrastructure.

2. Regulations affecting Director's conduct

The Brown Act sets conditions for Board meetings and agendas and Director conduct, among other things. The intent is to have open, transparent decision making. Board members must not have one-on-one private discussions to develop a consensus. Directors must file a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) to disclose potential conflicts of interest. Decisions must be made in the interest of CMWD customers, not personal interest.

3. Sources of water supply and demand

At present the water supply is local. Coyote and Santa Ana Creeks supply approximately 70% of the water in Lake Casitas with 30% coming from the Ventura River via the Robles Diversion. CMWD has a small well in Mira Monte and acquired larger wells in the Ojai Basin with the purchase of the Golden State water system in 2017.

CMWD is exploring other sources of water, including the Ventura-Santa Barbara County Intertie Project which would provide a connection to State water.

Wholesale customers use approximately 40% of the water, agriculture uses another 40% with the remaining 20% going to residential and other users. Water is restricted to in-District use.

4. Conservation strategies

The Water Efficiency and Allocation Program (WEAP) is the primary, most effective conservation strategy. Each customer, including wholesale customers, has an allocation

which is reduced as the lake level drops. CMWD needs to plan in the event that Lake Casitas approaches the dead pool elevation.

5. Groundwater management

I participated in the Formation Committee for the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency (UVRGA) and represented CMWD on the Board until 2018. I was alternate Director on the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency (OBGMA) during my tenure. I understand regulations controlling Groundwater Sustainability Plans. I know the geology of the Ventura River watershed, particularly as it relates to the interaction between groundwater and surface water flow.

6. The Ventura River Watershed Adjudication and inter-related regulatory programs

I have been closely following the Adjudication, the State's work to develop flow standards and progress on the Sustainability Plans for the Ojai and Upper Ventura River Groundwater Basins. Because I own property on San Antonio Creek, I have filed papers and have access to FileAndServeXpress. I have read served documents, including the Proposed Physical Solution.

The primary issue is the relationship between surface water flows and groundwater in the summer, particularly near Foster Park. CMWD only diverts winter flows under the provisions of a Biological Opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service. However, restrictions on groundwater will increase the draw on Lake Casitas. In addition, the recent draft flow recommendations from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) would require release of water from Casitas Dam to Coyote Creek. When promulgating standards, the State Water Resources Control Board may not adopt the CDFW recommendations, but these issues need close attention.

Finally, I am temperamentally suited for this position. I am a good listener and a mediator at heart. However, I can make hard decisions with the best interest of CMWD customers in mind. I will consider all the facts and weigh the pros and cons before coming to a decision.

I would like to use my knowledge and abilities to help the District and my community.

Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,



Mary Bergen

MARY BERGEN

EDUCATION:

B.A. (cum laude), 1968, Stanford University

M.A., 1971, University of California, Santa Barbara

Ph.D., 1985, University of Southern California

EMPLOYMENT:

8/2000-11/2017: Ranch Manager, Rancho Dos Rios

Managed 100 acres of avocados, including planning irrigation, picking and fertilizer applications. Supervised all business operations, including payroll and accounting.

11/2006-12/2009: Independent Consultant

Wrote the draft plan for monitoring Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in the central coast region of California. Analyzed commercial fisheries data for an evaluation of Channel Islands MPAs.

7/2001-8/2006: Retired Annuitant, Marine Region, California Department of Fish and Game

Developed an interagency monitoring program for nearshore kelp beds. Was contract manager for a collaborative survey of nearshore rocky reefs. Participated in developing the fishery management plan for abalone and protocols for monitoring deep water hard bottom habitats with a remotely operated vehicle. Managed fishery independent research.

1/2000-8/2000: Special Advisor to the Director, California Department of Fish and Game

Was liaison for the Director for ocean-related issues. Met with Departmental staff and outside agencies and individuals, synthesized information for decisions and attended functions as the Director's representative.

9/98-1/2000: Marine Biologist, California State Lands Commission

Reviewed environmental documents and applications for leases for projects affecting State tide and submerged lands. Participated in interagency technical committees. Assisted in the design, evaluation and interpretation of technical studies.

1/93- 7/98: Principal Scientist and Manager of the Benthic Laboratory, Southern California Coastal Research Project

Conducted research on the effects of municipal wastewater and stormwater runoff on marine communities in southern California. Managed the benthic infaunal sampling program, including a cooperative regional sampling effort.

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11/91-12/92: Manager, Watershed and Aquatic Research Section, Atmospheric Acidity Protection Program, California Air Resources Board

Managed research on the effect of acid deposition on aquatic systems in the southern Sierra Nevada mountains.

7/88-11/91: Marine Biologist, California State Lands Commission

Reviewed environmental documents and applications for leases for projects affecting State tide and submerged lands. Developed mitigation measures and reviewed restoration projects. Participated in interagency technical committees.

12/87- 7/88: Independent Consultant

Analyzed data on sewage plume transport and dilution near the Golden Gate Bridge. Revised text and wrote response to comments on an EIS for designation of a dredged material dump site.

4/86-12/87: Oceanographer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9

Evaluated monitoring data for sewage discharges and dredged material disposal sites. Wrote the Technical Decision Document for an application by the Los Angeles County Sanitation District for a waiver from secondary sewage treatment requirements.

10/83-5/85 & 10/78-10/82: Teaching Assistant, Department of Biological Science, University of Southern California:

Taught labs in Ecology, General Biology, Multivariate Statistics and Marine Environmental Impacts.

10/82-6/83: Sea Grant Trainee, Dr. Lowdon Wingo, School of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Southern California:

Participated in a study of scientific information and valuation of ecological resources in coastal wetlands.

4/75-6/76 & 9/77-9/78: Research Associate to Dr. Dale Straughan, Institute for Marine and Coastal Studies, University of Southern California:

Supervised sorting of biological samples, identified echinoderms and mollusks, participated in field work for a baseline survey of beaches in southern California and for a study of the effect of a power plant on subtidal communities.

1/73-1/75: Marine Biologist, Marine Biological Consultants:

Designed sampling programs, wrote budget proposals, conducted field work, analyzed data and wrote text for monitoring studies and environmental impact reports.

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10/71-1/73: Museum Biologist, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County:

Organized an effort to have Farnsworth Bank declared an Ecological Reserve.

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AFFILIATIONS:

Southern California Association of Marine Invertebrate Taxonomists
President, Concerned Resource and Environmental Workers (C.R.E.W.)
Member Ventura County Sheriff's Posse

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Email address: mary_bergen1@roadrunner.com
Phone: (805) 649-5207

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT DIVISION IV VACANCY

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District: District 4 Date: April 24, 2021

Name: Andrew R. Holguin Age (optional): 72

Residence Address: 623 Azure Court, Oak View, CA 93022

Business or Mailing Address: Same

Phone (Daytime): 805-701-3341 Phone (Evening): 805-701-3341

E-Mail: Andy_holguin@hfa.com

Education			
Institution	Major	Degree	Year
University of California, Santa Barbara	Aquatic Biology	BA	1977
Consortium of California State Colleges	Environmental Planning	MA	1987

Work / Volunteer Experience				
Organization	City	Position	From	To
OCRW, Inc. dba Old Creek Ranch	Ventura, CA	President	2015	Present
Holguin, Fahan & Associates, Inc.	Ventura, CA	President, CEO	1984	2013
Ventura Regional Sanitation District	Ventura, CA	Environmental Manager	1980	1982

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS:

Please briefly describe your qualifications and why you are interested in serving on the Casitas Board of Directors. You may also attach a resume or additional pages if needed.

I feel eminently qualified to represent the people of the Fourth District for the Casitas Municipal Water District—as my attached Bio attests. My interests and education have all centered on water including the sciences and the regulatory aspect of water—which together with a career that spans the last forty years— in water, waste water and it's myriad issues, including the sciences of marine and freshwater ecosystems, wastewater treatment technologies, groundwater investigations and remediation issues, groundwater production, environmental planning and regulations of groundwater and surface water issues.


To be fair, my weakest link is water law and the changing landscape of drinking water regulation in California but being a fast learner with the lot of relevant experience with law and regulations, I see no encumbrance to the performance of my duties for the CMWD and the Fourth District.

My interest in serving on the board centers around my commitment to giving back to my community and I believe that with my background, demonstrated judgement and ability to lead people and organizations that I can constructively contribute to the CMWD and help guide the present and future of the District.

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct. I authorize the verification of the information in this application.

Signature



April 26, 2021
Date

ANDREW R. HOLGUIN SHORT BIO

Andrew Holguin was born in 1948 to first generation Mexican American parents in Whittier, CA neither of which graduated from High School. Nor did Mr. Holguin, as he started working in the summer of 1966, the year prior to his senior year at El Rancho Unified High school in Pico Rivera, California. Being poor Mr, Holguin chose work rather than continue in school and continued working until he joined the Army in 1968 for Aircraft Avionics – after scoring in the 90+ percentile in an Army required GED. He graduated first in his class and was promoted to E-4. The subsequently two years were spent in Pleiku, Viet Nam repairing advanced radios for helicopters; having obtained the rank of E-5 (sergeant rank). He left the Army with an Honorable Discharge in December of 1970.

Upon discharge Mr. Holguin entered Rio Hondo Community College in Whittier, California where he studied Electronics, Chemistry and Biology and graduated in 1974 with a AS degree in Biology and was accepted into UCSB's program for Marine Biology with a full-scholarship. He obtained his degree in 1977-78 in Aquatic Biology (having studied both marine and fresh water eco-systems). Mr. Holguin subsequently worked with UC Berkeley in their Waste Water Engineering Laboratory and with the Applied Aquatic Resources Laboratory, a non-profit company (San Diego) where he assisted in researching the application of natural aquatic eco-systems to the treatment of waste water until he was chosen to lead the Hazardous Waste Program for Ventura County's Regional Sanitation Division, where he managed the Simi Valley Hazardous Waste Landfill (Hazardous Waste portion) and the City of Oxnard Pretreatment program from 1980 to 1982.

In 1983-4 Mr. Holguin started his company Holguin Associates, Inc. which evolved to Holguin Fahan & Associates, Inc. (HFA) where he worked with

Short Bio of
Andrew R. Holguin

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clients including UC Riverside (pesticide contamination issues), Hanford Nuclear laboratory (sampling and analyses of one million gallon concrete tanks holding waste material from the production of fissile material during WW-II) along with other State and Federal Agencies and local Ventura County companies on hazardous waste and contaminated site issues. Simultaneously he attended a Master's programs on Environmental Planning and obtained a M.A. in Environmental Planning.

In 1989 HFA started working with most of the major oil companies including Chevron, Mobil, Exxon, Conoco, et. al. to name a few, on contaminated soils and groundwater issues and continued with them until he closed his business in 2013. At the time HFA had grown to 75 employees in five offices and two states (California and Arizona). Through out his career Mr. Holguin probably lead 300+ environmental assessments for various contaminates including pesticides, solvents, hydrocarbons, heavy metals, fissile materials, etc. in soil, air and groundwater. In addition to consulting and conducting assessments and remediations Mr. Holguin started a Cone Penetrometer Testing Division (still in business today) and a State of California certified Analytical Testing Laboratory for soil and groundwater analysis. Mr. Holguin subsequently retired in 2013 having spent a very successful 30 years in the environmental field.

After a brief stint of retirement Mr. Holguin purchased the Old Creek Ranch & Winery (near Oak View, CA) in 2015 where he has undertaken a complete remodeling of the Winery and the installation of 12 acres of new vineyards on the property, a first since the 1990's when they were wiped out by Pierces's disease. He is very happily working with his wife, daughter and grandson on the development and operation of the Ranch and its Winery.

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT DIVISION IV VACANCY

Instructions

If you are interested in serving on the Casitas Municipal Water District Board of Directors, please complete this application and return it to: Rebekah Vieira, Clerk of the Board, Casitas Municipal Water District 1005 Ventura Ave., Oak View, CA 93022 or via email at rvieira@casitaswater.com.

Application must be received by May 3, 2021. You will be advised by the district board if you are selected for an interview and if your appointment is confirmed. Thank you for your interest.

District: District 4 Date: 4/23/21

Name: Piper Presley Age (optional): 36

Residence Address: 7884 Camp Chaffee Road, Ventura, CA 93001

Business or Mailing Address: _____

Phone (Daytime): 760-271-7923 (mobile) Phone (Evening): same

E-Mail: piperpresley@gmail.com

Education			
Institution	Major	Degree	Year
UC Santa Barbara, Environment Studies emphasis in Urban Planning,		BA,	2007
University of Arizona, Masters Business Administration (candidate),			May 2022

Work / Volunteer Experience				
Organization	City	Position	From	To
Please see attached resume				

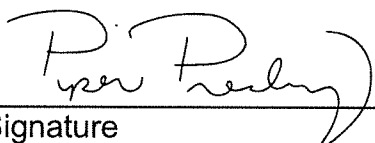
STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS:

Please briefly describe your qualifications and why you are interested in serving on the Casitas Board of Directors. You may also attach a resume or additional pages if needed.

Please see attached resume and cover letter.

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct. I authorize the verification of the information in this application.



Signature

4/23/21

Date

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Casitas Municipal Water District
1055 Ventura Avenue
Oak View, CA 93022

Dear Casitas Municipal Water District Board of Directors,

My passion for water started from a young age. When I was 11 years old, the summer science camp I attended brought us on a field trip to the local water treatment facility. The lesson left a lasting impression: the importance of knowing where our water came from and what challenges districts face to ensure access to an imperative resource for life and community. I followed my interest and pursued my degree in environmental studies with an emphasis in urban studies and planning, taking as many water courses I could between two separate University of California campuses. To this day, I take great interest in researching various water issues, reading board minutes and reports, especially as it pertains locally and regionally, hence why I am writing this letter - to express my interest in the District 4 Board of Directors vacancy with Casitas Municipal Water District.

My family moved to Ventura, specifically Foster Park six years ago into our forever home. The community and its success are intertwined into our existence here. Water is essential at its core to our community and I stand to bring both a depth of business experience and water knowledge to the position.

As a dynamic leader and creative professional with over fifteen years of experience in customer service and management, six years of volunteer management experience, and most recently seven years of progressively responsible experience in finance, accounting, and business operations, I am able to bring a unique perspective and depth of understanding to the position.

Being in the public eye in my previous employment, I learned to adapt and embrace the position of liaison. As a result of my prior positions and personal character, I have become exceptionally organized and am sensitive to people's time, needs, and priorities. As demonstrated through my positions in REI and various nonprofits, I am skilled in managing the delicate balance of new and innovative initiatives and resources while not ostracizing dedicated and impassioned community members.

Throughout my consulting experience as well as at both Essex Capital Corporation and Carpinteria Valley Lumber, I have honed my skills in finance, accounting, and budgeting. Through this experience, I have developed a keen eye for detail, I am meticulous, and take great pride in my ability to learn quickly and adeptly.

With the solid background that I have established, I am hoping you will find further strengths in my attached resume.

Sincerely,



Piper Presley

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PIPER PRESLEY

2015 to Present **Business Consultant**
Operations & Finance
Supports both new businesses and existing businesses with finance, accounting, operational processes, and administrative functions. Businesses include real estate development, capital leasing, private equity investment, membership-based businesses, and retail.

2016 to Present **Carpinteria Valley Lumber**
Vice President of Administration & Finance
Accountant and full-charge bookkeeper for the business. Oversees all aspects of purchasing, budgeting, payroll, sales tax reporting, accounts payable, and monthly financial reports. Responsible for compliance and administration of insurance, permits, licenses, and other regulatory matters.

2018 to 2019 **Essex Capital Corporation**
Vice President of Operations
Oversaw day-to-day operation of the equipment leasing and capital investment business, working with start-up tech companies. Responsible for all accounting activities, note tracking and extensions, and leasing activity.

2014 to 2015 **AppFolio, Inc.**
Account Manager
Maintained and grew relationships with new and existing customers. Identified new opportunities through prospecting, lead follow-up, and qualification.

2013 to 2014 **Recreational Equipment, Inc.**
Sales Manager - Operations & Hard Goods
Oversaw all aspects of store operations and staff, including hiring, training, scheduling, shipping and receiving, stocking, operations budget, and banking. Build and maintain a team of sales leaders to ensure a positive customer experience through mentorship, coaching, and personnel development.

2011 to 2014 **Recreational Equipment, Inc.**
Outdoor Programs & Outreach Market Coordinator
Coordination and awareness building for two REI store openings in Santa Barbara and Oxnard through event sponsorship, conservation and stewardship, grants, classes and presentations, and gear donations.

PROFILE

Dynamic and organized leader with strong experience managing people, business operations, finance, and accounting functions.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts
Environmental Studies, emphasis in Urban Studies & Planning
University of California, Santa Barbara

Executive MBA Candidate
Eller College of Management
University of Arizona

SKILLS

QuickBooks Desktop
QuickBooks Online
Microsoft Applications
Adobe InDesign
Adobe Illustrator
SalesForce
Epicor Eagle
Mac & Windows OS

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Ojai Valley Fire Safe Council
Wildfire Mitigation Road Map
Committee
2018-2020

Ka Nai'a Outrigger
Board of Directors
2010-2019

Southern California Outrigger
Racing Association
Board of Directors
2012-2018

Channel Islands National Marine
Sanctuary
Naturalist Corps
2008-2011

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2010 to **Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition**

2011 **Volunteer Coordinator**

Created and implemented an updated volunteer program (including position descriptions, training plan, and volunteer manual) for Bicycle Coalition events and regular Bici Centro Community Bicycle Shop volunteers.

2010 to **Santa Barbara International Film Festival**

2011 **Volunteer Coordinator**

Increased volunteer retention from 60% to 95%. Trained, scheduled, and provided support to 500 volunteers, donating over 7,000 hours during the 11 day Festival.

2009 to **Animal Shelter Assistance Program**

2011 **Volunteer Coordinator**

Assisted with shelter operations. Responsible for the implementation of a new volunteer training program, new software, and formalized positions.

2007 to **Santa Barbara Zoo**

2009 **Volunteer Programs Manager**

Decreased episodic volunteer absence from 15% to less than 3%. Managed all volunteer program staff including 3 year-round staff and one seasonal staff. Provided support, management and resources to approximately 600 annual and 100 regular volunteers.