Special District Risk Management Authority Board of Directors Candidates Statements of Qualifications

Attachment 1

Special District Risk Management Authority
Board of Directors
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications

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Nominee/Candidate	Muril N. Clift
District/Agency	Cambria Community Services District
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Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors? (Response Required)

It has been an honor and privilege to serve on SDRMA's Board of Directors for the past four years. During that time the Board, through prudent financial management has:

- Held rates stable in a serve recession.
- Instituted longevity bonuses for member loyalty
- Established programs to assist handling and preventing workers compensation claims through the Company Nurse Program and Safety Equipment Reimbursement Program
- Expanded training and professional development opportunities through financing the Targeted Solutions Program and Special Districts Leadership Foundation

I want to continue on the Board to support these programs and seek additional service opportunities to members while providing exceptional value in insurance access.

What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization) (Response Required)

My background includes a combination of a strong commitment to the concept of the Special District form of government and a 41 year career in the private personal and commercial insurance industry.

In addition to serving the past four years on the SDRMA Board, I currently serve as:

- Director, Cambria Community Services District
- Director, Special Districts Leadership Foundation
- Commissioner, San Luis Obispo County LAFCO
- Member, Special Districts Legislative Committee

I am totally committed to the Special District as the most direct form of local government.

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What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have? (Response Required)

Having served on the Boards of several different types of Special Districts – School District, Airport District, Multi Services District and Single Service Agency – gives me an understanding of the different problems faced by districts and the opportunities for SDRMA to provide assistance.

My 41 year career, now retired, in the private personal and commercial insurance industry provides an understanding of the liabilities Districts face and how SDRMA can meet our member's risk management and insurance needs.

What is your overall vision for SDRMA? (Response Required)

My vision for SDRMA is incorporated in SDRMA's Mission Statement of "providing renewable, efficiently priced risk management services through a financially sound pool to CSDA member districts".

First, I see SDRMA's primary responsibility is to provide as much stability to risk financing as possible maintaining financial security of the risk pool.

Second, I see SDRMA expanding the risk management services through expanded training and professional development provided to its members.

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Candidate Signature _____ Date 4/15/2013

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Nominee/Candidate Mike Scheafer
District/Agency Costa Mesa Sanitary District
Work Address 1551-B Baker St., Costa Mesa, CA 92626
Work Phone 714 435-0300 Home Phone 714 549-4961

Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors? (Response Required)

As an insurance professional for over 40 years I have become acutely aware of the need for strong risk management practices and procedures. I work hard to not only manage my own risk, but those of my customers and my Special District. I have a desire to share my skill and expertise with the various Districts in California.

I believe the increasing stress and challenges in risk management for Special Districts need a knowledgeable, committed professional like myself.

My professional life has given me an opportunity to serve various "communities" in a number of ways. Serving on the SDRMA Board is another opportunity to serve, one in which I would be honored to do.

What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization) (Response Required)

I have served as a Board Member for a number of non-profit and civic groups and agencies. In almost every experience I have been chosen as Chair or President for those groups. I believe this is a demonstration of my leadership skills. I have received a number of awards for that service.

I founded 2 non-profit organizations dedicated to serving my community. I currently serve on 2 CSDA committees. I am a former City Councilmember for the City of Costa Mesa, former Parks and Recreation Commissioner, and previously served as a CMSD Director.

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What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have? (Response Required)

I am a recognized leader and educator in the insurance industry with several awards for my experience in insurance awareness and risk avoidance. I hold a Community College teaching credential in Insurance Education.
State Farm Insurance appointed me at the Legislative Advisor to Assemblywoman Marilyn Brewer. I continue to work as an insurance advisor for State and Federal organizations in legislative affairs and issues.
As a past international officer for Lions Clubs International, I am often consulted on insurance or risk management issues for local Lions Clubs.
I continue to be the "go to guy" for risk management advice for various local and state groups.

What is your overall vision for SDRMA? (Response Required)

Special Districts are faced with many challenges in today's environment, risk management being one of them. There is a definite need for comprehensive plans for reducing risks, which ultimately provided cost benefits to the Districts. My vision for SDRMA is to advise and help implement the types of plans that allow Districts success. At the same time SDRMA needs to provide comprehensive, low cost coverages to protect Districts from the unforseen circumstances that will happen. SDRMA continues to provide those benefits. I would look forward to being a part of the process of protection for Special Districts.

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Nominee/Candidate John Woolley
District/Agency Manila Community Services District
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Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors? (Response Required)

I was fortunate to be part of the beginnings of SDRMA when it was created in the latter part of the 1980's, then under the name Special District Insurance Agency. From there the focus changed, from not just providing basic insurance, but recognized risk management is the essential service and purpose for the existence of the entity, and therefore, so did the name change to SDRMA. From these experiences on the Board of Directors, I personally grew and became an advocate for its abilities and services. Now retired, but still engaged in community volunteer service, I remain attracted to the work of SDRMA and find the possibility to serve on the Board to be an exciting opportunity, and a position I am sure will be personally fulfilling. The SDRMA Management and Board Team have been providing excellent leadership, maintaining the stability and member services necessary for SDRMA to be successful, and it would be an honor to serve with them.

What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization) (Response Required)

I have had over 30 years experience in various public service postions. Besides serving my community service district for 16 years, I was elected to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors in 1996, serving 3 terms before stepping down to take a position as Field Representative for Assemblymember Wesley Chesbro, retiring in 2012. During my time on the Board of Supervisors, I was active in creating joint powers authorities, providing vital services in waste management, energy conservation, and other fields, where I was able to bring their risk management needs to SDRMA. I am familiar with the communities of our northwest counties, i.e Humboldt, Del Norte, and Trinity from my experiences with both the Board of Supervisors and the State Assembly. Currently, besides serving on the Manila CSD, I am Board member of our local county wide economic development organization, Redwood Region Economic Development Commission, also a SDRMA member; a member of the Humboldt State University President's Advisory Board, and Board President of the North Coast Cooperative.

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What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have? (Response Required)

From my previous experiences with SDRMA, I have a good understanding of the organization's policies and procedures that provide a systematic ability to offer excellent coverages and risk management services. From my overall experience in public board sevice, I am knowlegeable of the understanding required to set policy, review and understand budgets, develop and follow appropriate personnel policies, and other legal Board requirements. I have had a good deal experience in making presentations. I have good knowledge of the legislative process and can assist in guiding efforts to achieve legislative goals beneficial to SDRMA and its members.

What is your overall vision for SDRMA? (Response Required)

Clearly SDRMA has been successful over the years in providing risk management services, attracting and retaining members, providing stable rates, while practicing in a collaborative ability among the Board and Management Team members. It is important to all of SDRMA that these same successes be part of its future endeavors.

At the same time, SDRMA must be mindful of the changes in the risk management world and create responsive business plans that will continue and enhance upon the existing level of services. To do so, SDRMA Board members must remain in good communication with its members; reflecting their concerns and interests, and representing SDRMA wherever possible in their communities. When the Board is considering changes or new level of services, it must remain diligent to protecting its members assets.

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Candidate Signature _____ Date 4/23/13

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Nominee/Candidate Timothy W. Unruh
District/Agency Kern County Cmeetery District No. 1
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Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors? (Response Required)

This is an opportunity to give back to the members of SDRMA; I am especially interested in keeping a small district influence on the board. It is important to maintain a balanced perspective for the decisions that impact all the members of SDRMA.

What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization) (Response Required)

I have been the District Manager for the Kern County Cemetery District for 26 years. I have had various and extensive Board experience as follows:
Locally:
Kern County Special District Association - worked for LAFCo representation for special districts; Kern County Association of Public Cemeteries; 10 years on local school board and various community boards.
State:
California Special Districts Association-currently on Legislation Committee and 3 years as a Director, one year as Legislation Committee Chair. While on CSDA I met with SDRMA in various joint meetings in an effort to help both organizations in their work together. California Association of Public Cemeteries-on board 10 years, past president and currently as legislation committee chair.

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What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have? (Response Required)

Those that know me, know that I am a people person and will work to make my involvement the best that I can. I have an interest in legislation and currently am on on CSDA Legislation Commitee and have been a past chairman of the CSDA Legislation Committee. I have been working on various committees for 30 years and understand that it is important to listen to the needs of the committee and the members.

What is your overall vision for SDRMA? (Response Required)

SDRMA has shown a great concern for the special districts in California in their commitment to meeting their insurance needs. This is done by being involved and listening to members. I wish to expand thatbasic concept by continuing to create education opportunities and create a tool box that districts can use to reduce claims and keep employees safe.

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Candidate Signature Timothy W. Unal Date 4-22-2013

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Nominee/Candidate	Jean Bracy, SDA
District/Agency	Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District
Work Address	14306 Park Ave., Victorville, CA 92392
Work Phone	760-245-1661

Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors?

I have served on the SDRMA Board of Directors for nearly four years. During this term, the Board has adopted many important programs and policies aimed to provide members cost effective coverage and to support every member's effort to develop safe working environments. During my tenure, the Board voted each year to hold rates flat for the property/liability program; established a multiple-policy discount (5%) for each member who belongs to both the property/liability and the workers compensation programs; created the longevity distribution which shares investment earnings with members who continue with SDRMA programs; established the loss prevention allowance funds which reimburses members for safety-related costs up to $1,000; launched and enhanced the SDRMA interactive website; strengthened support to California Special Districts Association (CSDA) and the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF); provided FREE online training through Target Solutions; and contracted with Company Nurse to provide FREE screening services for work-related injury cases.

I have worked closely with SDRMA for 13 years. I am attracted to its member-focused, pro-active, and positive mission. I would like to see – and be a part of – SDRMA continue this member-centric approach.

What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization)

I am currently serving my second term on the Board of Directors for the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF), representing the SDRMA. As a member of this Board I have been part of the renewal and expansion of the SDLF programs, including the premier program, District of Distinction, also the Special District Administrator Certificate, the Recognition of Special District Governance, and the newly created District Transparency Certificate of Excellence.

My career experience with special districts has helped me to understand the issues specific to smaller organizations. I have learned what it really means for an organization to do more with less. I have also learned that political realities for special districts are distinct from other forms of governments. As the Director of Administrative Services for the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District, I am the staff representative to the Governing Board Committees for Budget and Personnel. I am a member of and have chaired the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) statewide committees for Fiscal and Human Resource officers. I organized and have chaired the Alternate Fuel Task Force for the Mojave Desert air basin; I have represented the District in the Antelope Valley Clean Cities Coalition.

My working opportunities have crossed several public service types. I served as the Victorville city representative to the Technical Advisory Committee for the Victor Valley Transit Authority and as the City representative and officer on the Executive Committee of the Regional Economic Development Authority. I volunteered four years on the Board of Directors of the Victor Valley Federal Credit Union. For six years, I worked as an adjunct professor at Victor Valley Community College teaching Public Works Administration.

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What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have?

As professional and as a volunteer, I have a wide range of experiences with organizational structures, long term and vision planning, development of staff and volunteers, and resource and program management. My experience of leading organizational activities and implementing change for growth includes bringing together intergenerational and multicultural groups to achieve common goals.

I am an effective manager with expertise in efficient and productive management implementing process improvements in finance, human resources, risk management, and a wide variety of related administrative and organizational functions. I have led highly skilled teams to support the achievement of overall agency goals and objectives.

I earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from California State University, San Bernardino

I earned the Special District Administrator Certification from the Special Districts Leadership Foundation

I earned the Recognition of Special District Governance from the Special Districts Leadership Foundation

I earned the Masters Certification in Labor Relations from the California Public Employers Labor Relations Association (CALPELRA)

What is your overall vision for SDRMA?

I want to continue contributing my experience and expertise to SDRMA's overall function to further strengthen and enhance the lines of services provided by SDRMA. I want to be part of the mission to enhance the member's experience through claims management and education that leads to loss prevention.

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Candidate Signature Jan Bracy Date February 12, 2013

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Nominee/Candidate Dennis Mayo

District/Agency McKinleyville Community Services District

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Work Phone (707) 839-3251 Home Phone (707) 832-9334

Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors? (Response Required)

SDRMA on a nuts and bolts level is the single most important Board for Special Districts. Serving ones District is a special trust given by the local electorate. Being elected by ones peer's to serve in the betterment of all Special Districts honors those constituents and allows me to be the voice of my District. I am dedicated to public service and feel my work ethics and experience will be a valuable asset to SDRMA, my District and all our Special Districts.

What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization) (Response Required)

Currently I am the Board President of McKinleyville Community Services District; Director of Open Beach and Trails; ACWA Region 1 Board Member; JPIA/ACWA Employee Benefit Committee member; Director of membership Moose Lodge No. 208; Legislative analyst for California Commercial Beach Fisherman Association; North Coast Representative for the Blue Ribbon Coalition.
Formerly a Humboldt County Planning Commissioner; Vice President McKinleyville Rodeo Association; Lake Earl Grange member; Member of the California State Grange Consumer Committee; Humboldt Bay Harbor District Strategic Plan; Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District Strategic Plan. Member of the Arcata Fire Protection District Fund Coordinator and other Boards and Commissions over the past (40) forty years.

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What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have? (Response Required)

I have a Life and Casualty Insurance experience and worked in the field in my earlier years. I have extensive experience with group dynamic's and the interplay of Workman's Compensation. I have worked on Legislative issues and developed specific language for successful State and Federal Legislation and have negotiated many successful employee contracts. From groups as small as a Rodeo Committee to a twenty million dollar Water District, dotting the "I's" and crossing the "T's" on insurance issues means the difference between success and failure. I have a unique talent working with diverse groups and getting to the heart of an issue.

What is your overall vision for SDRMA? (Response Required)

California is in financial crisis. There are local, regional and national pressures that make stewarding the public trust seem almost a nightmare. SDRMA is planted deeply and perhaps unfairly in the middle of that crucible. It is often said that we must think outside the box for creating solutions. The truth is we must think both outside and inside the box to provide the best service for Special Districts in our Districts and our State. It is my hope to bring a powerful and creative energy to this Board and leave no stone unturned to make SDRMA the best it can be.

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Nominee/Candidate	David Aranda		
District/Agency	North of the River Municipal Water District		
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Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors? (Response Required)

I would like to be part of a team that continues to make SDRMA the best risk services provider in the State. It is my desire to see SDRMA continue to be responsive to its members and all Special Districts in regard to coverage, education and pricing.

What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization) (Response Required)

My Board and Committee experience include the following:

- **1998- Present: SDRMA Board**
  - **2000-2006: SDRMA Board President**
  - **2010-Present: SDRMA Board President**
- **1999-Present: Special District Leadership Foundation**
  - **1999-Present: Served as SDLF Chair**
- **Other Board of Director Experiences:**
  - **California Special Districts Association Board of Directors**
  - **California Rural Water Board of Directors**

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What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have? (Response Required)

Experience and "thinking outside the box".

What is your overall vision for SDRMA? (Response Required)

To see the Following:

1. **Claims reduced to an unbelievable low number due to education, safety practices, and an overall safety culture promoted by SDRMA and practiced by all Districts.**
2. **Premium payments reduced by 50% by 2020 due to sound investment and low claims.**

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