


LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

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DATE : JULY 8, 2019 
FROM: SAMUEL MARTINEZ, Executive Officer
TO: LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #14: Consideration of Candidate Election for Board of Directors to the Special District Risk Management Authority

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission:

1. Select incumbents Sandy A. Seifert-Raffelson and Robert Swan, and another candidate to serve as Directors on the Special District Risk Management Authority Board; and,
2. Authorize the Executive Officer to send-in the signed Official Election Ballot reflecting the Commission's selection and vote.

BACKGROUND:

As a member of the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA), the Commission participates in the elections for its Board members. Included as attachments to this report are the Election Ballot Instructions, the Official Election Ballot, and the SDRMA Board of Directors Candidate's Statements of Qualifications.

The SDRMA Board of Directors is currently composed of seven directors: one director represents the Northern Region, three represent the Central Region, and three represent the Southern Region. Of the seven, three of the directors are up for election this year. The director representing the Northern Region, Sandy Seifert-Raffelson, and one of the three directors representing the Central Region, Robert Swan, are both seeking reelection. However, the director from the Southern Region who is up for election, Mr. Ed Gray from Chino Valley Independent Fire Protection District, is not running for re-election.

The other three candidates who are running for SDRMA Board of Directors are: Jesse D. Claypool from the Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District (Northern Region), Patrick O'Rourke from the Redwood Region Economic Development Commission (Northern Region), and James Hamlin from the Burney Water District (Northern Region).

For this election, the Commission may select up to three candidates from a field of five candidates. Staff recommends that the Commission select incumbents Ms. Seifert-Raffelson and Mr. Swan. The Commission has one remaining vote, and staff is recommending that it be cast by choosing anyone from among the remaining three candidates, all of whom are from the Northern Region, in order to maintain a relatively balanced representation of the Board of Directors.

Staff will be happy to answer any questions prior to or at the hearing.

Attachments: SDRMA's Board of Directors Election Ballot Instructions, Official 2019 Election Ballot, and Candidates' Statements of Qualifications

SDRMA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

Notification of nominations for three (3) seats on the Special District Risk Management Authority's (SDRMA's) Board of Directors was mailed to the membership in January 2019.

On May 2, 2019, SDRMA's Election Committee reviewed the nomination documents submitted by the candidates in accordance with SDRMA's Policy No. 2017-10 Establishing Guidelines for Director Elections. The Election Committee confirmed that five (5) candidates met the qualification requirements and those names are included on the Official Election Ballot.

Enclosed is the Official Election Ballot along with a Statement of Qualifications as submitted by each candidate. Election instructions are as follows:

1. The enclosed Official Election Ballot must be used to ensure the integrity of the balloting process.
2. After selecting up to three (3) candidates, your agency's governing body must approve the enclosed Official Election Ballot at a public meeting. **Ballots containing more than three (3) candidate selections will be considered invalid and not counted.**
3. The signed Official Election Ballot **MUST** be sealed and **received by mail or hand delivery at SDRMA's office on or before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 to the address below.** A self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed. Faxes or electronic transmissions are NOT acceptable.

Special District Risk Management Authority
Election Committee
1112 "I" Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, California 95814

4. The four-year terms for newly elected Directors will begin on January 1, 2020 and terminate on December 31, 2023.

5. Important balloting and election dates are:

August 21, 2019:	Deadline for members to return the signed Official Election Ballot
August 22, 2019:	Ballots are opened and counted
August 23, 2019:	Election results are announced, and candidates notified
September 25, 2019:	Newly elected Directors are introduced at the SDRMA Annual Breakfast to be held in Anaheim at the CSDA Annual Conference
November 6-7, 2019:	Newly elected Directors are invited to attend SDRMA board meeting (Sacramento)
January 2020:	Newly elected Directors are seated, and Board officer elections are held

If you have any questions regarding the election and balloting process, please do not hesitate to call SDRMA's Chief Operating Officer Paul Frydendal at 800.537.7790.



SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

**OFFICIAL 2019 ELECTION BALLOT
SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

VOTE FOR ONLY THREE (3) CANDIDATES

Mark each selection directly onto the ballot, voting for no more than three (3) candidates. Each candidate may receive only one (1) vote per ballot. A ballot received with more than three (3) candidates selected will be considered invalid and not counted. All ballots must be sealed and received by mail or hand delivery in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope at SDRMA on or before 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 21, 2019. Faxes or electronic transmissions are NOT acceptable.

- BOB SWAN (INCUMBENT)**
Board Member, Groveland Community Services District
- JESSE D. CLAYPOOL**
Board Chair, Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District
- PATRICK K. O'ROURKE, MPA/CFRM**
Board Member, Redwood Region Economic Development Commission
- SANDY SEIFERT- RAFFELSON (INCUMBENT)**
Finance Manager/Treasurer, Herlong Public Utility District
- JAMES (Jim) M. HAMLIN**
Board President, Burney Water District

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2019 by the Local Agency Formation Commission for San Bernardino County at a public meeting by the following votes:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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

This information will be distributed to the membership with the ballot, "exactly as submitted" by the candidates – no attachments will be accepted. No statements are endorsed by SDRMA.

Candidate* Bob Swan

District/Agency Groveland Community Services District (GCSD)

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Work Phone (209) 962-7161

Home Phone (408) 398-4731

*The name or nickname and any designations (i.e. CPA, SDA, etc.) you enter here will be printed on the official ballot, exactly as submitted.

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

I am a current Board member. I would like to be elected to a second term because:

1. As a board member of Groveland CSD, I am particularly aware of the great value that smaller districts get from SDRMA, and I'd like to continue to do my part to make sure that this important agency continues to operate smoothly and stably into the indefinite future.
2. The insurance market in California (and nationwide) is going through a period of rapid change. The Board and staff are engaged in a major re-evaluation of SDRMA's approach to fulfilling its mission of providing cost-effective risk management services to its members. I believe that it is important to maintain Board continuity in this effort.
3. SDRMA Board members are either board members ("electeds") or employees of a member agency. I think there is value in having a balance between elected and employee Board members. The Board seats that are NOT up for election are currently 3 employees / 1 elected. I'd like to make sure the new Board has at least 2 elected members.

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)

1. SDRMA Board Member since 2016. This year (2019), I serve as Secretary. During our "no CEO" period in late 2017 - early 2018, I was a member of the ad hoc Personnel Committee. I am also a member of the Alliance Executive Council, and a backup member of the Legislative Committee.
2. Groveland CSD Board Member since I was appointed in June 2013. For the years 2014-2018, I served as Board President. (We finally implemented mandatory rotation of the office in 2019).
3. Member of the Board of Southside Community Connections, a local nonprofit in Groveland that provides educational, social, and recreational services to seniors, as well as free transportation to those who cannot drive.
4. Board Member (currently Treasurer) of Pine Cone Performers, a local choral and acting group, since 2010.
5. Back during my work life, I was a corporate representative on an IEEE standards committee concerned with wireless networking. It was very educational being on a committee where the members had widely differing (competing) goals.

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

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

History: BS Physics, MS Computer Science. 3 years in USAF. 30 years in the semiconductor industry, first as an engineering manager, later as a business unit manager. Now retired (so I have plenty of time).

Skills, etc.: Very familiar with financial reports, cost accounting, quantitative analysis. Working knowledge of modern computer and communications technology. Managed distributed organizations with up to 150 technical people and up to \$120M in annual sales. Pretty good at listening to different views, and helping to achieve consensus (or, at least, compromise).

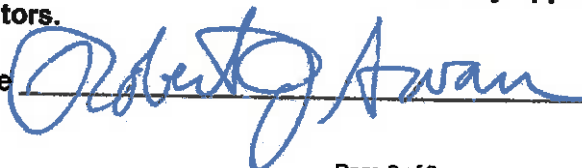
What is your overall vision for SDRMA? (Response Required)

Well, obviously I support our (newly revised) vision statement: "To be the exemplary public agency risk pool of choice for California special districts and other public agencies". In order to achieve this vision, I believe the key issues are:

1. Maintain long term financial stability. This includes ensuring that there is a fair allocation of cost versus risk across the pool membership.
2. Continue to retain / acquire highly qualified staff, and ensure that this is a desirable place to work.
3. Remember who are our target clientele, which in my opinion are small to mid-sized districts with limited options for insurance.
4. In light of ever-evolving California workers-compensation law, expand risk-management training even further than we now provide.
5. Maintain good relations with our re-insurers (who insulate us from catastrophe). In the long run, explore the possibility of joining a "captive" re-insurer to improve stability.

I certify that I meet the candidate qualifications as outlined in the SDRMA election policy. I further certify that I am willing to serve as a director on SDRMA's Board of Directors. I will commit the time and effort necessary to serve. Please consider my application for nomination/candidacy to the Board of Directors.

Candidate Signature

 Date 4-24-2019

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

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Candidate* Jesse D. Claypool
District/Agency Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District
Work Address USDA Service Center 170 Russell Avenue, Suite C Susanville, CA 96130
Work Phone 530-257-7271 ext 100 Home Phone 530-310-0232

*The name or nickname and any designations (i.e. CPA, SDA, etc.) you enter here will be printed on the official ballot, exactly as submitted.

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

My interest for being on the SDRMA Board of Directors is because I believe it is imperative for there to be a knowledgeable and experienced voice on the Board with the perspective of the small to mid-size special district, working together with the other SDRMA Board Members, to ensure relevant—affordable solutions are available to all size 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)

I am currently serving my fifth (5th) consecutive term as Chairman of the Board of a special district. I served two (2) yrs. on a Technical Advisory Committee for the prevention of violence against schools K-12. I served one (1) term on an elementary school board. I am currently serving my second (2nd) consecutive term on CSDA's committee for Professional Development. I am currently serving my sixth (6th) consecutive term on the board of a Regional Water Management Group. I am currently serving my second (2nd) consecutive term on CSDA's committee for Member Services. I am currently serving as a member of the County's Civil Grand Jury.

I have attended and completed the California School Board Association's New Board Member Training. I have Certificates of Completion from CSDA for General Manager Evaluation, Exercising Legislative Authority and Achieving Transparency. I attended and completed CSDA's Extraordinary Leader training. I attended and completed CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy and I have received CSDA's Recognition in Special District Governance certificate.

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

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

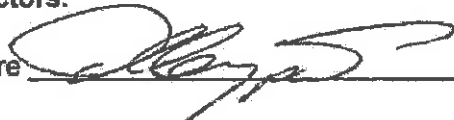
My experience with special districts and governance, belief in the importance of quality governing policies, the ability to work effectively with the other board members and staff and a desire to give back to SDRMA and its membership will be what I bring to the SDRMA Board of Directors.

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

For SDRMA to continually advance as an industry leader providing affordable solutions for special districts of any size enabling them to be effective within the communities they serve.

I certify that I meet the candidate qualifications as outlined in the SDRMA election policy. I further certify that I am willing to serve as a director on SDRMA's Board of Directors. I will commit the time and effort necessary to serve. Please consider my application for nomination/candidacy to the Board of Directors.

Candidate Signature



Date

4-26-19

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

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Candidate* Patrick K. O'Rourke, MPA/CFRM
District/Agency Redwood Region Economic Development Commission (RREDC)
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Work Phone 707-445-9651 Home Phone 707-726-6700

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

I have considerable interest, knowledge, and experience in board leadership; board service; and board governance/policy development & oversight in for-profits, nonprofits, a joint powers authority/SDRMA member organization, and as an elected city councilman. I also have considerable experience (as a top-level executive board leader and manager) in organizational risk management and risk mitigation/prevention. I would like to share my knowledge, skills, abilities, and experience in service to SDRMA members, via my service on SDRMA's board of directors. I believe that my knowledge, experience, and dedication to excellence and implementation of best practices in governance and policy development/oversight will serve SDRMA well, and will assist SDRMA in maintaining its "Excellence" accreditation via the California Association of Joint Powers Authorities (CAJPA).

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)

Having served in board leadership roles (25+ years in for-profit entities; 25+ years in nonprofit & private/public foundations; and 2+ years in a Joint Powers Authority [SDRMA member organization]), I am well-versed and experienced in board governance; policy development; financial statement analysis and budget review; executive management search/selection, oversight and evaluation; organizational risk management/mitigation; litigation oversight; and best practices in organizational governance. At SDRMA member organization, Redwood Region Economic Development Commission (RREDC), I have served as 2019 Immediate Past Chair; 2018 Board Chair; 2017 Vice Chair; Chair of Executive Committee; and Member of the Loan Committee. I have in-depth knowledge of policy governance (Culver, et al.); I am an advocate for transparency & best practices; and I am knowledgeable & experienced in California's Ralph M. Brown Act and Roberts Rules of Order. I have also served in board governance and board leadership roles in several nonprofit organizations and in both public and private foundations, including as Board Chair (12+ years) and in President & Vice President roles. I have also Chaired Search/Selection committees; Public Relations committees; Fund Development committees; and Finance/Audit committees.

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

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

Besides holding a Master of Public Affairs degree, with a specialty in nonprofit management; having completed all coursework and written/oral exams (all except dissertation) for a PhD in Mass Communication, with a specialty in public relations and a cognate in organizational communication management, I have several other directly-relevant skills/talents/experience including: I am expertly adept at executive-level relationship development and stewardship, and have served as an organizational & industry advocate and liaison working closely with community organizations, local/county/state elected officials, and public/private entities/organizations and foundations. I am expertly adept at financial and operational analysis, and at asset/portfolio management and risk mitigation. I have taught for-credit university courses in corporate leadership; in entrepreneurial leadership research and practice; as well as having published peer-reviewed academic research on leadership in public relations.

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

My vision for SDRMA would be for SDRMA to continue to add value to its members; operate with the highest ethical practices and transparency; continue in providing excellence in service, education, safety and compliance training; help members to mitigate and reduce risk; provide expedient claims review and response; provide members with state-of-the-art education and information; educate members to minimize losses/risk in member workplaces; and to continue to provide members with comprehensive coverage for property/liability, workers comp, and health benefits.

I would envision SDRMA management and staff enjoying a quality of life that will ensure their happiness and continue an atmosphere of dedicated service to SDRMA members. I would also envision that SDRMA will continue to operate with efficiencies that minimize costs/expenses, continue to enable SDRMA to maintain competitive premium rates, and (when possible) lower organizational and member costs. I would also envision a governing board that embraces and employs best governing practices in all areas of policy development; executive management oversight; financial review/audit; and in investing and spreading portfolio assets to minimize portfolio investment risks and maximize return on investments. Finally, I would envision SDRMA, and its management team/staff, operating in ways that will continue to earn accreditation "Excellence" from the California Association of Joint Powers Authorities (CAJPA).

I certify that I meet the candidate qualifications as outlined in the SDRMA election policy. I further certify that I am willing to serve as a director on SDRMA's Board of Directors. I will commit the time and effort necessary to serve. Please consider my application for nomination/candidacy to the Board of Directors.

Candidate Signature _____

Date _____

3/25/1959 2019

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

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Candidate* Sandy Seifert-Raffelson

District/Agency Herlong Public Utility District

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Work Phone (530) 827-3150 Cell Phone (530) 310-4320

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

I am a current Board member of SDRMA and feel that I have added my financial background to make better informed decisions for our members. As a Board member, I continue to improve my education of insurance issues and look forward to representing small District's and Northern California as a voice on the SDRMA Board. I feel I am an asset to the Board with my degree in Business and my 30 plus years' experience in accounting and auditing.

I understand the challenges that small District face every day when it comes to managing liability insurance, worker's compensation and health insurance for a few employees with limit revenue and staff. My education and experience give me an appreciation of the importance of risk management services and programs, especially for smaller District that lack expertise with insurance issues on a daily basis.

I feel I am an asset to this Board, and would love a chance to stay on 4 more years!

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

While serving on the SDRMA Board, I have been privilege to be Secretary of the Board for two years, and currently the Vice-President. I have served on CSDA's Audit and Financial Committee's for 6 years; I have served on the SDLF Board; Northeastern Rural Health Clinic Board; Fair Board; School and Church boards; 4-H Council and leader for 15 years; and UC Davis Equine Board. In the past 25 years, I have learn that there is no "I" in Board and it can be very rewarding to be part of a team that makes a difference for others.

As part of my many duties working with Herlong PUD, I worked to form the District and was directly involved with LAFCo, Lassen County Board of Supervisors and County Clerk to establish the initial Board of Directors and first Policies for HPUD. I have administered the financial portion of 2 large capital improvement project with USDA as well as worked on the first ever successful water utility privatization project with the US Army and Department of Defense. I am currently working on a 4.2 million grant from California for new infrastructure for the small District HPUD absorb through LAFCo in 2017. I am also the primary administrator of a federal contract for utility services with the Federal Bureau of Prison and the US Army.

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

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

I have my Bachelor's Degree in Business with a minor in Sociology. I have audited Small Districts for 5 years, worked for a Small District for almost 15 years and have over 30 years of accounting experience. I am a good communicator and organizer. I have served on several Boards and feel I work well within groups or special committee. I am willing to go that extra mile to see things get completed.

I believe in recognition for jobs well done. I encourage incentive programs that get members motivated to participate and strive to do their very best to keep all losses at a minimum and reward those with no losses.

I have completed my Certificate for Special District Board Secretary/Clerk Program in both regular and advance course work through CSDA and co-sponsored by SDRMA. I have completed the CSDA Special District Leadership Academy and Special District Governance Academy. I am in the processes of getting my small District re-certified for their District of Transparency and hope one day to attain our District of Distinction.

I work for a District in Northeastern California that has under gone major changes from a Cooperative Company to a 501c12 Corporation, to finally a Public Utility District. I have worked with LAFCo to become a District. Also our small District consolidated another small District into our District. Through past experience I feel I make a great Board member representing the small districts of Northern California and their unique issues and will make decisions that would help all rural/small districts.

What is your overall vision for SDRMA?

For SDRMA to be at the top of the risk management field and to continue communicating and listening to the needs of all California Special Districts and meeting those needs at a reasonable price that Special Districts can afford. I would like to continue education and rewards for no claims and explore avenues of financial endeavors that will benefit our customers.

I certify that I meet the candidate qualifications as outlined in the SDRMA election policy. I further certify that I am willing to serve as a director on SDRMA's Board of Directors. I will commit the time and effort necessary to serve. Please consider my application for nomination/candidacy to the Board of Directors.

Candidate Signature



Date

4/16/19

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

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Candidate* James (Jim) M. Hamlin
District/Agency Burney Water District
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Work Phone (530) 335-3582 Cell Phone _____

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

Hope to serve and help with decisions being made to both strengthen SDRMA and move into new areas. Our districts are facing new challenges constantly.

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)

See Next

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

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

September 1972 until January 2014, owned and operated a Insurance brokerage
Sold business and retired.

Board Member of Mayers Memorial Hospital District From 1990 until 2014
Served on the Associal of Hospital Districts for six years.

Served on the board of Burney Water District the previous six years. Current
Serving on Mayers Memorial Hospital Financial Board.

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

-----SDRMA Board must be strong and protect the concerns of their members. Need
to have a listening ear for the districts that are represented. Need to
use caution when jumping into new areas, not jepordise their strong programs
and beliefs for new programs.

I certify that I meet the candidate qualifications as outlined in the SDRMA election policy. I further certify that I am willing to serve as a director on SDRMA's Board of Directors. I will commit the time and effort necessary to serve. Please consider my application for nomination/candidacy to the Board of Directors.

Candidate Signature James M. Hankle Date 3-27-2019