



Voter Information Guide

**Consolidated Mail Ballot Election
Tuesday, August 27, 2013**

The Elections Office of the Registrar of Voters is conducting a consolidated election for multiple jurisdictions that have elections being held on the same day. This election is being conducted by mail ballot.

Your mail ballot packet includes the following:

- **Your Official Ballot**
- **Candidate Statements**
- **Mail Ballot Voting and Return Instructions**
- **Your Official Postage Paid Return Envelope**

Candidate Statements

A candidate statement is a brief description of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications, expressed by the candidate himself or herself.

Candidates have the option of including a candidate statement in this guide – the expense of which is paid by the candidate. Some candidates choose not to purchase space for a candidate statement; therefore this guide may not contain a statement for every candidate on your ballot.

The following pages contain statements for the candidates on your ballot who chose to include a candidate statement in this guide.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR DIRECTOR
ARROWBEAR PARK COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

No candidate statements were filed.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR DIRECTOR, FULL TERM
CHINO VALLEY INDEPENDENT FIRE DISTRICT**

NAME: MIKE KREEGER

AGE: 42

OCCUPATION: City Commissioner/Businessman

Vote for Mike Kreeger

Mike Kreeger's 17 years of local community service:

- "Reserve Officer of the Year" – San Bernardino County Sheriff Reserve Deputy Chino Hills 1996-Current
- Volunteer of the Year – 1st Qtr. City of Chino Hills 2012
- Chairman CVUSD Measure M Committee
- Chairman & Commissioner – Parks & Recreation Commission 2006-2013
- Commissioner Public Works Commission 2013-current
- Volunteer of PTA, AYSO, Little League
- Church: Chairman Board of Trustees, Pre-School Board
- America Natural Disaster Home Rebuilding Volunteer

Mike Kreeger stands for:

- Pension Reform: Employee's must pay their fair share of their retirement benefits. Mike will fight to make future contracts equitable for taxpayers and employees.
- Eliminate the current budget deficit without sacrificing service to residents
- Long term planning of new stations
- Support for our Firefighters: First class training and equipment
- Public Safety comes first

Mike Kreeger and his wife have called the Chino Valley home, raising their children in this community.

"I want to serve to maintain the high standards of safety and continue to make the Chino Valley a premier place to live. I respectfully ask for your vote."

Vote for Mike Kreeger

(909) 225-6271 mikekreeger@gmail.com

NAME: DEREK BUB

AGE: 36

OCCUPATION: High School Educator

I want to continue to take an active role in the community in which we reside, and I believe my education and experience will directly benefit the Fire District. We have an outstanding Fire District that focuses on professionalism and delivering high quality fire and paramedic service. As a Fire Board Director, I will be an advocate for the citizens of Chino and Chino Hills by offering proven leadership and the ability to thrive in a collaborative environment. I am approachable and believe in transparency for the tax payers we serve. I manage a comprehensive high school athletics program at a school with an enrollment of over 3,000 students, and have been involved in all aspects of the budgeting process. I also take part in many outreach programs. I have many endorsements including Chino Valley Professional Firefighters.

My background includes: MA, BA, Athletic Director, Mathematics Teacher and Head Varsity Football Coach.

If elected, I will continue to serve this great community in which I live and work.

NAME: BRIAN HANLON
OCCUPATION: Regional Sales Manager

AGE: 48

Denise, my wife of 21 years, is a teacher at Chaparrel Elementary School. We have always demonstrated a strong sense of community to our three children.

As a Fire Board Director, I will be a creative problem solver with an open door policy that promotes a collaborative leadership style.

With more than 25 years of experience in the private sector, I have vast experience in management, team building and budgeting. I oversee sales managers and their staffs, prepare budgets, approve expenditures, consult department heads and resolve customer complaints.

My endorsements include Chino Valley Professional Firefighters.

I have dedicated more than 15 years of volunteer service to this community.

My public service background includes: President of the Chino Hills High School Football Boosters, Vice President of Chino American Little League, coached Chino Pop Warner Football, Chino AYSO Soccer and a Founding Member of Oxford Preparatory Academy Charter School.

Please honor me with your vote for Fire Board Director.

Contact me at brianh@hubhasit.com

NAME: ED GRAY
OCCUPATION: Retired Police Lieutenant

It has been my privilege to serve on the Board of Directors of the Fire District since 2004 and I am asking for your vote to continue my service to our community.

I have lived in the Chino Valley since 1959. My wife, Bernice, and I have been married for 43 years, have three children and four grandchildren.

I possess an AA Degree from Chaffey College, a BA Degree in Public Administration from the University of Redlands and certifications in Governance and Administration from the California Special Districts Association.

During my tenure, I have served as President, Vice-President, Liaison to the cities of Chino and Chino Hills, Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee to the California Institution for Men and as Director for the Special Districts Risk Management Authority.

Professionally, I was a Police Officer with the City of Upland from 1976 until my retirement as a Police Lieutenant in 2004. My career provided me with extensive experience in providing effective and efficient public safety service.

It is my abiding belief that a public servant must maintain the highest degree of honesty and integrity and that our citizens needs are paramount.

NAME: JAMES "JIM" ESPINOSA

AGE: 67

OCCUPATION: Incumbent/Retired Firefighter

As a current member of the Chino Valley Fire District Board of Directors, as well as a concerned citizen of this Chino Valley for almost 40 years. It is my deepest desire to serve this community for another term as your Fire District Board member. In my previous 16 years as a Chino Fire Board Member, I have helped lay a solid framework for the emergency services that our citizens have come to expect through sound leadership and prudent fiscal management. I have played an integral part in the positive changes within the fire district, such as building four new fire stations, constructing a new administration office, and increasing paramedic services. My 35 years of firefighting and paramedic experience has given me invaluable insight to the workings of CVIFD emergency services organization. I also serve on the Fire District Association of California (FDAC) as a board member.

We strive to keep Chino Valley a safe community.

Please vote for James "Jim" Espinosa for Chino Valley Fire Board.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR DIRECTOR, SHORT TERM
CHINO VALLEY INDEPENDENT FIRE DISTRICT**

NAME: BRIAN JOHSZ

OCCUPATION: Director, Chino Valley Fire District

Vote for Brian Johsz. He chose the Chino Valley as the place to raise his family. Public safety was a large part of his decision. Like you, he appreciates our safe neighborhoods.

As Director on the Chino Valley Fire District Board, Brian Johsz has worked diligently to keep our community safe. He has brought a new vision to the Board. Endorsed by Chino Hills Mayor Peter Rogers, Chino Mayor Dennis Yates, and Supervisor Gary Ovitt.

Brian's continued commitment to voters is:

- Ensure your tax dollars are spent wisely.
- Protect neighborhoods by providing firefighters needed equipment.
- Work with local businesses to stop burdensome regulations.

His community experience includes: serving on the Oversight Committee for Chino Valley USD Measure M, active in Rotary, serves on the San Bernardino County Trails Commission, and volunteering with local charities.

Brian Johsz has served residents through work years of public service. He graduated from Berkeley and earned a Masters in Public Administration. Brian and his wife have a young son and are expecting a daughter. They attend St. Paul the Apostle Church in Chino Hills.

Please vote for Brian Johsz for Chino Valley Fire District Director. His promise to you is dedicated service to all residents.

www.BrianJohsz.com

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR DIRECTOR
CREST FOREST FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

NAME: AARON CREIGHTON

AGE: 51

OCCUPATION: Management Consultant

The Crest Forest Fire Protection District is headed into the next phase of its existence with the contracting of County Fire for services. With this transitional phase taking place, it is important that it be guided by a data driven, methodical, dispassionate, process oriented approach. It is my hope that my extensive experience in Process/Project Management will be exactly what is needed as the district makes this important transition.

Along with all changes, there needs to be leaders with specific skills geared towards change management in order to make the transitions go smoothly and cost effectively. I am happy to offer up an entire career's worth of exactly those kinds of skills for the benefit of the people who rely on the services the district provides.

Fire protection is one of the core responsibilities of government and as such, should be delivered in the most efficient and balanced way possible. This takes leaders who can analyze efficiencies and improve processes. A high level of communication skill is also essential to any entity that answers, transparently, to the people of the community. I am pleased to offer exactly those skills for the benefit of the communities within the District.

NAME: JEROME CAMPBELL RINGHOFER JR.

AGE: 50

OCCUPATION: Retired Division Chief

As a Director, what can I offer the citizens of the District? Integrity, experience, proven leadership ability, and dedication to the welfare and well-being of our residents and visitors as well as all those who serve the District in protecting us all.

I am a 40+ year resident of the District. I am a Rim High graduate, a graduate of Crafton Hills Fire Academy with an AA degree in Fire Science. I recently retired after serving 32 years with the District – from Seasonal Firefighter through every rank up to fully certified Division Chief Officer.

I have extensive experience in working closely with San Bernardino County Fire, CALFIRE, USFS, as well as neighboring and regional fire and EMS service providers.

I believe that my training and experience will enable me to provide the administrative oversight expertise needed to ensure that the District's fiscal and physical resources are maximized to provide the best possible service to our citizens as the District enters into the All-Risk Community Emergency Responses Services Contract with the San Bernardino County Fire Department.

Thank you for taking the time to read my statement – please cast your vote for me.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR DIRECTOR
CRESTLINE-LAKE ARROWHEAD WATER AGENCY DIVISION 2**

No candidate statements were filed.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR DIRECTOR
EAST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

NAME: MATT LE VESQUE

AGE: 53

OCCUPATION: Director, East Valley Water District

Thank you for voting in this election. This August, you will select individuals who will serve your best interests on the board of East Valley Water District. The decisions we make will impact our community now and for generations to come. I take those impacts very seriously and I think about our community every time I make choices – and cast votes – on your behalf.

We are blessed to have an abundant supply of high quality water right under our feet in the San Bernardino Valley Basin. But that resource needs to be protected, used, and replenished so it will continue to serve our community for many years. That has been the focus of my service and I promise to continue to manage your water resources prudently.

I welcome your questions, concerns, and comments regarding our water and sewer service and encourage you to keep this information handy – matt4evwd@gmail.com or 909-890-0889 (cell).

I humbly ask for your vote for Matt Le Vesque for EVWD Board of Directors and thank you for your support.

NAME: JAMES MORALES JR.

AGE: 46

OCCUPATION: Director, East Valley Water District

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve on East Valley Water District's Board of Directors and I will be proud to continue serving your best interests in the future.

Having lived in our community since 1982, I understand the increasing demands placed upon our precious resources and I am committed to providing you a safe, clean and reliable water supply.

My top priorities are:

- Best practices for water management.
- Excellent customer service.
- Lower cost of operations.
- Exceed all water quality standards.
- No unnecessary rate increases.

On your behalf, I have worked to save over \$13 million through state grants, lowered expenses, improved operational efficiencies, increased financial management accountability and transparency, and approved balanced budgets.

To ensure the safety and reliability of our water supply, your District treatment plant has been upgraded to modern standards including emergency power for disaster preparedness.

My employment history includes being a local business owner and over 21 years of professional and public experience. I have degrees in economics and public administration from California State University San Bernardino.

Please contact me at james4water@gmail.com or (909) 677-9256. I ask for your trust and vote.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR DIRECTOR
LAKE ARROWHEAD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

NAME: STAN SIEVERS

AGE: 64

OCCUPATION: Business Owner

I have been an active member of the Lake Arrowhead Community for 30 years. My involvement includes past Board Member of LACSD, past President of Arrowhead Woods Architectural Committee, membership in local service organizations and Rim Youth Sports.

NAME: BILL THOMPSON

AGE: 59

OCCUPATION: Executive – Logistics/Supply Chain

Serving as an appointed member of the Board of Directors of the LACSD has been a challenge and an honor. Representing the interests of the rate payers/customers, district employees and vendors, and visitors to our area is not an easy task. Consumption has been reduced by the conscientious efforts of so many which is to be commended. Fixed costs of operation are high yet are being managed better every day. The trajectory of the LACSD has been more closely aligned with the financial resources available without taking on more debt, and I am determined that we must not regress in this effort. "Facts are stubborn things" said John Adams. Addressing the facts clearly, openly, and operating with integrity will see us through.

NAME: RYAN GROSS, P.E., BCEE

AGE: 41

OCCUPATION: Civil Engineer/General Manager

My name is Ryan Gross and I would like your vote for Director. I will bring needed balance to the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District (LACSD) Board. While serving as the LACSD District Engineer for more than seven years, I learned the complexity of the District's many challenges including our aging infrastructure and was instrumental in developing the short and long range plans for LACSD.

I am a Licensed Professional Engineer (P.E.) in Civil Engineering and a Board Certified Environmental Engineer (BCEE) in the specialty of Water Supply and Wastewater with the American Academy of Environmental Engineers. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Engineering from UC Riverside in 1997 and a Master of Science degree in Engineering from Cal-State Long Beach in 2001. I currently serve as the General Manager for the Running Springs Water District.

I am a Rim High School graduate and have lived in the Lake Arrowhead community on and off for more than 27 years.

If elected, I will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to share with the Board, staff and community of Lake Arrowhead and will work together to beneficially forward the interests of LACSD.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR DIRECTOR
MARIANA RANCHOS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

**NAME: RONALD E. "RON" DODGE
OCCUPATION: Retired Businessman**

I have lived in the district 36 yrs serving as an elected director for the last 4 yrs. 1 year as president of the board, this year as vice president of the board.

I have received training in water management during this time. I will continue to seek training throughout my term if elected.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR DIRECTOR
MORONGO VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

NAME: KAREN LOWE

AGE: 47

OCCUPATION: Real Estate Agent

I have been a Morongo Valley resident and active community member for 11 years. I am a licensed real estate agent, an avid equestrian and long time volunteer for the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Search and Rescue team. In June I will complete my fourth term as Board President of the Morongo Valley Chamber of Commerce. My priorities are financial stability and representation for the citizens of Morongo Valley. If I am elected I will act to ensure that our citizens wishing to speak and participate in the governmental process will be welcomed and treated with respect. My years of board and committee experience, and dealing with the public along with governmental agencies puts me in a unique position to serve. I love the community of Morongo Valley. I believe I can make a difference to our community as a Director of the Community Services District Board. I ask for your vote in that effort.

NAME: KRISTINA H. BROOK

AGE: 52

OCCUPATION: Business Owner

I am not a newcomer to Morongo Valley. My childhood memories include me toddling up Navajo Trail in the early 1960s collecting rocks to "help" my grandfather build his house. I purchased this house back into my family in 1999. My teenage daughter and I have been residents since 2005.

As a MVCSD board member since 2012, I know that the MVCSD has faced significant challenges over the last 15 years. As discussed at a recent MVCSD public meeting, a risk factor score for a CSD our size is around 70. MVCSD's risk score has grown by more than 450% since 1998.

This is why a professional with 30+ years' experience in private industry, city government, social services, and education must serve.

I am honest, hardworking, detail oriented, and caring. I understand the needs of local families. I am an Instructional Aide at MVES. I am President of our school's foundation and a member of the Hummingbirds raising scholarships. I own a fund development company that helped our high desert hospital and sports complex secure meaningful grants.

Why would a busy person serve on the board? It's because people say, "You have what it takes." I ask for your vote.

NAME: GAYL SWARAT

AGE: 66

OCCUPATION: Business Owner Graphic Design

Since 1979 I have lived in Morongo Valley with my husband Bill. Together we created a street map of M.V. for residents, governmental and private agencies. I worked on our Community Plan Reviews to maintain a rural community environment and insure Big Morongo Canyon Preserve and our underground water are protected.

When I was a CSD board member from 2006 to 2008, I encouraged my fellow board members to reevaluate the results of the 2002 Fire Assessment. The correct understanding of the results allowed our community to fund a professional fire department and paramedic 24/7. As park director I championed the children's library and worked to get new toilet facilities at the park and ball field.

Recently, I have been encouraged by seeing the positive steps the present board is taking. In the last year and a half standards at the CSD, Fire Department and Park, have brought our district into compliance with current regulations. The results are improved management and maintenance of our equipment and much improved safety to our community and fire personnel.

I will work diligently to continue the tremendous progress being made effecting the safety and well-being of the entire community, our friends and neighbors.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR DIRECTOR
NEWBERRY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

No candidate statements were filed.

**CANDIDATE(S) FOR DIRECTOR
TWENTYNINE PALMS WATER DISTRICT**

NAME: CHANCEY CHAMBERS
OCCUPATION: Contractor

AGE: 29

I'm a licensed C-57 water well contractor by trade. I also hold grade 2 water treatment and distribution operator certifications, as well as a degree in business administration. Additional studies include environmental sciences/water resources and continuing advances in public administration. My career has given me a strong working knowledge of the water basins that underlie the district and a sound foundation of knowledge in geology and hydrologic processes.

I have lived in 29 Palms almost my entire life. I care about this community and want the best for the citizens who reside here. Over the last 4 years I have used my knowledge of business, water resources, and our community to fight for a more efficient and safe district. It would be an honor to serve a second term on the board of directors.

Accomplishments include:

- Approval of efficient infrastructure
- Fiscal Accountability
- Responsible labor agreements that preserve financial stability
- Maintaining the lowest non-tiered water rates in the Morongo Basin
- Planning that protects our community from costly state mandates

In my second term, I plan to:

- Continue to champion agency responsibility and accountability
- Fight for a sustainable fire protection model
- Improve interagency cooperation

NAME: ANITA "SUZI" HORN
OCCUPATION: Tax Practitioner/Business Owner

AGE: 73

I have lived in Twentynine Palms for 22 years and am intensely interested in all aspects of governance in and around our city. When my Marine husband and our family moved here in 1978 for a three year assignment, we knew this was where we wanted to settle down. Indeed, after three more duty assignments my husband retired and we moved back here.

I have owned my own business now for over 20 years and want to help "pay back" for all the benefits my family and I have received. I continue to be amazed at all the things our pioneers, Water District board members and employees have done to help make this city what it is today. I would like to contribute to those efforts.

My occupational background is taxes, and I know full well the importance, benefits and burdens of tax policies. I hope my knowledge and 34 years of experience in this area can be of use.

If elected, I will be open-minded on all issues. I bring no agenda or preconceived ideas, other than wanting to do what is best for our community. I respectfully ask for your vote.

Mail Ballot Voting and Return Instructions

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How To Vote Your Ballot

1. Read the instructions on your ballot.
2. Vote your ballot.
3. Remove the $\frac{3}{4}$ " stub at the top of the ballot.
4. Refold the ballot exactly as you received it.
5. Place the ballot in the enclosed *Official Postage Paid Return Envelope* and seal it.
6. Read the Declaration of Voter on the back of the *Official Postage Paid Return Envelope*.
7. Sign your name by the red "X" on the *Official Postage Paid Return Envelope*.
8. Print your residence address and the date below your signature.

How To Return Your Ballot

1. Mail to:
 - **The San Bernardino County Elections Office**
777 E. Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino CA 92415; or
2. Deliver to:
 - **The San Bernardino County Elections Office**
 - Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - Election Day, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 - **Any San Bernardino County drop-off location**
 - August 5 to August 27, 2013
 - Visit the Elections Office website at www.sbcountyelections.com for drop-off locations

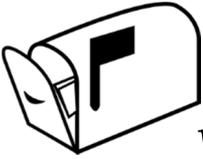
Ballots must be received in the Elections Office by 8 p.m. on Election Day in order to be counted. Ballots received after 8 p.m. will not be counted. Ballots postmarked on Election Day, but not received in the Elections Office, will not be counted.

How To Obtain A Replacement Ballot

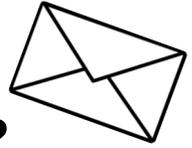
E-mail to mailballots@sbcountyelections.com or call (909) 387-8300 or (800) 881-VOTE.

How To Find Out If Your Ballot Has Been Received

Visit the Elections Office website at www.sbcountyelections.com, e-mail to mailballots@sbcountyelections.com, or call (909) 387-8300 or (800) 881-VOTE.



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to you for this election.



Was it convenient?

If so, sign up now to receive your ballot
by mail for every election.

Simply fill out and return the application below.

Go to www.sbcountyelections.com for more information.

Application for Permanent Mail Ballot Voter Status

Fill Out Your Personal Information

Last Name

First Name

Date of Birth

Residence Address

Address to Mail Your Ballot to

E-mail Address

Sign and Date Your Application

I want to be a permanent Mail Ballot voter and receive my ballot by mail for all elections.

I certify under Penalty of Perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided is true and correct.

Signature

Date

Return Your Application

1. By Mail or In Person:

- The San Bernardino County Elections Office
777 E. Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino CA 92415

2. By Fax:

- (909) 386-8388

3. By E-mail:

- Scan your application and e-mail to mailballots@sbcountyelections.com

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