



Submitted application for Monterey County Regional Fire District

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First Name *

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Last Name *

Address 1 *

Address 2 (optional)

City *

CARMEL VALLEY

State *

CA

Postal Code *

93924

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

Ethnicity

White

Gender

Male

What district do you live in? *

District 5

What district do you want to serve in?

District

Primary Phone *

[REDACTED]

Alternate Phone

Please identify how you prefer to be contacted.

[REDACTED]

Phone

Are you currently serving on a County of Monterey Board, Commission, Committee or other Community Advisory Group? *

No

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want serve

I have resided in Carmel Valley since 1966. I am recently retired from Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) after 30 years of public service. My time at MCWRA, providing flood control services throughout Monterey County and water conservation services to the Salinas Valley (from Nacimiento Reservoir to the Pacific Ocean), provided me with a thorough knowledge of the communities within the entire District and bordering areas. I have worked directly with many federal, State and local regulatory and partner agencies and oversight committees. I am comfortable with the role of a Board Director and have requested their approval and provided support as their Secretary. I was a Volunteer Firefighter/Engineer for MCRFD for 38 years. I am well qualified to provide a knowledgeable opinion/perspective on matters and needs to improve the District and the services it provides.

Please state the reason you would like to be a member of this board committee/commission/district.

As a 38 year Volunteer Firefighter/Engineer, I am passionate about the fire service. I understand that District employees must be well trained and prepared for the vast range of incidents such as residential, commercial and industrial fires, vehicle accidents/fires and medical emergencies. But they must also be prepared for the diverse local and Statewide hazards including urban/rural wildfire interface, industrial emergencies/exposures, storm-related

emergencies, and other unforeseen extreme conditions. I would like to utilize my institutional knowledge to guide and support the needs of the District into the future.

Have you served on an advisory group before?

No

How did you hear about the position?

As a long-time Volunteer Firefighter/Engineer, I am aware of the MCRFD BOD. The current vacancy provides me the opportunity to be considered for appointment.

County of Monterey Policy - states that Commissioners are required to attend meetings on a regular basis. If appointed, will you be able to attend meetings regularly and devote the time necessary to fulfill your duties as a member *

Yes

Background Information

Upload a resume with the names, addresses, and dates of employers for the last five (5) years.

[View Resume](#)

Employer

Job Title

Occupation

Employer Address

Information Regarding Conflict of Interest and Filing of Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700)

State and local law requires that you abstain from participation in decisions that may affect your financial interest, including sources of income and interest in real property or investments. In addition, if appointed you may be required to fill out a disclosure statement that identifies certain of your financial interest beginning with the immediate 12 months period prior to your appointment.

In accordance with Government Code Sections 87313 and the County of Monterey's Conflict of Interest Code, this Board/commission/Committee/District, you may be required to file statements disclosing certain types of information so that the public can be made aware of potential conflicts of interest. The types of disclosures are:

- Investments
- Interests in Real Property Held by a Business Entity or Trust
- Investments Held by a Business Entity or Trust Income (other than loans and gifts)
- Income – Travel Payments, Advances, Reimbursements
- Income gifts
- Business Positions
- Commission Income Received by Brokers, Agents, and Salespersons
- Income and Loans to a Business Entity or Trust Income from Rental Property

If you have any questions regarding disclosure requirements, please contact the Clerk of the Board's office at 831-755-5066.

Please identify any specialized accommodations needed for equal participation:

N/A

I DECLARE, UNDER PENALTY OF DISQUALIFICATION AND TERMINATION, THAT ALL STATEMENTS IN THIS APPLICATION ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Enter Your Initials *

BRENT W. BUCHE, P.E.

Carmel Valley, CA 93924

Phone No: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

OBJECTIVE: To provide guidance and leadership as a member of the Board of Directors for the Monterey County Regional Fire District through demonstrated knowledge and over thirty years of experience in both the local fire service and Special District employment.

EMPLOYMENT:

Monterey County Water Resources Agency, April 1993 to December 2022

General Manager, June 2019 – December 2022

- Oversaw all Agency operations and complied with Special District requirements as identified in California Statute and Board of Director's bylaws
- Hired by and served as a direct report to the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors
- Acted as the Secretary to the nine-person, appointed Board of Directors
- Managed an annual budget of approximately \$42M in fourteen distinct zones of benefit and pursued new funding pathways
- Oversaw the performance of approximately forty-five employees in a variety of professional and skilled labor classes

Deputy General Manager/Assistant General Manager/Chief of Operations and Maintenance, December 2007 – June 2019

- Managed 25 staff from Senior Engineers to Water Maintenance Workers to operate and maintain facilities owned by MCWRA, including two large earthen dams, a hydroelectric power plant, a low head diversion facility, several drainage pump stations, miles of drainage channels, and the Pajaro River Levee
- Prepared annual budgets, three-year budget estimates, and approved expenditures of approximately \$10-25M annually
- Work closely and strategically with Regulatory and Partner Agencies

Monterey County Regional Fire District, June 1984 – June 2022

(Pre-Consolidation known as Carmel Valley Fire Protection District)

- Served as a Volunteer Firefighter and then was promoted to an Engineer and was certified to operate all fire apparatus and responded to both local and state-wide emergencies on a regular basis
- Successfully completed all required training activities and maintained all requirements and certifications necessary to respond safely and effectively to emergency and non-emergency medical, fire, and public assistance calls
- Performed duties as the Secretary, Treasurer and ultimately as President of the Valley Volunteers, 501C3 non-profit organization, including holding monthly meetings, preparing minutes, voting on purchases, policies and procedures.

EDUCATION and LICENSE:

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA

Bachelor of Science: Agricultural Engineering

Master of Science: Civil and Environmental Engineering

Professional Civil Engineer (P.E.) in the State of California, PE 92476