

Dear Honorable Members of the SVBGSA,

7/22/2019

My name is Tim Rossi and I was born and raised in Salinas. My family has strong ties to the community, as some of you may have known my grandparents: Emilio Rossi (Rossi Masonry, in business for 60 years) and Prescott "Red" Skinner (Soledad, Chief of Police, circa 1960's). We are also landowners in Chualar Canyon, as well as part of the Santa Lucia mountain range near Soledad.

I work as a Technical Agronomist for Miller Chemical and Fertilizer, LLC (a J.M. Huber Company / manufacturer of fertilizers and adjuvants) and I have a natural passion to help people solve problems. Most importantly, I have been concerned about groundwater quality in the Salinas Valley since 2010, thus I have spent the last 9 years independently researching the nitrate issue, seeking new methods and ideas to protect and manage our water. In addition, I have been searching for nearly a decade to find a way to be a small part of solving these groundwater and surface water problems directly, thus I am eager to be a part of a team that can make a positive difference.

I believe that I can help contribute as I have watched all of the SVBGSA youtube videos from early 2018 to present, thus I am aware of the challenges and concerns. Furthermore, I understand the task the GSA has in front of them and would very much like to help lift some of the burden off of their shoulders by attending all meetings as an alternate director, while working with the team to help find solutions and learn more about the issues at hand.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tim Rossi', is written above a horizontal line.

Tim Rossi



Salinas Valley Basin

Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Qualifications: The appointee *must* have a basic understanding of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin and groundwater in general, an understanding of how to run an organization, and the ability to work collaboratively with other directors coming from diverse constituencies. In addition, the appointee *must* be a rural residential Well owner; or a representative of an industrial processor, a Local Small or State Small Water System (a public water system with less than 15 but more than 1 connection), or of a mutual water company.

***Supervisory District in which you reside:**

District 4 - Southwest Salinas

***Full Name:**

Timothy James Rossi

***Date:**

7/12/2019

Information provided by the applicant is not regarded as confidential except for the addresses and phone numbers of references and the applicant's personal information including home and work addresses, phone numbers and email address.

PLEASE NOTE THAT APPOINTEES MAY BE REQUIRED BY STATE LAW AND COUNTY CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE TO FILE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS.

***Current Occupation: (within the last twelve (12) months)**

PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNICAL AGRONOMIST FOR CA AND AZ, MILLER CHEMICAL (INDUSTRIAL PROCESSOR)

***Current License: (Professional or Occupational, date of issue/or expiration including status)**

PCA LICENSE #072582, issued 1/1/2018, expires 12/31/2019

***Education/Experience: (A resume may be attached contacting this and any other information that would be helpful to the Board in evaluating your application,)**

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED RESUME



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***Other County Board/Commission/Committee on which you serve/have served:**

NONE

***References (at least two (2) list names and contact phone numbers)**

BRUNO VANDI (COSTA FARMS) -
BENNY JEFFERSON
DIRK GIANNINI

***Name and occupation of spouse within the last 12 months, if married (For Conflict of Interest purposes):**

GINA ROSSI (SPOUSE) - NOT EMPLOYED

***Please explain your reasons for wishing to serve and, in your opinion, how you feel you can contribute (use separate sheet if necessary):**

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LETTER



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PERSONAL INFORMATION

The following information is provided in confidence, but may be used by the Board of Supervisors when making the appointment, or be used by the Committee/Commission/Board/Task Force following appointment for purposes of communicating with the appointee.

*Full Name:

Timothy James Rossi

*Email Address:

*Home Address:

*Work Address:

*City of Residence

SALINAS

*State

CA

*Zip Code

93901

*City:

HANOVER

*State:

PA

*Zip Code

17331

*Telephone:

*Telephone (cell):

This section for staff use only:

Date received by COB: _____

Date received by GENERAL MANAGER: _____

Date reviewed by GENERAL MANAGER: _____

Recommended by BOD: __ Yes __ No Date: _____

Appointed by BOS: __ Yes Date: _____ If Not appointed check here: _____

Application valid through: _____

TIM ROSSI

▪ Salinas, CA 93901 ▪

TECHNICAL AGRONOMIST / INDEPENDENT RESEARCHER

*Scholarly & Technical Research *PCA *R&D *Environmental Studies *Fertilizer

Creative and passionate professional dedicated to solving difficult problems and finding solutions that will have an important, long-lasting and positive impact on the world.

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- Proud history of providing growers with valuable, practical advice so that they can make good economic decisions.
- Curious and inquisitive with strong investigative study capabilities. Highly organized and analytical.
- Known for possessing a great attitude in the workplace and staying positive in order to achieve business success.
- Concerned with human health and the environment; acutely aware of moral obligations that come with job.
- Talented communicator providing excellent research papers and informative presentations of data.
- Currently conducting research to create new methods to mitigate nitrate leaching to the groundwater.

SKILLS & COMPETENCIES

*GPS Autofarm & Trimble systems *Bilingual (English & Spanish) *Leading & Managing Teams *Skilled Salesperson *Fertilizer Education and Innovation *Licensed Pest Control Advisor *Fertilizer Blending and Analysis *Map-Making, Drawing, Computer Graphics *Fertilizer and Adjuvant Research

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Product Development Specialist and Technical Agronomist for CA and AZ

Miller Chemical & Fertilizer, LLC

Jan. 2018 - present day

*Accepted Promotion. Performed various small plot fertilizer and adjuvant demos in CA. Occasional trial work involvement in AZ. Supervised and wrote trial protocols for 3rd party research. Presented at CAPCA, as well as several distributors in multiple areas in CA. Directly involved in product design, including name, logo, and formulations / ingredients.

Coastal CA Sales Representative, Miller Chemical & Fertilizer, LLC Oct. 2014 - Jan.2018

*Successful sales representative in the Monterey County territory; increased sales from 1.21M to 2.36M over the course of 4 years. Performed various product presentations to multiple organizations, including Wilbur-Ellis, Helena, Nutrien, Simplot, Budasco, Kleen Globe, as well as Dole and Driscoll growers.

Agronomist / Fertilizer Salesman / Supervisor, Wilbur-Ellis – Salinas, CA Aug. 2005 – Jan. 2014

*Provided growing advice for Lettuce (romaine, head, leaf, mix, artisan), Broccoli, Cauliflower, Celery, Artichokes, Fava Beans, Field Beans, Carrots, and Onions. *Wrote scholarly and technical research papers and provided engaging presentations of data. *Conducted field research and investigative studies; used knowledge of investigative techniques and relevant laws to analyze and interpret data and conduct laboratory experiments. *Identified crop and insect characteristics; identified plant diseases and nutrient deficiencies. *Judged soil conditions and monitored soil and plant responses to management practices. *Recommended fertilizer programs and soil amendments; sampled and tested nitrate and pH regularly.

Fertilizer Salesman / Supervisor, Ag Services – Salinas, CA Sep. 2002 – Aug. 2005

*Developed and maintained important relationships with customers by gaining insight into their needs. *Educated customers and helped them understand fertilizer, resulting in improved production, lower costs, less mistakes and increased environmental safety. *Supervised tractor drivers for job quality, safety, and fertilizer applications. *Focused on organic fertilizer programs. *Tractor application design and welding / fabrication of implements. *Small pump and motor repair.

INTERNSHIPS

Soilserv (*purchased by Wilbur-Ellis*) - PCA Internship (Wine Grapes) – Salinas, CA Apr. 2002 – Sep. 2002

Meridian – Weigh Master / Lab Tech Internship – Paso Robles, CA Dec. 2001 - Mar. 2002

Tanimura & Antle – Seed Research / Lab Tech Internship - Salinas, CA Jun. 1997 – Aug. 1997

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Crop Science – California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA – 2002
