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Mr. David Chardavoyne
General Manager,
Monterey County Water Resources Agency
1441 Schilling Place
Salinas, CA 93901

VIA: E-mail

RE: Appointment to MCWRA Board of Directors

Dear Mr. Chardavoyne:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Monterey County Farm Bureau, we are pleased to place the following names into nomination as the representative from our organization to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors for the term running from 2019-2022:

Bill Hammond

Jason Smith

As you are aware from the appointment made to fill the remaining portion of this term in 2018, the Board of Directors of Monterey County Farm Bureau held a candidates panel where the four individuals who expressed interest in becoming a Director nominee were asked questions relating to MCWRA operations, potential projects, future water challenges including SGMA implementation, their involvement in local water issues over the past decade, and perspectives on projects currently in operation. Following this panel, our full Board of Directors considered, at length, the candidates' qualification and the expectations for their representation of our organization on the MCWRA Board.

Please contact me should you have any questions about our nominations; we look forward to the confirmation of one of our nominees at a future Monterey County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Sincerely,

Colby Pereira
President

cc: Kelly Donlon, Deputy County Council
Bill Hammond
Jason Smith

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Bill Hammond Jackson Family Wines



Biography

I have been a resident of the Monterey Bay area since I was 10 years old. My Father, Dick Hammond owned and operated a pallet company as well as an apple orchard in San Juan Bautista. In 1987, I started farming in the San Juan Valley. In 1991, I came back to the Paicines Valley and in 1996 I came to the Salinas Valley, working for Jackson Family Wines. Currently, I am employed by Jackson Family Wines as the Senior Vice-President of Farming, with responsibilities for California, Oregon, and have been involved in the Chilean and Argentinian operations in the past. This experience has given me a great perspective on water throughout our state as well as internationally.

I have been on several boards and organizations though the last 22 years. Some of these include Past-President of the Monterey County Farm Bureau; the Monterey County Ag Advisory Committee, first appointed by Supervisor Butch Lindley, then reappointed by Supervisor Simon Salinas; served on an ad hoc committee for the Monterey County Water Resources Agency for the high output wells. I am also the Past Chair of the Pierces Disease/Glassy-Winged Sharp Shooter task force, a statewide board. I have also been through the AgLeadership program as a fellow of Class 40.

One only needs to look out the window passing through this valley to understand the importance of water and water resources. This goes for both Agriculture as well as domestic use as the pressure continues to grow on this resource. We will need to look in new directions and old to help our infrastructure meet our needs not only for today and well into the future.

I believe my experiences farming in multiple counties of California, Oregon and Chile can be a benefit to the Water Agency; believe me, water is important everywhere. My experience with the boards and appointments, as well as my fellowship with AgLeadership absolutely prepared me for this type of service. I am the type that will be prepared for meetings, listen intently to the discussion and when appropriate will add to the discussion.

Thank you for your consideration, and if there are any questions please feel free to reach out.

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Jason Smith Smith Family Wines



Biography

Over the past 26 years I have served on numerous boards in many capacities for many different reasons. I am Past President of Monterey County Farm Bureau, Monterey County Ag Education, Monterey County Vintners and Growers and am currently the Chair for the Central Coast Grower Shipper Association. I have sat on the BOD of California Association of Winegrape Growers, National Wine Grape Initiative, Executive Leadership Board at UC Davis, and I'm sure a few others that escape me. I've been the Head Coach for Palma and Notre Dame Track and Field for the past 14 years. And I am the President and CEO of our family winegrape business Smith Family Wines.

My Dad, Richard Smith, had always been very active in local water politics and I was able to let him run. His passing at the end of 2015 left a gap in that knowledge for our company and I believe for our county. Although I will never be able to fill his breadth of knowledge in water science and law, I do have the ability to bring people together to discuss and work towards positive solutions...that we do have in common. I have spent the last year and half involved in the SGMA process in our county. I am the Forebay Chair and lead a group (Facilitated Process Group) of elected and chosen leaders in all 4 basins of our valley in working towards some ag understanding and consensus as we move forward in creating plans for our water basin by 2020 and 2022.

When this board seat at the MCWRA came up for both the Farm Bureau and the Grower Shipper Association I felt it was time that I needed to get involved at that level. I am most concerned about the rumor mill and gossip or what I simply call drama in most of our politics but specifically in water. I feel that my working with both the Salinas Valley GSA and hopefully that MCWRA I can help the communication as well as the accountability for both agencies and with that help ag work on positive solutions to water sustainability in our valley.

My personal hope is that both Bill and I will be appointed (between the FB and GSA) to the board to work with our other Ag appointees Mike Scattini and John Bailey and of course the rest of the board to make a difference at one of the most critical junctures that our county faces during the SGMA process.

Thank you for your consideration.

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