



***Grower-Shipper Association of Central California***  
***"OUR MEMBERS: PARTNERS PRODUCING PROSPERITY"***

November 13, 2018

Luis Alejo, Chairman of the Board  
Monterey County Board of Supervisors  
168 West Alisal St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

SUBJECT: Appointment to GSA Seat on MCWRA Board of Directors

Dear Chair Alejo,

It has come to our attention that our current appointee to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Glen Dupree, is planning to retire from this seat at the end of his current term, which expires on December 31, 2018. The Grower-Shipper Association of Central California would like to nominate Matt Simis as our appointee for the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Director position, pursuant to Section 49 (b) (2) of the Monterey County Water Resources' Agency Act. As an alternate, we nominate Marvin Borzini.

Attached please find letters from our two candidates, which were submitted to our Water Committee and Board of Directors prior to a joint meeting of those segments of our membership and leadership. Questions were asked of Mr. Simis and Mr. Borzini by our members most engaged in issues pertaining to water supply and quality. Following that conversation, our Water Committee and Board Members in attendance further discussed the nomination and our Board of Directors made the recommendation noted above consistent with feedback from the Water Committee.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments and please consider Matt Simis as our primary candidate for this position. We would appreciate this being brought before the Board of Supervisors before year's end, to ensure no lapse in board representation at the Agency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James W. Bogart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James W. Bogart  
President and General Counsel

cc: Lew Bauman, County Administrative Officer, County of Monterey  
Mark Gonzales, Chairman of the Board, Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
David Chardavoyne, General Manager, Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
Alice Henault, Senior Secretary, Monterey County Water Resources Agency

Matt Simis

Tanimura & Antle

## Biography

I have been a resident of Monterey County for nearly all of my life. While not a farmer, I am the third generation of a family that has been involved in the growing and shipping of lettuce out of the Salinas Valley since 1948. I have been employed by Tanimura & Antle for over 25 years. My experience has been in the marketing, finance and strategic planning areas of the company, with my current title being Director of Strategy reporting to the CEO.

With the untimely passing of Bob Antle in 2014, I was asked by the Tanimura and Antle families to take on the Salinas Valley water projects that Bob had been so heavily involved with for the last few years of his life. Most of this work involved the MCWRA and its management of the two reservoirs, the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP), source water negotiations for Pure Water Monterey and the Basin Management Planning committee for the Agency.

Shortly after Bob's passing, the SGMA legislation was passed and signed into law, forever changing groundwater management in the basin. Since then I have been active with the Ag Caucus that helped create the SVBGSA, serving as a representative for the Sustainable Ag Water Corp (formerly the Leadership Group made up of landowners and growers throughout the Valley.) As the owner of many of the current and future water projects that will help bring sustainability to the basin, I believe it is integral that the MCWRA works well with the SVBGSA. I look forward to working with both agencies for as long as I can be of service.

Two people who have been important to me in my life, my late uncle, Dave Hart and my late boss, Rick Antle, both served on the MCWRA board. I will attempt to walk in their footsteps of service and to contribute my own skills in the areas of finance and strategy to the MCWRA board. The Agency currently faces several challenges with many more likely to come in the future, but I look forward to doing all I can to help move the MCWRA in the right direction.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact me with any questions.

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To: Grower Shipper Association  
From: Marvin Borzini  
Subject: MCWRA Board Position

A few months ago I received an E-mail from Abby that Grower Shipper had a position open for a board member with the MCWRA. I was immediately interested in applying for that position. I went to the website and reviewed the current board and felt that there was a lack of agricultural background amongst the board.

Here is my background.

1. Prior to farming full time I was a Pest Control Advisor for 8 years and then fertilizer sales for 12 more. Followed by one year ranch manager for Costa Farms.
2. I started farming as a hobby when I was selling fertilizer so I have been involved in farming for almost 30 years.
3. Currently involved in three small farming companies from San Ardo to Greenfield
4. Giudici Ranch in San Lucas has been flooded in the past and will be again. Also along the river at the Wildhorse but in better shape there. Family owns property in the Soledad Mission that has been flooded and repaired.
5. My wife Grace owns Oak Shores Realty at Lake Nacimiento and we have had a second home there for 22 years.

I feel that I have much to offer from an agricultural background. I do not have an agenda nor am I in anyone's pocket. In the past I have shied away from politics and spent the majority of my time on my own farming operations. I feel that since I am not expanding and I have extra time I would like to put it to good use. I feel that I need to be more involved from a volunteer standpoint and have not given enough back to the community in the past that I should have.

On the other hand I am not here to fight over the position and if there is someone more qualified and a better fit that you feel would be more productive, I am ok with that.

Thank you,

Marvin Borzini