

VOTER'S PAMPHLET

LOCAL NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

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Statement of **THOMAS R. LAHUE**, Candidate for
Director
Soquel Creek Water District

Occupation: Incumbent, Veterinary Surgeon, Environmental Science Teacher **Age:** 54

I am honored to have been entrusted with the responsibility of protecting our water supply as Vice President of the Soquel Creek Water District for the past 5 ½ years, where I have been able to use my knowledge and experience in coastal water issues to make a positive difference.

Our mission of providing a safe and reliable supply of high quality water is crucial, particularly as we look into the future. My strong background in science and my experience as an employer and business owner provide a balanced perspective.

I served on the State Regional Water Quality Control Board for six years, on the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council during its first four years, and as the founding president of the Santa Cruz Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation. I provide a strong voice for protection of water quality and have a reputation for serving with integrity, studying each issue carefully, listening to all sides of an issue, and thoughtfully considering the best choice for the long term.

I am dedicated and always give my best effort, whether in my veterinary practice, in my teaching profession, or in my advocacy for protection of our environment and our water resources.

Statement of **DON HEICHEL**, Candidate for
Director
Soquel Creek Water District

I am uniquely qualified to become a Director of Soquel Creek Water District because I have:

read the reports that are relevant and pertain to the important decisions that face the future of the district from a customer's point of view;

attended the District meetings and followed their minutes online;

understood how employing science through hiring qualified consultants is the nugget of knowledge necessary to provide solutions to our future water security;

the ability to choose among alternative solutions with an understanding that moderating the cost to the customer and the environment is not a second rate solution given our aquifers and water needs; indeed the benefits of qualified alternatives to current Water District policies as I explain them will be my major qualification.

Visit my web site and I'll talk you through my solutions with some simple videos I've created.

www.SoquelH2O.com

I have visited and lived in Santa Cruz since the mid-sixties, have held a Real Estate Brokers' license and done residential appraisals here; currently retired, living in Soquel with my wife and children.

Statement of **BRUCE DANIELS**, Candidate for
Director
Soquel Creek Water District

Occupation: Water Official/Scientist **Age:** 59

Because I deliver cost-effective results, I ask for your vote and your trust with our vital but threatened water resources. Twice I was appointed by the Governor and elected Chairperson of the State Regional Water Quality Control Board. I am an MIT-educated scientist, member of national water science organizations, and founder of my own business balancing technology with fiscal responsibility. I'm honored to serve as elected President of your Soquel Creek Water Board, with a solid record of accomplishments including

- saving you \$1.25 million by refinancing bonds,
- reducing saltwater intrusion risk by reversing 20 years of over-pumping,
- improving water quality by blending-down Chromium6 and removing arsenic at bargain costs,
- finding new water supplies mostly paid by new development.

To help fixed-income customers, I did not vote for the recent rate increase, although I'm very proud of our District's creative conservation programs. I support presenting well-researched environmental options to you, the voters, not pushing any particular project. To address the serious challenges still facing water resources in this climate of Global Warming, I pledge my creativity, hard work, experience, my caring and responsiveness to your concerns:

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