

## VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

### LOCAL NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

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Statement of **DAVID ROSS**, Candidate for  
Director  
San Lorenzo Valley Water District

I have been a Board member since 1988 and am currently the President of the Board. My guiding principle as a director is that aggressive environmentalism is necessary for sound water management and compatible with sound fiscal management. I strongly believe in the local public control of our water. Since I have been on the Board, we have spent approximately \$18 million on system improvements, including replacing miles of main distribution lines, building a state of the art water treatment plant, installing computerized monitoring of our system, dug five wells, replaced 11 water storage tanks and rebuilt or added 15 booster pump stations. We have structured our rates to encourage conservation, provide rebates to homeowners who install water saving toilets and appliances, and give grants for local conservation, environmental or water education projects. An economist, hired by our fiercest critic, Cal-Am Water, has called our fiscal management sound and wise. So are our environmental policies.

Statement of **JIM NELSON**, Candidate for  
Director  
San Lorenzo Valley Water District

**Occupation:** Organic Farmer; Teacher **Age:** 58

As a first term director of SLV Water District, I played a key role in protecting the headwaters of the San Lorenzo River (Waterman Gap) and in purchasing and protecting the Hulse-Cook property (above Ben Lomond/Brookdale) under our Watershed Protection Plan. Our district is financially healthy and we manage our surface and groundwater resources carefully. We have a capital improvement program and we are continually improving our distribution system. We also have equipment and emergency reserve funds, and new conservation and educational programs. I have voted in favor of every measure to help our neighbors in Felton own their own water. We are working to connect our south district with our north, sharing water during abundant months, and better serving these customers while preserving groundwater resources in the Santa Margarita aquifer. We have an excellent, skilled staff working to provide quality water at an equitable price and good customer service. I support regional co-operation to develop a water budget that includes the needs of riparian and fish habitats. I enjoy the challenge of representing the community on this Board by making policy, landuse, and resource decisions. Thank you for your input and your support.

Statement of **PAUL STORM**, Candidate for  
Director  
San Lorenzo Valley Water District

**Occupation:** Software Engineer **Age:** 46

Education and Qualifications: Our Water District needs better stewards. We need Directors that will represent the best interests of all the ratepayers, instead of special interests or their own personal crusades. I have the experience and skills to be your Water Board representative. These I have demonstrated in public service for our community. I am a Director and former Board Chair of the Boulder Creek Recreation and Parks District. During my term on that Board deficit spending was eliminated, programs were increased, and the District has flourished and prospered. I was a leader in a citizens group that opposed Redevelopment in San Lorenzo Valley. I currently serve on the San Lorenzo Valley Property Owners Association Board of Directors. By profession I am a software engineer. The team I lead creates complex computer simulations of satellites.

As a regular attendee of the SLVWD Board meetings I know the issues. Our District needs to refocus on water, not political shenanigans. I promise to work hard and refocus the District on nuts and bolts issues. Vote for me, Paul Storm, and thank you for your vote.

Statement of **GORDON STEWART, JR.**, Candidate for  
Director  
San Lorenzo Valley Water District

**Occupation:** Environmental Planning and Consulting **Age:** 58

Managed by the water district are millions of dollars, thousands of acres and other assets. We pay for those assets and we are rarely surveyed or allowed to vote directly on decisions which affect us. Felton water issues have cost hundreds of thousands of our rate payer and property taxes without any voter approval. The principal beneficiaries are consultants, lawyers and special interest groups. A limit must be set on discretionary spending by this board, which if exceeded should require an election or at least a proper survey of the district prior to approval of funding. It is less expensive and more productive to get the ideas and will of the people prior to making costly decisions for which we pay. I co-authored the Education Grant Program and helped prevent that program from getting off track. I have been involved with many issues at grass-roots levels: CARD, Director and Executive Legal Committee for Deer Creek Landowners, Director of SLV Property Owners Association, Road Manager of Palm Drive Road Association and I am active in many other groups concerned about individual rights. Together, we will have our voices heard.

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Statement of **DAN TERRELL**, Candidate for  
Director  
San Lorenzo Valley Water District

**Occupation:** Mechanical Designer

As a homeowner, parent, and engineering professional, I want to serve our community.

The SLVWD needs protection. It depends on property taxes. But state government overspends, and takes money local jurisdictions need. Our district should work with the Special District Association to lobby for sensible state financing.

A plan is needed for a consolidated location without overspending. The district should use property it already owns, and avoid the expense of land purchase. If SLVWD acquires the Felton water system, what will be required for facilities?

The district needs a larger meeting hall, to encourage public support. Critics of special districts list hoarding cash, secret decisions, and poorly attended meetings as examples of inefficient services. If there is a perception the district is hoarding cash, the state or county will want that money, or find a way to consolidate us with Scotts Valley or Santa Cruz. Any water or cash sharing agreements need strict limits. Water sharing to promote growth and development outside the district should be open to public discussion.