



SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

## 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

### OFFICIAL ELECTION RESOLUTION AND BALLOT ENCLOSED

This is an official election packet that contains items that require ACTION by your Agency's governing body for the selection of up to four (4) candidates to the SDRMA Board of Directors.

#### ELECTION PACKET ENCLOSURES

- Election Ballot Instructions
- Official Resolution and Ballot (Action Required)
- Candidate's Statements of Qualifications (7)
- Self-addressed, Stamped Envelope



## **SDRMA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS**

Notification of nominations for four (4) seats on the Special District Risk Management Authority's (SDRMA's) Board of Directors was mailed to the membership in February 2017.

On May 11, 2017, SDRMA's Election Committee reviewed the nomination documents submitted by the candidates in accordance with SDRMA's Policy No. 2017-03 Establishing Guidelines for Director Elections. The Election Committee confirmed that seven (7) candidates met the qualification requirements and those names are included on the Official Election Resolution Ballot.

Enclosed is the Official Election Resolution Ballot along with a Statement of Qualifications as submitted by each candidate. Election instructions are as follows:

1. The enclosed combined Official Election Resolution Ballot must be used to ensure the integrity of the balloting process.
2. After selecting up to four (4) candidates, your agency's governing body must approve the enclosed Official Election Resolution Ballot. **Ballots containing more than four (4) candidate selections will be considered invalid and not counted.**
3. The signed Official Election Resolution Ballot **MUST** be sealed and received **by mail or hand delivery at SDRMA's office on or before 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 29, 2017 to the address below.** Faxes or electronic transmissions are NOT acceptable. A self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed.

Special District Risk Management Authority  
Election Committee  
1112 "I" Street, Suite 300  
Sacramento, California 95814

5. The four-year terms for newly elected Directors will begin on January 1, 2018 and terminate on December 31, 2021.
6. Important balloting and election dates are:

**August 29, 2017 - Deadline for members to return the signed Official Election Resolution Ballot**

August 30, 2017 - Ballots are opened and counted

August 31, 2017 - Election results are announced and candidates notified

September 27, 2017 - Newly elected Directors are introduced at the SDRMA Annual Breakfast to be held in Monterey at the CSDA Annual Conference

November 1-2, 2017 - Newly elected Directors are invited to attend SDRMA board meeting (Sacramento)

January 2018 - Newly elected Directors are seated and Board officer elections are held

Please do not hesitate to call SDRMA's Chief Operating Officer Paul Frydendal at 800.537.7790 if you have any questions regarding the election and balloting process.



**Special District Risk Management Authority  
Board of Directors  
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

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Nominee/Candidate Timothy Unruh  
District/Agency Kern County Cemetery District No.1  
Work Address 18662 Santa Fe Way, PO Box 354, Shafter, CA 93263  
Work Phone 661-746-3921 Home Phone 661-746-6725

**Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors? (Response Required)**

The work of SDRMA is critical to the everyday operations of a Special District. Knowing that the district and the board is protected gives a 'Peace of Mind' to our daily operations. Sitting on this Board will give me an opportunity to give back to SDRMA and its membership. As a manager of a moderate sized Special District, I am especially interested in maintaining an involvement from that small district perspective. It is imperative that SDRMA maintains cost effective service to the Special District community and it's important that smaller districts have a voice in their insurance needs.

**What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization) (Response Required)**

I spent three years as a Director for CSDA including one year as Legislation Committee Chairman. I currently sit on the CSDA Legislation Committee and am a Special District Administrator (SDA). Our District is in its fourth term as a District of Distinction which now includes the Transparency Certification. I currently sit as a Director with a city appointment on Kern Mosquito and Vector board. I have been a Director of the California Association of Public Cemeteries for 15 years and currently am Chairman of the Legislation Committee. I have been involved with the Kern County Special Districts Association since 1995 from when we worked to obtain LAFCo representation for Special Districts.

Most importantly, I have been a manager for the Kern County Cemetery District for 30 years and work daily to keep our cemetery district strong and effective in our community. To that end, I have the SDRMA General Safety Specialist Certification and with that training I work for a compliant, safe and healthy working relationship with our staff.

**Special District Risk Management Authority  
Board of Directors  
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

**What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have?  
(Response Required)**

I feel that community history is very important and am a volunteer with the local Historical Society. I also have sat on the local school board and have been involved with our youth through our church as well as our community through sports and especially by giving our young people a safe and entertaining place to visit after our home football games.

This being said, I feel that I am a committed and thorough person who knows that to get things done you must be involved and be able to think out of the box in difficult situations. You must listen to those around you and sometimes that means keeping one's mouth shut.

I have worked as a Manager for many years and understand the needs of special districts. What SDRMA offers is an integral part of special district operations and I feel that I can bring a passion for the practical needs of Special Districts.

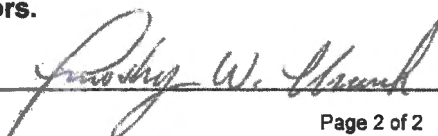
**What is your overall vision for SDRMA? (Response Required)**

SDRMA has shown great concern for the Special Districts in California as is seen in their commitment to meeting our insurance needs. This is done by listening to the membership and continuing to work on being a better and complete insurance stop. I feel that the Health Insurance part of their programs will be the next large growth area. As we deal with PERB's and the needs of our work force, this area will help to meet the needs of our agencies.

Their education is excellent and they have defined their role in local government very well. It will be necessary to maintain this role and work to educate the membership. SDRMA's commitment to be a cost-effective insurance provider has work well in the past and will continue to do so as long as the Board and staff work together to fulfill their mission statement.

**I certify that I meet the candidate qualifications as outlined in the SDRMA election policy. I further certify that I am willing to serve as a director on SDRMA's Board of Directors. I will commit the time and effort necessary to serve. Please consider my application for nomination/candidacy to the Board of Directors.**

Candidate Signature



Date: April 24, 2017

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Board of Directors  
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

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Nominee/Candidate James M. Hamlin (Jim)  
District/Agency Burney Water & Sewer District  
Work Address 20541 Burney Court, Burney, Ca. 96013  
Work Phone (530) 335-2040 Home Phone (530) 335-2040

**Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors? (Response Required)**

Able to look at actual evidence. Being able to set adequate rates for both  
Insurance program and districts. SDRMA needs to operate as a business.

**What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization) (Response Required)**

Served on hospital district for 24 1/2 years, California Hospital District board  
for 8 years, Burney water Sewer board for three years. I had my own insurance  
brokerage for 43 years. I did not have an E & O Claim.

**Special District Risk Management Authority  
Board of Directors  
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

**What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have?  
(Response Required)**

see previous question

**What is your overall vision for SDRMA? (Response Required)**

SDRMA must operate as a viable business. Many district carriers and board members are reluctant to raise rates. When I served on Ca. Hospital Board, many of the board members were not willing to operate as a business because it would affect their hospitals bottom line.

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Candidate Signature

*James M. Hamble* Date *4-1-2017*

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Nominee/Candidate **MIKE SCHEAFER**  
District/Agency **COSTA MESA SANITARY DISTRICT**  
Work Address **1551-B BAKER ST, COSTA MESA, CA 92626**  
Work Phone **714-435-0300** Home Phone **714-552-9858**

**Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors? (Response Required)**

As an incumbent on the SDRMA Board I wish to continue providing the service and knowledge that I have been consistent with during my current term. As an insurance professional for over 44 years I bring the experience needed to manage the risks Districts are faced with. Over my term I have consistently made decisions to provide the protections necessary at the most affordable cost. Districts continue to encounter new challenges to their risk management programs. My years of experience, my continued involvement in insurance education and my desire to protect make me a sound choice to continue on the Board of SDRMA.

**What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization) (Response Required)**

Current SDRMA Board Member. President Costa Mesa Sanitary District Board of Directors. Former City Councilmember for the City of Costa Mesa. Former Parks and Recreation Commissioner for the City of Costa Mesa.

Leadership positions, including Board President for the following: Little League Baseball, Boys and Girls Club of the Harbor Area, Costa Mesa Senior Center, The Albert Dixon Memorial Foundation (non profit providing funds for other non-profit agencies).

Over 30 years experience with Lions Clubs International. Served as District Governor, Club President several times. Chaired the California Convention Committee several times. Membership in the organization continues.

My leadership role in all these organizations gave, and give, me experience in the risks that face each. My insurance experience helps me make prudent decisions when challenged with those risks.

**Special District Risk Management Authority  
Board of Directors  
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

**What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have?  
(Response Required)**

Many of the organizations that I have either been elected to or volunteered for quickly put me in a leadership role. They recognized my ability to handle the risks and challenges the organizations meet. I was able to steer those organizations in a clear path to minimize the risk.

I continue to hold a teaching credential in Insurance Education with the local community college District. Additionally I was a professor of Insurance Continuing Education for many years. I have a passion for passing on the knowledge I have acquired over my career.

I have always faced the risk management challenges of any organization with the confidence that the desired outcomes would be realized. ☐

**What is your overall vision for SDRMA? (Response Required)**

My vision is to continue providing the protection and service to the Special Districts that make them strong in their risk management efforts. I will continue to work for those ends while keeping strong my conviction that rates need to be adequate yet affordable for the Districts.

New technologies, changes in legislation, make it extremely difficult for Districts to keep up with the factors posing new challenges to risk management, insurance, etc. My experience in those areas, my position as an elected official, make me keenly aware of how to protect the Districts.

I will continue to be committed to making SDRMA the leader in protecting the risk management needs of our Special Districts.

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Candidate Signature \_\_\_\_\_



Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Board of Directors  
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Nominee/Candidate Michael J. Karen  
District/Agency Apple Valley Fire Board  
Work Address N/A  
Work Phone N/A Home Phone 760-713-3273

**Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors? (Response Required)**

I would be honored to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors because I am interested in not only risk management, but insurance as well. I have run my own company and have seen first hand how accidents can affect the bottom line.

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**What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization) (Response Required)**

I was appointed to the Apple Valley Fire Board in February of 2016. I was re-elected the same year. During my time on the board, I have already been a part of many great things. The board and I helped to pass Measure A which funds our district in perpetuity. We also passed and have streamlined the budget. I have also been a part of evaluations as well.

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Board of Directors  
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Nominee/Candidate David Aranda  
District/Agency Mountain Meadows Community Services District  
Work Address 17980 Highline Rd - Tehachapi CA 93561  
Work Phone 661-822-7616 Home Phone 661-300-1231

**Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors? (Response Required)**

Working with six other board members and the staff,  
as a team is challenging and rewarding.

Over the years of my service on the SDRMA Board  
I hope the members have found my input to be  
beneficial and it is my desire to continue to look  
after the members receiving the best service at a  
fair cost.

**What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization) (Response Required)**

Service on SDRMA  
Service on SOWCA - I was part of the group that  
consolidate two entities into one entity which was  
very cost effective.  
Service on SDLF  
Past Service on CSDA - current Education Committee member

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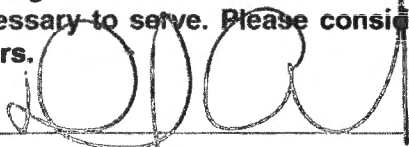
Serving as a General MANAGER over the past twenty plus years and serving as a Board Member ASISTS me in understanding the proper process that benefits the operation of SDRMA  
Eighteen years of experience with SDRMA provides a good knowledge base to benefit the members

What is your overall vision for SDRMA? **(Response Required)**

- 1) Continue to provide excellent service
- 2) Continue the balance of a financially strong pool that provides great policy coverage at the best pricing possible.
- 3) Serve the members with cutting edge software customer service oriented employees and a Board that remembers who we are serving!

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Candidate Signature



Date

4-20-17

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Nominee/Candidate	Cindi Beaudet
District/Agency	Temecula Public Cemetery District
Work Address	41911 C Street, Temecula CA 92592
Work Phone	(951)699-1630
	Home Phone (951)541-8736

**Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors? (Response Required)**

As a member of SDRMA, I've learned first hand the risk and challenges that comes with my type of Special District. I think it is important to have an active and knowledgeable voice representing our industry and districts and that understands the role special districts play and their importance. I will bring sound policy principles to the table and work with my fellow board members in the spirit of collaboration to ensure SDRMA continues to be a cost effective, high quality risk management service.

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**What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization) (Response Required)**

I have played an active role in the cemetery industry in both the private sector and with special districts for almost two decades and was elected in 2006 to the Board of California Association of Public Cemeteries (CAPC). While on the Board for CAPC one of my roles was Education Committee Chair, working with executive staff to identify learning and certification opportunities for our members. This experience has provided me with the skills and knowledge of board development, procedures, protocol and policy development.

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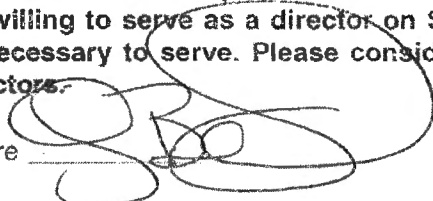
Since 2004 I have served as General Manager to the Temecula Public Cemetery District. I consider myself to be well versed in cemetery leadership, risk mitigation, best management practices and risk reduction. I hold a life insurance license from the State of California. I am an advocate for the cemetery profession, serving as a formal mentor for CAPC. I am engaged and involved heavily in my community and understand first hand the challenges and risk associated with cemetery operations and management.

**What is your overall vision for SDRMA? (Response Required)**

My overall vision for SDRMA is that it appropriately and accurately addresses the risk and mitigation needs of all its members in a thoughtful and deliberate manner, considering the size, scope and nuances of each type of public agency. This thoughtful consideration will provide better service to our members while maintaining the cost effective quality programs SDRMA continues to offer.

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Candidate Signature



Date

4/27/17

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Board of Directors  
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Nominee/Candidate Jean Bracy, SDA  
District/Agency Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District  
Work Address 14306 Park Ave., Victorville, CA 92392  
Work Phone 760-245-1661

**Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors?**

I have served on the SDRMA Board of Directors since 2010. In 2017 I was elected by the Board to be the **Board President**. The Board strives to provide a variety of avenues for members to be successful and has adopted many important programs and policies aimed to provide members **cost effective coverage**. Each year, the Board **carefully considered** rates for services and from 2009 to 2016 voted to hold rates flat for the property/liability program. Through strategic planning SDRMA has a **strong financial base**. SDRMA has included **Cyber Coverage**; provided a **FREE Law Legal Hotline**; established a **multiple-policy discount** (5%) for each member who belongs to both the property/liability and the workers compensation programs; shares investment earnings with members through a **longevity distribution**; established the **loss prevention allowance funds** which reimburses members for safety-related costs up to \$1,000; launched and enhanced the SDRMA **interactive website**; provided **FREE online training** through Target Solutions; launched a **Safety Specialist Certificate** program; and contracted with Company Nurse to provide **FREE screening services** for work-related injury cases. I have worked closely with SDRMA for **17 years**. I am attracted to its member-focused, pro-active, and positive mission. I would like to see – and be a part of – SDRMA continue this member-centric approach.

**What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization)**

I am serving my eighth year on the **SDRMA Board of Directors** and in 2017 I am the Board President. I am serving my fifth year on the Board of Directors for the **Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF)** and I am the Board Secretary. On this Board I have been part of the continuing expansion of the SDLF programs, including the premier program, **District of Distinction**, also the Special District Administrator Certificate, the Recognition of Special District Governance, and the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence.

My career experience with special districts has helped me to understand the issues specific to smaller organizations. I have learned what it really means for an organization to do more with less. I have also learned that political realities for special districts are distinct from other forms of governments. As the Deputy Director – Administration for the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District, I am the staff representative to the Governing Board Committees for Budget and Personnel. I am a member of and have chaired the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA), statewide committees for Fiscal and Human Resource officers. I organized and have chaired the Alternate Fuel Task Force for the Mojave Desert air basin; I have represented the District in the Antelope Valley Clean Cities Coalition.

My working opportunities have crossed several public service types. I served as the Victorville city representative to the Technical Advisory Committee for the Victor Valley Transit Authority and as the City representative and officer on the Executive Committee of the Regional Economic Development Authority. I volunteered four years on the Board of Directors of the Victor Valley Federal Credit Union. For six years, I worked as an adjunct professor at Victor Valley Community College teaching Public Works Administration.

**Special District Risk Management Authority  
Board of Directors  
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

**What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have?**

As professional and as a volunteer, I have a wide range of experiences with organizational structures, long term and vision planning, development of staff and volunteers, and resource and program management. My experience of leading organizational activities and implementing change for growth includes bringing together intergenerational and multicultural groups to achieve common goals.

I am an effective manager with expertise in efficient and productive management implementing process improvements in finance, human resources, risk management, and a wide variety of related administrative and organizational functions. I have led highly skilled teams to support the achievement of overall agency goals and objectives.

I earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from California State University, San Bernardino

I earned the Special District Administrator Certification from the Special Districts Leadership Foundation

I earned the Recognition of Special District Governance from the Special Districts Leadership Foundation

I earned the Masters Certification in Labor Relations from the California Public Employers Labor Relations Association (CALPELRA)

**What is your overall vision for SDRMA?**

I want to continue contributing my experience and expertise to SDRMA's overall function to further strengthen and enhance the lines of services provided by SDRMA. I want to see members educated to be wise in their management to reduce costs and deliver their very important missions to their communities. I want to be part of the mission to enhance the member's experience through claims management and education that leads to loss prevention.

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Candidate Signature



Date

2-27-17