



WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
17140 S. Avalon Blvd., Suite 210
Carson, CA 90746

AGENDA NO. 22.1

NOVEMBER 22, 2010 – Board Meeting

Prepared by: Charlene Jensen

Submitted by: Charlene Jensen

Approved by: Rich Nagel

ACTION CALENDAR

ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES HEALTH BENEFITS AUTHORITY (HBA) - BOARD OF DIRECTORS BALLOT

SUMMARY:

West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) received an Election form for selection of the Board of Directors for the HBA. West Basin would vote for no more than two (2) candidates in the Southern region general only. Listed below are the candidates for that region:

Merle Aleshire, Valley Center MWD
Robert Moore, South Coast WD
Randall Reed, Cucamonga Valley WD
Howard Williams, Vista ID

West Basin received letters requesting support from Randall Reed and Merle Aleshire.

Ballots must be submitted to HBA by November 23, 2010.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

None.

COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was not reviewed by a Committee.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board considers voting for two (2) candidates for the HBA Board of Directors for the Southern Region.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" – Letters Requesting Support
Exhibit "B" - Ballot

EXHIBIT "A"



CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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*Received
10/25/10*

ROBERT A. DeLOACH
Secretary / General Manager/CEO

October 21, 2010

Rich Nagel
West Basin MWD
17140 S Avalon Blvd # 210
Carson, CA 90746-1218

Dear Rich Nagel,

On July 27, 2010 the Cucamonga Valley Water District (CVWD) Board of Directors unanimously voted to support President Randall Reed's nomination for the Association of California Water Agencies Health Benefits Authority (ACWA/HBA).

President Randall Reed has a strong interest in issues concerning ACWA/HBA. His leadership and background experience make him an excellent choice to represent ACWA/HBA. We believe he will make an excellent candidate to serve on the HBA Board of Directors. Attached is his candidate statement, which details his many achievements and demonstrates his ability to provide solid consistent leadership to the Health Benefits Authority.

You should be receiving your ballot shortly from ACWA/HBA, when you do we urge you and your Board of Directors to support President Randall Reed by putting a check by his name. Should you have any questions regarding this information please contact me at (909) 987-2591.

Respectfully,

Robert A. DeLoach
General Manager/CEO

RANDALL J. REED
President

KATHY TIEGS
Vice President

OSCAR GONZALEZ
Director

HENRY L. "HANK" STOY
Director

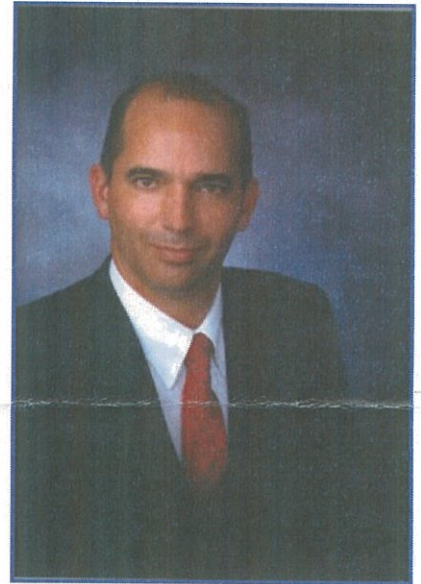
JAMES V. CURATALO, JR.
Director

Randall Reed
Candidate Statement
Association of California Water Agencies–Health Benefit Authority

Hello,

My name is Randall Reed and I am a candidate for the position on the Association of California Water Agencies, Health Benefit Authority (ACWA/HBA) Board of Directors.

The cost of health care benefits are continuing to rise and managing these cost is critical for water agencies throughout the state. As a member of the HBA I will work diligently to oversee the plans, rates, and budgets of the ACWA/HBA to ensure our membership's needs are met.

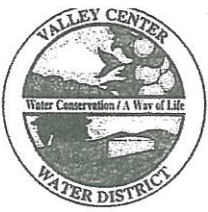


I was elected to the Board of Directors in November 2003 and I am currently serving in the capacity as President. My years of experience serving on the CVWD Board of Directors, Finance Committee has provided me with a solid foundation to provide the oversight and expertise that this position requires.

Professionally, I have worked over the past 15 years in the wastewater management field as an electrical and instrumentation supervisor. I have a Bachelor of Arts degree in Information Management Systems from California State University San Bernardino and have been an active member in the Association of California Water Agencies, California Special Districts and the California Water Environment Association.

I believe my experience and leadership qualify me as an excellent candidate to represent the vast diversity of water agencies throughout the state. I look forward to the opportunity to work with and serve each of our member organizations.

Randall James Reed



VALLEY CENTER WATER DISTRICT

A Public Agency Organized July 12, 1954

Board of Directors
Gary A. Broomell
President
Robert A. Polito
Vice President
Merle J. Aleshire
Director
Charles W. Stone, Jr.
Director
Randy D. Haskell
Director

AN OPEN LETTER TO ACWA HBA MEMBERS IN SUPPORT OF ELECTING

Merle Aleshire, HBA Board of Directors

Valley Center Municipal Water District is proud to support and endorse the election on **Dr. Merle J. Aleshire** to the newly forming ACWA Health Benefits Authority Board of Directors.

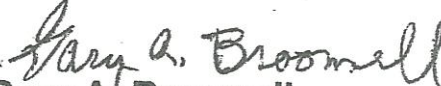
This endorsement is made with the confidence that Merle will bring a wealth of local water agency, ACWA, ACWA - JPIA and real-world private sector experience to the new ACWA HBA Board.

In his 13 years on the VCMWD Board, Merle has been an active leader and contributor to our issues and initiatives. Beyond his local role, Merle has served as ACWA Region 10 Chair and Vice Chair, member of the ACWA Board of Directors, and most recently as a member of the ACWA - JPIA Executive Committee.

Prior to coming to the water world, Merle worked for over 33 years as an aerospace executive and was very active in civic affairs, including the local elementary school board, Boys and Girls Club, March of Dimes and Boy Scouts.

As is born out by his attached candidate statement, Merle understands water, ACWA, business and giving back to the community. Most critically for the issue at hand, Merle understands the principles and keys to operating insurance risk pools which is now a central part of the ACWA HBA operation and responsibility.

Hopefully as an ACWA HBA member, you will see the wisdom of putting Merle's experience and directly related expertise to work helping the new ACWA HBA deal with the future health care challenges for ACWA and its member agencies.


Gary A. Broomell
President, Board of Directors


Gary Arant
General Manager

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT: ACWA-HBA Board of Directors
Merle J. Aleshire, PhD**

My name is **Merle Aleshire** and I am seeking your support and your vote to elect me to the new ACWA-Health Benefits Authority (ACWA-HBA) Board of Directors.



My background has required me to develop skills that I believe can help guide the ACWA-HBA joint powers risk sharing pool. We face significant challenges with the new federal health care program. My goal will be to help provide comprehensive health care options for all of our agencies at the most affordable cost.

I currently serve on the Board of Directors for the Valley Center Municipal Water District. I am past Chairman of Region 10 for the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) that includes agencies throughout San Diego and Orange Counties. As the Region Chair, I also served on the Board of Directors for ACWA.

Most recently I served for six years on the Executive Committee for the ACWA-Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA). ACWA-JPIA is also a risk sharing pool that provides property, liability and workers compensation insurance to nearly 300 water agencies and irrigation districts throughout California. This prior service with the ACWA-JPIA risk pool provides me with directly related experience to serve the ACWA-Health Benefits Authority.

I am a retired aerospace executive after 33 years in research, development and senior management positions for the General Dynamics Corporation. I conducted various studies for the Department of Defense and published numerous papers on weapon systems and space vehicles. I was an original developer of the Tomahawk Cruise Missile.

My civic duties have included; President of the Escondido Union School District Board of Education, President of the Boys & Girls Club, Board of Directors for the March of Dimes, Vice Chairman of the Palomar Council of the Boy Scouts of America, President of the Association of Resident Owners in Hidden Meadows and a founding member of the Hidden Meadows Community Foundation.

I have degrees in electrical engineering, mathematics, digital processes & control systems, leadership and human behavior. I own and operate a grain farm in Illinois. I am also a private pilot with hobbies of hunting, fishing, golfing and outdoor activities.

My technical education and many years in research & development required me to develop skills required to solve difficult problems. These skills plus my previous experience with risk sharing pools is the expertise I offer to ACWA-HBA. I believe that will be most important as we work through the many complexities in implementing the new federal health care legislation.

I am asking for your support.

Merle Aleshire

EXHIBIT "B"