

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ITEM: 3.5  
(ID # 17015)**

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, August 17, 2021

**FROM :** EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND COUNTY COUNSEL :

**SUBJECT:** EXECUTIVE OFFICE and COUNTY COUNSEL: Notice of Vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Western Municipal Water District (Division 4).

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Take public input, discuss and make a determination whether to appoint an individual to fill the vacancy or direct the Western Municipal Water District Board to call for an election; and
2. Continue the Item to the Board's next regular meeting on August 24 for Final Action or to another date no later than August 31, 2021 as a special meeting.

**ACTION:Consent**

  
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Gregory L. Priamos, Director County Counsel

8/12/2021

  
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Jeff Van Wageningen, County Executive Officer

8/12/2021

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Washington duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended; and IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that staff is directed to schedule interviews with the two finalist identified by the Board of Director's of Western Municipal Water District to take place during the next Board of Supervisors meeting on August 24, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., at which time the Board of Supervisors will interview and appoint a new director for Division 4 who will hold the position until the District's next general election November 2022.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt

Nays: None

Absent: None

Date: August 17, 2021

xc: E.O., Co.Co.

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board

By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	NO
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	21/22

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** [Approve]

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

A member of the Western Municipal Water District’s Board of Directors, Mr. Donald D. Galleano, passed away in June 2021. As such, Western Municipal Water District (“District”) notified the public of the vacancy and identified the effective date of the vacancy to be June 2, 2021.

Pursuant to Water Code section 71254, vacancies for municipal water districts are governed by Government Code section 1780. Under Section 1780(c), the District is provided sixty (60) days from the vacancy to appoint a new director or call for an election. The last day for the District to take such action was August 2, 2021.

On June 16, 2021, the District announced that it intended to fill the vacancy in Division 4 by appointment. As required by law, the District posted a Notice of Vacancy and accepted applications from the public. On July 21, 2021, seven candidates were interviewed. Multiple rounds of voting were conducted and the vote was tied 2-2 between candidates Laura Roughton and Araceli Ruiz. On July 29, 2021, the District held a special board meeting to consider filling the vacant board seat, but remain deadlocked between the candidates. Therefore, despite the best efforts of the District, it was unable to appoint a director or call for an election under the applicable statute.

As such, the Board of Supervisors is now vested with the authority to make an appointment to fill the vacancy or direct the District to call for an election. It should be noted that the District has requested that the Board of Supervisors take action to appoint a director to fill the vacancy in lieu of the cost associated with conducting an election.

Pursuant to Government Code section 1780(f)(1), the Board of Supervisors may appoint an individual to fill the vacancy or order the District to call an election to fill the vacancy within ninety (90) days of the effective date of the vacancy. If the Board were to direct the District to call an election, the election would be held on the next established election date provided in Section 1000 of the Elections Code that is 130 or more days after the District calls the election. The next established election date would be either April 22 or June 7, 2022.

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Therefore, any action taken by the Board of Supervisors must occur on or before August 31, 2021. The Board of Supervisors may consider any of the following actions:

- 1) Direct the District to call an election and place the matter on the ballot at the next general election date
- 2) Interview any and all prior applicants that may have sought to fill the vacancy
- 3) Interview the two finalists that were identified by the District
- 4) Seek new applicants to be interviewed for the vacancy
- 5) Any other appointment option identified by the Board of Supervisors

It should be noted that pursuant to the Water Code, a person appointed to the office of Director must be a resident of, and otherwise qualified to be a director from, Division 4 of the District.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

The appointment or election will ensure that the District is fully represented by directors from each division. This will also ensure that there is no deadlock and the business of the District can continue with minimal impact on the residents and businesses of the District and the County.

**Additional Fiscal Information**

NA

Attachment: WMWD Letter of 7/29/21

Craig D. Miller  
General Manager

Mike Gardner  
Division 1

Gracie Torres  
Division 2

Brenda Dennstedt  
Division 3

Vacant  
Division 4

Fauzia Rizvi  
Division 5



July 29, 2021

Ms. Kecia Harper  
Riverside County Board of Supervisors  
4080 Lemon St., 1st Floor  
Riverside, CA 92501

Subject: Request to Take Action to Fill Vacant Seat

Dear Ms. Harper:

The Board of Directors of the Western Municipal Water District hereby requests that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors consider taking action to fill the vacant Board seat in Division 4. At the Board meeting on June 16, 2021, the Board announced that it intended to fill the vacancy in Division 4 by appointment. This vacancy resulted from the untimely passing of Donald Galleano. Over the span of two Board meetings on July 21 and July 29, 2021, the Board interviewed a total of 7 candidates and the top 2 vote getters at the end of each meeting were tied 2-2 between Laura Roughton and Araceli Ruiz. Therefore, the Board was not able to reach a decision which would require three votes.

It is Western's understanding that since the Board did not reach a decision by the applicable deadline, the Board of Supervisors has the authority to appoint a person by August 31, 2021. The Board respectfully requests that an individual be selected in order to prevent the need for an election outside of Western's regular election at a significant cost and to prevent the Division 4 seat from remaining vacant for a substantial period of time.

Respectfully,

Brenda Dennstedt, Board President  
Western Municipal Water District

BD/jf

cc: Jeffrey Van Wagenen, County Executive Officer  
Supervisor Karen Spiegel, Chair of the Board of Supervisors

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## Maxwell, Sue

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**From:** cob@rivco.org  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 6:52 PM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** Board comments web submission

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Phone: 9518921326

Agenda Date: 08/17/2021

Agenda Item # or  
Public Comment: 3.5

State your  
position below: Neutral

Comments: Dear Riverside County Board of Supervisors, Thank you for your consideration of item 3.5 on the Aug. 17 agenda to discuss the process to fill the WMWD (Western Municipal Water District) Division 4 vacancy. I encourage you to fill the vacancy by appointment as opposed to special election for the following reason: Not only will a special election be costly to the ratepayers, it will leave Division 4 constituents with no representation for their Division until March or June of 2022 when a special election could be called. This would not be in the best interest of the residents of Jurupa Valley, Eastvale and Norco.  
Thank you,  
Manuelito Flores  
Jurupa Valley Resident

**Thank you for submitting your request to speak. The Clerk of the Board office has received your request and will be prepared to allow you to speak when your item is called. To attend the meeting, please call (669) 900-6833 and use Meeting ID #864 4411 6015 . Password is 20210817. You will be muted until your item is pulled and your name is called. Please dial in at 9:00 am am with the phone number you provided in the form so you can be identified during the meeting.**

**From:** COB  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 3:50 PM  
**To:** 'Ruben Solis' <solisruben@hotmail.com>; COB <COB@RIVCO.ORG>  
**Subject:** RE: Board comments web submission (from Ruben Solis - done)

Good afternoon Ruben,

Your web comment was forwarded to the Board this morning.

Thank you kindly, and please take care,

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
4080 Lemon Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 127  
Riverside, CA 92501  
(951) 955-1069 Fax (951) 955-1071  
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**From:** Ruben Solis <solisruben@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 3:25 PM  
**To:** COB <COB@RIVCO.ORG>  
**Subject:** Re: Board comments web submission

I am sorry for the confusion. I can not make the meet through the phone call. Could you please pass this suggestion to the board.

Thank you

Ruben A Solis  
On Aug 14, 2021, at 3:53 PM, [cob@rivco.org](mailto:cob@rivco.org) wrote:



First Name: Ruben  
Last Name: Solis  
Address (Street, City and Zip): 11714 Del Sur dr.  
Phone: 951-318-7724  
Email: [Solisruben@hotmail.com](mailto:Solisruben@hotmail.com)  
Agenda Date: 08/17/2021  
Agenda Item # or Public Comment: Position of district 4, WMWD.

Comments: I would like to voice my option about the void position of district 4. WMWD. Please consider Laura Roughton. I have known her for many years, she is a women of integrity. She was mayor for the city of Jurupa Valley. She was very impactful on changing the unincorporated into a new city and overcoming all obstacles.

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**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 3:54 PM  
**To:** COB; Solisruben@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Board comments web submission

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First Name: Ruben  
Last Name: Solis  
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Phone: 951-318-7724  
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**To:** COB  
**Subject:** BOS web comments

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First Name: Tom  
Email: tevanswmwd@gmail.com

Agenda Date: 08/17/2021

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Comment:

State your  
position below: Support

Comments: In supplement to my email, If filling the WMWD Div 4 seat could be done by special election in Nov. 2021, then that should be done for the reasons outline in my email last week. However I understand that the earliest a special election is possible, is June 2022. Then there would still be another election November 2022. This would make no sense and probably confuse voters as to why they are voting for the same election less than 6 months apart.

Therefore I recommend you appoint Laura Routan to fill this position until the November 2022 election. She is clearly qualified in that she has been in elective office in the Div. 4 area and understands the needs and dynamics of the area.

Thanks You,

Tom Evans

Riverside resident and former WMWD Director



**Maxwell, Sue**

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**From:** Tom Evans <tevanswmwd@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 6, 2021 4:23 PM  
**To:** COB  
**Cc:** Joan Donahue  
**Subject:** Western Municipal Water District  
**Attachments:** 2021 letter to Brd of Supv re Div. 4.docx

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Please send the attached memo to the Board of Supervisors. I think this will be on their agenda 8/17.

Thanks,  
Tom Evans

8/6/2021

Riverside County Board of Supervisors,

It is my understanding that the Directors of Western Municipal Water District have asked you to appoint a person to represent WMWD Div. 4 since they are unable to come to an agreement on this issue.

I am writing to recommend that you call a special election to fill the WMWD Div. 4 seat rather than appoint someone. This puts the decision in the hands of the voters in Div. 4, where it belongs. The WMWD Directors have stated that it is too expensive to hold a special election. Democracy has no price tag. The cost of a special election is irrelevant and the decision on who represents Div. 4, should be up to the voters.

There are no retail WMWD customers in Div. 4. WMWD collects property taxes in Div. 4. Thus, this revenue can be used to pay for the special election and there will be no impact on retail rates in Div. 4 or elsewhere. Why not give the Div. 4 voters value for the property taxes they pay WMWD by letting them decide who represents them?

WMWD recently adopted a 2-year budget, and a 3-year plan for retail rates in Div.2 and 3. Thus, there are no urgent issues for which Div. 4 voters would lack representation between now and the special election.

Please call a special election and let the voters in Div. 4 decide who will represent them for the remainder of the vacant Div. 4 position.

Thank You,  
Tom Evans  
Retired WMWD Director Div.2  
2855 McAllister St.  
Riverside 92503  
951-316-9759

Cc League of Women Voters

**Maxwell, Sue**

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**From:** COB  
**Subject:** FW: LWV Riverside/WMWD District 4 Vacancy  
**Attachments:** WMWD letter.pdf

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**From:** Joan Donahue <donahue.joan@att.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 10, 2021 8:44 AM  
**To:** COB <COB@RIVCO.ORG>  
**Subject:** LWV Riverside/WMWD District 4 Vacancy

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Ms. Harper,

This is Joan Donahue with Riverside's League of Women Voters. Could you please forward the attached letter to the members of the Board of Supervisors?

Much thanks,

Joan Donahue, President  
League of Women Voters Riverside  
951-479-2090  
[Donahue.joan@att.net](mailto:Donahue.joan@att.net) or [LWVRiverside@att.net](mailto:LWVRiverside@att.net)



## League of Women Voters Riverside

*Serving the people of Riverside, Murrieta, Menifee,  
Temecula, Perris, Lake Elsinore, Corona and Norco*

August 9, 2021

Riverside County Board of Supervisors,

In keeping with California Election Law, the Directors of Western Municipal Water District have opted to defer action on filling the vacant District 4 seat to the Board of Supervisors.

League of Women Voters Riverside writes to urge you to call a special election to fill the District 4 vacancy.

League of Women Voters takes water issues very seriously. At the LWV California State Convention this June, League members from across California voted to add water sustainability as an 'Issue for Emphasis' for all local Leagues.

Our emphasis on water, coupled with our long-standing belief that only voters can decide who can best represent them, leads us to strongly encourage you to call a special election to fill the District 4 vacancy.

WMWD Board Members are facing vital decisions on water supply reliability, chiefly contamination within the Chino basin. The District 4 Board Member must be solely accountable to his or her constituents for their decisions, without deference to elected officials who appointed them.

League of Women Voters Riverside has solid proof that voters prefer a special election to fill vacancies in elective office – *regardless of cost*.

In 2020, we drafted an amendment to the Riverside City Charter that ensures any vacancy on the Riverside City Council, with more than one year remaining on the term, requires a special election to fill the seat. The amendment was on the November 2020 ballot and *passed 73,920 to 37,459*.

League of Women Voters Riverside urges you to respect the will of the voters, their right to duly elected representation, and call for a special election to fill the District 4 vacancy.

Sincerely,

Joan Donahue, President  
League of Women Voters Riverside  
[Donahue.joan@att.net](mailto:Donahue.joan@att.net)

**From:** COB <COB@RIVCO.ORG>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 26, 2021 4:06 PM  
**To:** Maxwell, Sue <smaxwell@RIVCO.ORG>  
**Subject:** FW: Need to submit a 'letter' to the Board of Supervisors

**From:** Steven Mains <Steve@mains.email>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 23, 2021 7:24 PM  
**To:** COB <COB@RIVCO.ORG>  
**Subject:** Need to submit a 'letter' to the Board of Supervisors

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Good morning,

I am a consultant of Box Springs Mutual Water Company in Moreno Valley.

The State of California, Division of Drinking Water, is requiring the Mutual to notify all of the 'governing' bodies of a water quality issue with our well water that maybe related to March Air Reserve Base.

Are you the proper group to submit this notification letter to?

Copy attached.

Please contact me at your convenience.

Thank you!

**Steven E. Mains**

Watermaster Support Services  
Jurupa Mtn's Discovery Center  
Yreka Kiwanis  
Grenada Irrigation District  
Shasta Valley Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Advisory Committee  
Northern Siskiyou Chamber of Commerce

Steve@mains.email  
951-201-6571 cell

P.O. Box 250  
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## *Box Springs Mutual Water Company*

21740 Dracaea Ave  
Moreno Valley, CA 92553  
Office: (951) 653-6419  
Info@bsmwc.org

**June 15, 2021**

**Subject: Notification of PFOA/PFOS**

Dear Local Agency,

On February 26, 2021, the State of California, Water Resources Control Board issued a General Order No. DW 2021-0001-DDW for more than one hundred municipal drinking water wells to be tested for perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) and/or perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), generally known as PFAS.

The PFAS chemical family has been used for decades as a flame retardant in clothing, furniture and as a firefighting foam. California Division of Drinking Water (DDW) required testing including 18 members of the chemical family.

This list included Box Spring Mutual Water Company's Well #17, due to its proximity to March Air Reserve Base.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the presence of perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) in the groundwater that is served to our customers.

Following mandatory monitoring required by the DDW, it was determined that the notification level for PFOA has been exceeded. The notification level for PFOA is 5.1 parts per trillion (ppt), two samples from the Well #17 averaged 6.1 ppt.

Box Springs Mutual blends this well water with treated water from Western Municipal Water District, and the blended water what is delivered to our shareholders.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 116455, the Box Springs Mutual Water Company is required to inform its governing body and the governing body of any local agency whose jurisdiction includes the areas supplied with drinking water by the Mutual of concentrations exceeding the notification levels. Notification levels are health-based advisory levels established by the DDW for chemicals in drinking water that lack maximum contaminant levels. When chemicals are found at concentrations greater than their notification levels, certain notification requirements and recommendations apply.

The levels associated with water delivered to our customers is listed below.

- Primary source water is from Well #17
- Test result averaged 6.1 ppt
- Governing Agency Notification Level 5.1 ppt
- Public Response Level is 10 ppt
- Blending water was reported as "not detected"
- Water delivered to shareholders was measured at 3.8 ppt

PFOS and PFOA have been extensively produced and studied in the United States. These manmade substances have been synthesized for water and lipid resistance. They have been used extensively in consumer products such as carpets, clothing, fabrics for furniture, paper packaging for food, and other materials (e.g., cookware) designed to be waterproof, stain-resistant or non-stick. In addition, they have been used in fire-retarding foam and various industrial processes. The origin of the contaminant in our water supply at this time is unknown but the water system is working with the State Board and other agencies to determine how and why. Thoughts under consideration include widespread historic use of septic tanks (material washing out of clothing), proximity to March Air Reserve Base, and proximity to the former Riverside International Raceway.

If a chemical is present in drinking water that is provided to consumers at concentrations considerably greater than the notification level, the response level, DDW recommends that the drinking water system take the source out of service. However, at this time the water system is continuing to monitor the levels in our well and has not exceeded the response level at this time.

Additional information will be provided to our customers in the 2022 Consumer Confidence Report that comes out next year.

Based on the current evaluation of recent human and animal toxicity data, exposure to PFOA and PFOS in tap water over certain levels may result in adverse health effects including hepatotoxicity, immunotoxicity, thyroid toxicity, reproductive toxicity, and cancer (pancreatic and liver).

If you have any questions, please call Steven Mains at 951-201-6571.



## Maxwell, Sue

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**From:** cob@rivco.org  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 6:01 AM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** BOS web comments

**First Name:** Kevin  
**Last Name:** Bash  
**Email:** norcobash@sbcglobal.net  
**Agenda Date:** 08/17/2021

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**Comment:**

**Comments:** Good Morning Honorable Supervisors,  
Before you is the decision at to how best to fill the Division 4 Vacancy at the WMWD: appoint from the pool of two extensively vetted candidates or go to a special election. Given the enormous cost of a special election, and given that the delay would leave our region 4 without direct representation and only oversight by a highly politicized split board until perhaps the middle of next year, I respectfully request the Board strongly consider choosing from the existing pool of two.  
Very respectfully submitted,  
Mayor Kevin Bash  
City of Norco

## Maxwell, Sue

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**From:** cob@rivco.org  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 7:37 PM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** BOS web comments

First Name: Gail  
Last Name: Chism  
Email: linasgamma@sbcglobal.net  
Agenda Date: 08/17/2021

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Comment:

State your  
position below: Neutral

Comments: Dear Board Members,  
First, I wish to thank you for your services. Also to the WMWD Board and family members my deepest condolences upon the unexpected loss of Mr. Don Galleano who had served along with you for Division 4, Jurupa Valley, Eastvale, and Norco communities.  
It is to my understanding the position in which Don Galleano had served needs to be filled. However, because the WMWD Board members were unable to come to a unified decision for an appointed candidate it has now been brought before you.  
I sincerely hope this matter will be addressed, come to an agreement, and appoint a candidate who will best serve and represent our communities. One who is best qualified, has well-knowledge and understanding of all the communities, and who strives to not only serve but communicate on the behalf of us all, and will be an asset to the WMWD Board. Furthermore, and most importantly that by making this decision it would avoid any costs burdens or future rate increases by not allowing it to go to a special election as well as not leaving our communities unrepresented.  
I am hopeful you all will do what is right and for the betterment of our communities.

Thank you  
Sincerely  
Gail Chism  
Resident of Jurupa Vallely

## Maxwell, Sue

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**From:** cob@rivco.org  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 4:03 PM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** BOS web comments

First Name: James  
Last Name: Chism  
Email: jimchism@sbcglobal.net  
Agenda Date: 08/15/2021

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State your  
position below: Support

Comments: I am in favor of you as the Board Members making the decision to fill the vacancy made by the passing of Director Don Galleano. I do not want this to be sent to a special election. By you all making the decision it would save the County, City and everyone involved a lot of money.

## Maxwell, Sue

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**To:** COB  
**Subject:** BOS web comments

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**First Name:** Tamara  
**Last Name:** Collins  
**Email:** tlcismynam@aol.com  
**Agenda Date:** 08/17/2021

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**Comment:**

**State your  
position below:** Neutral

**Comments:** Board of Supervisors, as a long time resident of Jurupa Valley, I would like to address the issue of filling the vacancy at WMWD . With changes in our community happening daily, I feel we need to appoint a qualified person as soon as possible. Waiting for us to have representation until March or June of 2022 is a long time for our community to go without having a voice. I am also concerned about the significant cost of a special election. Please save our community the cost of the special election, and be expedient at filling this position.

Thank you,  
Tamara Collins

## Maxwell, Sue

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**From:** cob@rivco.org  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 5:40 AM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** BOS web comments

First Name: Carol  
Last Name: Crouch  
Email: Christmasong55@gmail.com  
Agenda Date: 08/17/2021

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Comment:

State your  
position below: Neutral

Comments: To: Chair Karen Siegel, Vice Chair Jeff Hewitt and other members of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors,

As a resident of the City of Jurupa Valley, and a part of Division 4, I wish to express my concern regarding the vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Western Municipal Water District - Division 4. This vacancy occurred due to the sudden passing of Director Don Galeano.

After Director Galeano's passing it was the responsibility of the remaining Board Members of the Water District to fill the vacancy. However, the Board members were unable to reach an agreement, ending in a deadlock, and now the responsibility has fallen on you.

I strongly urge you to appoint an individual to fill the vacancy on the Western Municipal Water District Board immediately. Calling for a special election will leave the seat vacant for up to close to a year giving our District no voice on the Board. This could affect our district negatively. Additionally the Water Board's inability to fill the position is further evidence of the need to fill the position quickly, so other important issues do not become hopelessly deadlocked, affecting all districts governed by this board. Also, the cost to hold a special election would place an undo burden upon the ratepayers at a time when many families are already struggling.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Ann Crouch  
909.227.2145  
5500 Avenue Juan Bautista  
Jurupa Valley

## Maxwell, Sue

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**From:** cob@rivco.org  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 1:11 PM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** BOS web comments

First Name: Jane

Last Name: Anderson

Email: Jcsdjane@aol.com

Agenda Date: 08/17/2021

Agenda Item # or Public Comment: 3.5 17015 vacancy on the Board of Directorsof the Western Municipal Water District (division 4)

State your position below: Neutral

Comments: It is important that the County Council move forward to appoint the position for Division 4 on the Western Municipal Water District. Sadly the Western Board was hopelessly deadlocked after two meetings. By appointing you save the high costs imposed in calling for a special election. In addition a special election would most likely not take place until some time 2022. This could cause the possibility of items on future agendas to go unresolved do to 2-2 ties.  
If the County appoints, the person selected would immediately be seated and the business of the Water District would move forward.  
Please do the right thing by appointing.

Jane Anderson

## Maxwell, Sue

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**From:** cob@rivco.org  
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**To:** COB  
**Subject:** BOS web comments

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First Name: BRAD  
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Email: brad.ormonde@gmail.com  
Agenda Date: 08/17/2021  
Agenda Item #  
or Public: Div 4 vacancy of Director of WMWD  
Comment:  
State your  
position below: Neutral  
Comments: it is very important that a person is appointed to fill the vacancy due to the untimely passing of Director Don Galleano of the WMWD. Having a special election will cost the taxpayers money which will undoubtedly be passed onto us in the form of higher rates. I believe it would be unwise and would not be prudent to leave the seat vacant until Spring of 2022. We need representation sooner than later. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Brad Ormonde

## Maxwell, Sue

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**From:** Andrew F Guerra Jr. <ed@grhcc.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 12:00 PM  
**To:** District2  
**Cc:** Supervisor Jeffries - 1st District; District3 Information; District 4 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez; District5; COB  
**Subject:** Letter of Support - Appointment of Araceli Ruiz to Western Municipal Water District Board  
**Attachments:** Letter of Support - Araceli Ruiz.pdf

Honorable Riverside County Supervisors,

On behalf of the Greater Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GRHCC), we are writing to express our support for Araceli Ruiz for the vacant District 4 seat of the Western Municipal Water District Board. Please see the attached letter of recommendation.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact the GRHCC directly at [info@grhcc.com](mailto:info@grhcc.com) or by telephone at (951) 965-9115.

Respectfully,



ANDREW GUERRA JR. | *Executive Director*



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August 16, 2021

Supervisor Karen Spiegel, District 2  
County of Riverside  
Board of Supervisors  
4080 Lemon Street, 5th Floor  
Riverside, CA 92502-1646

**SUBJECT: *Letter of Support - Appointment of Araceli Ruiz to Western Municipal Water District***

Dear Supervisor Spiegel,

On behalf of the Greater Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GRHCC), we are writing to express our support for Araceli Ruiz for the vacant District 4 seat of the Western Municipal Water District Board.

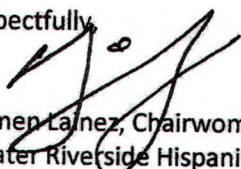
Araceli Ruiz has demonstrated leadership skills, passion, and commitment to the betterment of Riverside and the surrounding areas. Her work with organizations and nonprofits that serve the greater Riverside community is unparalleled.

The GRHCC and Mrs. Ruiz have had the opportunity to collaborate on various projects and events throughout the years and her input and perspective is always a huge asset. Araceli genuinely believes that collaboration is the key to finding better solutions, an attribute that has served her well and would be a key addition to the Western Municipal Water District Board.

We believe she will make an excellent Board member and it is our unreserved recommendation that you appoint Ms. Ruiz as the next District 4 representative for the Western Municipal Water District. She is truly an outstanding individual both personally and professionally.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact the GRHCC directly at [info@grhcc.com](mailto:info@grhcc.com) or by telephone at (951) 965-9115.

Respectfully,

  
Carmen Lainez, Chairwoman  
Greater Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Board of Directors

**Maxwell, Sue**

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**From:** Arturo Alcaraz <arturoa@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 10:31 AM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** Letter of support for candidate for Division 4 of WMWD  
**Attachments:** RCBofSWMWD Letter of Support for Araceli Ruiz Division 4.docx

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Kecia Harper, Clerk of the Board  
County of Riverside

Dear Ms. Harper,

Attached please find a letter of support for distribution to Board of Supervisor members for their upcoming decision regarding the Western Municipal Water District Division 4 vacancy.

The letter is written in support of Araceli Ruiz as a candidate to fill this important vacancy.

Thank you for your assistance in directing the letter to the Supervisors for their review and consideration.

Sincerely,

Art Alcaraz  
President, Riverside Latino Network



## RIVERSIDE LATINO NETWORK

August 16, 2021

Kecia Harper  
Clerk of the Board  
Board of Supervisors, County of Riverside  
4080 Lemon Street  
Riverside, CA 92501

Honorable Board of Supervisors,

Please accept this letter in support of Araceli Ruiz to fill the current non-partisan seat with the Western Municipal Water District Board vacancy in Division 4. Araceli has a well-rooted background in government and a history of community service. She is hard working and always strives to support her constituents in outstanding fashion.

Araceli has participated in several regional projects at both County and City levels through her work with the Western Riverside Council of Governments. She is familiar with environmental challenges in the region, water resource issues and budget and financing issues related to water resources and initiatives. Her experience with the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District has given her the knowledge and tools to understand how regional water agencies work together to provide safe water and a safe environment for our region. Her communication skills, professionalism, diplomacy, and ability to facilitate collaboration, has been demonstrated as a current Riverside Transit Agency member, Transportation Now Chapter Chair and past President of Riverside Latino Network. She will work hard to get up to speed on water supply challenges, engineering and infrastructure issues and will provide a solid contribution to the Board if successful in receiving this appointment.

I, Arturo J. Alcaraz, President of Riverside Latino Network, believe that Araceli Ruiz would be a good fit in this role and would prove to be a hard working Board Member who would serve in an outstanding capacity. I encourage you to strongly consider appointing Araceli Ruiz to this important role serving the water needs of our region.

Respectfully,

**Arturo J. Alcaraz**

Arturo J. Alcaraz, President  
Riverside Latino Network

**Maxwell, Sue**

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**From:** cob@rivco.org  
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First Name: Barbara  
Last Name: Ernst Ankele  
Phone: 951-768-1938  
Agenda Date: 08/17/2021  
Agenda Item # or Public Comment: Policy Calendar Item #3.5 Notice of Vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Western Municipal Water District (Division 4).

**Thank you for submitting your request to speak. The Clerk of the Board office has received your request and will be prepared to allow you to speak when your item is called. To attend the meeting, please call (669) 900-6833 and use Meeting ID #864 4411 6015 . Password is 20210817. You will be muted until your item is pulled and your name is called. Please dial in at 9:00 am am with the phone number you provided in the form so you can be identified during the meeting.**

## Maxwell, Sue

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**From:** Karen Bradford <kbradford951@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 9:15 PM  
**To:** COB; District2  
**Subject:** Agenda item 3.5 Vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Western Municipal Water District (Division 4).

**Importance:** High

I hope that the Board of Supervisors will prefer to choose an applicant to fill our division's vacancy for the Western Municipal Water District to wisely avoid the cost of a special election, which would undoubtedly have a low turn-out, as well as leaving our area unrepresented until next year ... Let's be sensible!

I am a 41-year resident of District 2 and also an elected trustee and current president of the board of education of Jurupa Unified School District.

Thank you.

Karen Bradford  
Jurupa Valley  
karen@karenbradford.com