



August 13, 2020

Mr. Ted Costa – Board President
San Juan Water District
P.O. Box 2157
Granite Bay, CA 95746

**Re: SJWD CVRA Response – New Division Maps
August 15, 2020 SJWD Special Board Workshop**

Dear Mr. Costa:

Please instruct the Board Secretary to read these written comments during the public comment period of the meeting. Also, please direct the Board Secretary to include this letter in the Board approved minutes for the August 15, 2020 SJWD Special Board Workshop.

The San Juan Water District (SJWD) service area is predominately comprised of four distinct communities: Citrus Heights, Orangevale, Fair Oaks, and Granite Bay. The community of Citrus Heights receives retail water service from the Citrus Heights Water District (CHWD). The community of Orangevale receives retail water service from the Orangevale Water Company (OVWC). The community of Fair Oaks receives retail water service from the Fair Oaks Water District (FOWD). The community of Granite Bay receives retail water service from the San Juan Water District (SJWD-R).

Currently, and for many years prior, four of the five SJWD Board members have come from Granite Bay. These same SJWD Board Members represent two different agencies with uniquely defined service areas – San Juan Water District Retail (SJWD-R) and San Juan Water District Wholesale (SJWD-W).

A sitting Board Member of CHWD, OVWC or FOWD cannot represent their Agency and sit on the SJWD Board due to a potential conflict of interest. A SJWD Board Member can represent both SJWD Retail and SJWD Wholesale. How are these situations different?

The ethics training that all public officials are required to take states that we must avoid even the perception of a conflict of interest. Assuming that having the same Board of Directors representing both the SJWD-R operations and SJWD-W operations is legal, it clearly has the perception of a potential conflict of interest.

When the SJWD Board of Directors is reformed to be elected by divisions representing the wholesale service area, please provide for the SJWD Retail Service Area becoming an independent agency with their own separate Board of Directors elected from within the SJWD Retail Service Area.

The opportunity to make a change is now, while responding to the CVRA litigation. Please take immediate action on the above and resolve this long-standing ethical issue with the SJWD Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom R. Gray", enclosed in a blue oval.

Tom R. Gray
FOWD General Manager
SJWD-R Ratepayer

c: Jennifer Buckman, BKS
Robert Donlan, ES&H
Teri Grant, SJWD Board Secretary

**SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD WORKSHOP AGENDA**

**August 15, 2020
10:00 a.m.**

**WEL Garden (located to the right back of the Boardroom)
9935 Auburn Folsom Road
Granite Bay, CA 95746**

This Board workshop will be conducted at the District's WEL Garden – an outside venue.

Please bring your own chair and wear your mask.

The Board may take action on any item on the agenda, including items listed on the agenda as information items. The Board may add an item to the agenda (1) upon a determination by at least three Board members that an emergency situation exists, or (2) upon a determination by at least four Board members (or by three Board members if there are only three Board members present) that the need to take action became apparent after the agenda was posted.

The public may address the Board concerning an agenda item either before or during the Board's consideration of that agenda item. Public comment on items within the jurisdiction of the Board is welcome, subject to reasonable time limitations for each speaker. Upon request, agenda items may be moved up to accommodate those in attendance wishing to address that item. Please inform the General Manager.

Documents and materials that are related to an open session agenda item that are provided to the District Board less than 72 hours prior to a regular meeting will be made available for public inspection and copying at the District office during normal District business hours.

If you are an individual with a disability and need assistance or accommodation to participate in this Board meeting, please call Teri Grant, Board Secretary, at 916-791-0115, or email Ms. Grant at tgrant@sjwd.org.

Please silence cell phones and refrain from side conversations during the workshop.

I. PUBLIC WORKSHOP

1. Transition to Division-Based Elections (W & R) – public workshop to answer questions about the process

II. ADJOURN

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

August 19, 2020 – Regular Board Meeting
Week of August 24th – a 2nd Workshop TBD
September 9, 2020 – Public Hearing #3
September 23, 2020 – Regular Board Meeting
October 14, 2020 – Public Hearing #4

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing agenda for the August 15, 2020 special workshop of the Board of Directors of San Juan Water District was posted by August 12, 2020, on the outdoor bulletin boards at the District Office Building, 9935 Auburn Folsom Road, Granite Bay, California, and was freely accessible to the public.

Teri Grant, Board Secretary