

IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT

JANUARY 11, 2017 - 1:00 P.M.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Any person may address the Board at this time upon any subject not identified on this Agenda but within the jurisdiction of the District. Please note that for items not listed on the agenda, the Brown Act imposes limitations on what the Board may do at this time. The Board may not take action on the item at this meeting. As to matters on the Agenda, persons will be given an opportunity to address the Board when the matter is considered. If you wish to speak during public comment, please fill out a "Speaker Request Form" and give it to the Board Secretary. When the Board President calls your name, please immediately step to the podium and begin by giving your name and address for the record. Each speaker will be given four (4) minutes to address the Board.

(ITEM #1) CONSIDER FILLING TWO VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS- The Board will consider and take action regarding appointments to fill the two vacant seats on the Board of Directors. If necessary the Board will interview the applicants prior to the appointments.

(ITEM #2) ENGAGEMENT OF GENERAL COUNSEL- The Board will consider a report and recommendation from the Legal Representation ad hoc committee. The Board may take action to approve the engagement of the law firm recommended by the Legal Representation ad hoc committee.

(ITEM #3) STATE MANDATED BOARD MEMBER TRAINING – The Board will consider sending four Board members to an Ethics training course required by the State of California in Pine Cove on January 19th, 2017 at a cost of \$100.00 total.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS -

ADJOURNMENT:

To the January Regular Board meeting scheduled for January 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., to be held at the Idyllwild Water District Boardroom, 25945 Hwy. 243, Idyllwild, CA.

Please remember during Public Comments:

- Comments should be limited to 4 minutes or less
- Comments should be directed to the Board as a whole and not directed to individual Board members.

Americans with Disabilities Act: In compliance with the ADA, if you need special assistance to participate in a District meeting or other services offered by this District, please contact the District office @ 951-659-2143 or email: admin@idyllwildwater.com. Upon request, the agenda and documents in the agenda packet can be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability. Notification of at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or time when services are needed will assist the District staff in assuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility to the meeting.

Memo

To: Board of Directors

From: Interim General Manager

Date: January 11, 2017

Subject: CONSIDER FILLING TWO VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Recommendation

Appoint two qualified candidates to fill the current vacancies on the Board of Directors. Interview the candidates prior to making the appointment decision.

Background

As a result of resignations, the Idyllwild Water District Board of Directors has two vacancies.

State law provides the District with several options for filling the vacancies:

- The remaining Board members may appoint qualified applicants to the position(s);
- The Board can call a special election to fill the positions; or
- The Board can default to the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County to appoint qualified applicants to the positions.

The Board has chosen to appoint qualified candidates as the most expeditious and fiscally prudent option.

The appointed board members will be required to stand for election at the next regularly scheduled election in August 2017 if they desire to continue on the Board.

Three residents have submitted letters of interest (attached) for the vacant positions:

Geoffrey Caine, Peter Szabadi and Linda McCaughin

In accordance with the District's enabling statutes, each appointment will require an affirmative vote of all (three) of the Directors.

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December 19, 2016

To whom it may concern

I would like to be considered for appointment as a Director of the Idyllwild Water Board to fill the current vacancy.

As you know, I had been concerned for some time about district operations and Board functioning. In recent days I have been delighted by the actions taken by the current Board to rectify the situation.

Hopefully I can contribute to your further actions and to making the IWD an effective and highly regarded organization in town.

Background in community service

- From 1995-1996 I was the National Director of the Mind-Brain Network of the American Society for Training and Development.
- From 1999-2001 I was a cofounder and member of the Board of the Idyllwild Charter High School.
- From 2006 through 2008 I was a Vice President, and then President, of the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce.
- I was the Executive Director and am now President of the Board of the Natural Learning Research Institute, a 501(c)3 organization.

Business experience

For 25 years, beginning in 1987 and up to my recent retirement, I was a writer and education consultant in partnership with my wife. We have coauthored 11 books on learning and education, and I have worked with teachers and administrators, other members of staff, and parents - from kindergarten through college, in about 30 US states and in several other countries. During that time I also provided some HRD services for major corporations such as Apple Computer and Arthur Andersen.

For many years I was co-owner and manager of the Caine Learning Center, an Idyllwild meeting room that hosted programs ranging from theatrical performances to seminars, community programs and spiritual retreats.

Prior to 1987, and before my immigration to the US from Australia, I had been, among other things

- Education services manager of an Australian software company

- State manager of a national Australian publishing company,
- Tenured member of the faculty of law and professor of constitutional law at the UNSW.

Respectfully

Geoffrey Caine, LL.M.

To the President of the Board of Directors of the Idyllwild Water District, Dr. Charles Shelly:

My name is Peter Szabadi, I would like the Board to consider me for the present vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Idyllwild Water District.

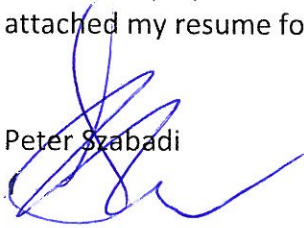
I have been coming up and spending substantial periods of times to Idyllwild for the last twenty years after meeting my now wife Michele Marsh now almost twenty years ago. Michele attended elementary school in Idyllwild and has been a member of the Idyllwild community for most of her life.

We moved to Idyllwild three years ago after I retired as a litigation civil rights attorney in Los Angeles. I am a member of the Board of Directors of the Idyllwild Art Alliance and have become a professional photographer for the last four years.

Throughout my years here I have followed the work of the Water District, its problems and successes. I am passionately interested in this community, its preservation and development and the role of water and our water policy will play in its future.

I hope you will favorably consider my application to be a member of the Board. I have attached my resume for your consideration.

Peter Szabadi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Szabadi', is written over the printed name. The signature is stylized and cursive.

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EDUCATION

City College of the City of New York
New York, New York -- B.S., 1964

New York Law School
New York, New York -- J.D., 1967.

University of California at Berkeley
Berkeley, California -- B.S., 1975

PHOTOGRAPHY

Town Crier, Idyllwild, CA (2016-present)
Dinah Shore Weekend (2013-2015)
Palm Springs Film Festival (2013-present)
Idyllwild Jazz Festival (2013-2016)

Photography Gallery Shows, Idyllwild and Los Angeles

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

ADMISSIONS

Member of the Bar of the State of New York (1967)
Member of the Bar of the State of California (1971)
Member of the United States Supreme Court (1975)
Member of the Second and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Bar and the New York,
California and DC District Court Bars

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

Arbitrator, American Arbitration Association, Construction and Labor and Employment
Law.
Judge Pro Temp, Small Claims, Los Angeles Superior Court

PETER SZABADI

EMPLOYMENT

Law Offices of Peter Szabadi (1991-2013)
Los Angeles, California

Firm specialized in the litigation of a broad range of labor practice, discrimination, wage and hours and wrongful termination claims. Special emphasis on federal sector labor claims.

Lead counsel in one of the largest Title VII Federal Sector discrimination class-action lawsuit against a federal agency.

Business litigation represented investors in the USA from the People's Republic of China and the Republic of China

Acret, Gropman & Turner (1989-1991)
Santa Monica, California.

Worked in the labor law practice of the firm, representing multi-employer associations, with emphasis on NLRB practice.

Acret & Perrochet (1979-1989)
Los Angeles, California

Managing partner (1985-88) for major construction law firm handling litigation in all aspects of construction law.

Advised employers on labor policy, developed employee handbooks, established procedure for handling grievances, drug testing programs,

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Member of the Board of Directors of the Idyllwild Art Alliance, Inc.
Member of the Board of Directors of Hungaria Nostra of Los Angeles, Inc.

LANGUAGES

Hungarian, reasonable reading knowledge of French, Italian, Spanish and Russian.

Linda A. McCaughin

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POSITION: Board Member, Idyllwild Water District

EDUCATION: B. A. English, minor in Anthropology, U.C. Riverside

EXPERIENCE:

14 years as a Field Marketing Executive, primarily for Xerox and Konica Corp.

Nine years, Idyllwild School PTA Board, including: Recording Secretary, two years; Corresponding Secretary, two years; Co-Chair Pancake Breakfasts Fundraisers, four years.

St Hugh's Episcopal Church, Vestry/Bishop's Council, three years.

Boy Scouts of America, Idyllwild. Pack 96, Den Leader and Cubmaster, two years. Troop 96, Assistant Scoutmaster, four years.

PEO; Co-Chair, Pancake Breakfast fundraiser, two years.

ICRC Board Member, four and one half years. Chair, Pancake Breakfast fundraiser.

CURRENT JOB: Sales/Administration Manager, Stronghold Engineering and Design. Co-owner.

PERSONAL:

Full time Idyllwild resident since 1993.

Property owner in Idyllwild Water District.

Married, with one adult son.

Statement of Purpose: As a full time Idyllwild resident and a native Southern Californian, I understand that effective management of our water resources is essential. As our Planet's weather patterns change, and our drought continues, water management may become the most critical issue in our future. Although I do not have any professional experience with water districts, I believe my business background and experience in working as a team member would be beneficial to the Idyllwild Water District Board. Thank you for your consideration.

Memo

To: Board of Directors

From: Interim General Manager

Date: January 11, 2017

Subject: Engagement of General Counsel

Recommendation

That the Board of Directors considers a report and recommendation from the Legal Representation ad hoc committee and takes action to approve the engagement of a law firm to act as General Counsel for the District and direct staff to complete the appropriate documents.

Background

As a result of various actions, the District is essentially without a General Counsel. The Board believes that it is important to engage a General Counsel at the earliest opportunity. The Board of Directors, at the December 21, 2016 meeting, determined that the time was appropriate to solicit proposals from attorneys to act as General Counsel to the District. The President appointed an ad hoc Legal Representation sub-committee to evaluate District options and make a recommendation to the full Board of Directors.

The Legal Representation ad hoc sub-committee solicited proposals from Best, Best & Krieger and Varner & Brandt, both firms with extensive experience with Special Districts, labor, water rights and municipal law in general. After reviewing the proposals the ad hoc sub-committee interviewed the firms via telephone. Subsequently one of the ad hoc sub-committee members resigned from the Board.

Director Sirkin (the remaining ad hoc committee member) will make a verbal presentation and recommend that the Board engage Best, Best & Krieger as General Counsel for the District.

In accordance with the District's enabling statutes, approval will require an affirmative vote of all (three) of the Directors.

Memo

To: Board of Directors

From: Interim General Manager

Date: January 11, 2017

Subject: State Mandated Board Member Training

Recommendation

That the Board approve sending four Board members to Brown Act and Ethics training courses required by the State of California Sponsored by the Pine Cove Water District on January 19th, 2017.

Background

The State of California requires that all Special District elected officials take two hour courses on compliance with the Brown/Public Records Acts and Ethics/Public Disclosure requirements every two years. New Board members have one calendar year to complete the required courses.

Conveniently, the Pine Cove Water District has opened the training courses provided by its General Counsel to other local agency officials required to take the courses. There is a minimal fee of \$25 to attend (\$100 total for Idyllwild Water District's attendees).

That the courses are offered so soon after the appointment of new Board members to the Board, at a convenient local, and at minimal cost will help Board members become aware of the additional requirements they now have in their official capacities.