

April Jacobs

From: Karla Edwards <hi.wonderwoman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 5:19 PM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Dante Acosta/Water Board

I object to an appointment of Dante Acosta to the Water Board. It is time to bring new faces to our local government agencies and I'm sure a person with expertise in the water issues in Santa Clarita and the surrounding neighborhoods would be a better choice for this position.

Karla Edwards
Zip code: 91355

April Jacobs

From: Eli Bronwein <ebronwein@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 6:01 PM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: "No" on Dante Acosta for board of SCV Water Agency

Please vote "NO" on appointing Dante Acosta to the board of the SCV Water Agency.

These are some of the many reasons Mr. Acosta is not qualified for the position:

- Acosta has already demonstrated he doesn't side with the residents of Val Verde/Castaic. He sent an official representative and letter of support to the public hearing for the expansion of the Chiquita Canyon Landfill in Val Verde - siding with the big corporation that puts unbearable odors into the community where many residents have fallen very ill and believe it to be related to the landfill. View Dante's formal statement here (advance to page 14).

- Our limited water supply is too important to be trusted to political favoritism and a board member who voted against water conservation during his time in the assembly (AB1668). The bill requires the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt long-term standards for the efficient use of water and performance measures for commercial, industrial, and institutional water use on or before June 30, 2022.

Former Assemblymember Dante Acosta and State Senator Scott Wilk both voted against it.

- Acosta doesn't live in the district that he would be representing and the local town council wasn't informed and had no say in the nomination. Additionally, he was appointed by only one of the supervisors and not the whole board with no chance for public comment.

- Water board members usually come from science or engineering backgrounds, Acosta does not and knows nothing about water issues in Santa Clarita or District 36.

Sincerely,
Elliot Bronwein
Newhall, CA 91321

April Jacobs

From: Kev <hikev@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 6:23 PM
To: April Jacobs; Sup Kathryn Barger; Sup Hilda Solis; Sup Sheila Keuhl; Sup Janice Hahn; Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas
Subject: NO to Acosta

I want to protest the nomination of the non-district resident Dante Acosta to the SCV water agency board of directors. Not only has he no experience in managing the supply of a local limited resource like water, Mr Acosta also routinely voted against water conservation bills when he was in the state assembly. The district's constituents weren't properly notified or consulted, and they should have a say in the nomination of somebody else's favorite would-be career politician. This needs to be done properly and not so opaquely.

Kevin Corcoran
Santa Clarita CA

April Jacobs

From: Eric Goldner <ericgoldner10@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 8:24 PM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Please vote AGAINST DANTE ACOSTA for the Santa Clarita Water Agency Board

Dear Ms. Jacobs,

I want to register my firm opposition to having Dante Acosta serve on the Santa Clarita Water Agency Board.

Mr. Acosta has zero water background, or even a technical background. As a conservative climate denier, he has demonstrated no understanding of the importance of conservation and protection of our water supplies. As our Assemblyman, he opposed AB1668. In opposing AB1668, he was willing to forgo long-term standards for the efficient use of water and performance measures for commercial, industrial, and institutional water use. This is too important position to have filled by simply someone trying to do things for political expediency.

Please vote NO!!! Please do not allow Dante Acosta to be a member of this board.

Respectfully,

Eric Goldner

April Jacobs

From: Fran Fecske <fran.fecske@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 10:13 PM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Dante Acosta

Hello April Jacobs,

I am unable to attend the Water Board meeting tomorrow evening but would like to express my opposition in the appointing of Dante Acosta on our water board.

Basic objection are:

His history is not to support the people but to support big businesses.

He does not live in the area that is being represented.

He is a smoozer and knows people, that does not make him qualified for this position.

The person that is nominated for this position should be qualified and should care about the people they are representing and the environment.

Fran Fecske

Fran Fecske
661-713-3600

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April Jacobs

From: Catharine <cmurphy846@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 11:28 PM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Say NO on Dante Acosta !

I live in Canyon Country and was dismayed to hear this guy was nominated. Voters got rid of him last month because of his poor performance past 2 years. Do not give him another chance. Does he live in Val Verde? No. Vote someone in who will actually do the work.

Respectfully,

Catharine Murphy
27657 Ironstone #1
Canyon Country, CA 91387

Sent from my iPad

April Jacobs

From: Tyger White <whitetyger1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 11:52 PM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Dante Acosta

I am writing to express my disapproval of Dante Acosta for the water board position. I am not doing this based upon political parties. I am NOT a Democrat or Liberal. I am a conservative-ish leaning NPP preference voter. However, Mr. Acosta's lack of experience.....quite the opposite of the "extensive experience" that was touted.....bothers me. Actually, what bothers me is his claims of experience and education are exaggerated.

I am also, or even more so, concerned by his lack of commitment. Perhaps he is a nice guy and has clearly made some friends, but he should not be placed in positions because of favors from friends. He should offer, at the very least, a commitment to do the best job for the position. I believe that putting him in this position is a serious mistake and that his nomination should be respectfully withdrawn.

I hope that you take these points into consideration.

Sincerely,

Tyger White



Tyger White

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April Jacobs

From: Kai Ellis <kaiellis@mail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 5:56 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Dante Acosta

Dear Ms. Jacobs:

As a voter, resident, and homeowner in Santa Clarita, I am writing to request that the Board not appoint Dante Acosta to the Santa Clarita Water District. There are really no good reasons for this appointment other than political cronyism and there are many reasons why this is not in the best interest of the residents of the city or the future of the environment or the Board.

As you know, Mr. Acosta recently lost an election as incumbent to the State Assembly which is a strong indication of the lack of support for him to represent the interests of the resident. Not only that, Mr. Acosta is not even a resident of the district Supervisor Barger has nominated him to represent. This alone should disqualify him for a position on the district. In addition, Mr. Acosta does not have any experience in dealing with the important issues around water including the science or a general interest in preserving and protecting the environment and this valuable resource. He has never shown any interest in working to ensure that this community and those affected by its water supply would have access to clean water. Mr. Acosta does not have any education that would prepare him for this very important position.

Again, I urge the board to decline any appointment of Dante Acosta to the Santa Clarita Water district and that it find someone who is qualified by education and experience and is a resident of the district.

Thank you,

Kai Ellis
661-433-8039
Resident of 91351

Sent from my iPad

April Jacobs

From: Bobby Diablo <bobbydiablo@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 6:43 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Dante Acosta? Are you serious?

Dear Ms. Jacobs, are you serious? Is this a political payoff? Mr. Acosta has no experience known with city water systems and no known engineering degree. This smells of political corruption. Get someone who is actually qualified to be on the board.

Sincerely,

Howard Barr
28669 Parkside Drive
Santa Clarita, CA 91354

April Jacobs

From: Stephen De Vita <sndevita@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 8:09 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Opposition to Dante Acosta as a water board member

Good morning, Ms. Jacobs,

I live in Santa Clarita. I am writing to oppose the nomination for Dante Acosta to be a SCV Water board member. Mr. Acosta is not a scientist, has no scientific or engineering background, and is not qualified for this appointment. There certainly are plenty of other candidates who do have this experience that should be considered - not Mr. Acosta. Additionally, Mr. Acosta does not live in the district he would be representing and the local town hall wasn't informed and had no say in the nomination. This smacks of partisan politics - just trying to find a job for Mr. Acosta without taking the needs of the residents he would be representing into account. He has voted AGAINST water conservation (AB1668), which is unacceptable for a future board member and has supported expansion of the Chiquita Canyon Landfill in Val Verde - actively siding against the constituents he should be representing.

In no way should Mr. Acosta be sitting on this board, and specifically not representing the district he doesn't even live in and has been hostile to.

Please oppose his nomination.

Thank you,

Noelle De Vita
Santa Clarita, Ca. 91354

April Jacobs

From: Ted Truex <truexted@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 8:44 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Dante Acosta

Ms Jacobs,

I am writing to convey to the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency my concern about replacing Dean Efstathiou with Dante Acosta at tonight's agency meeting. Making Dante Acosta a director is an affront to common sense and has all of the signs of a backroom political deal.

The SCVWA needs someone as qualified as Dean Efstathiou to represent Val Verde District 36. Do not replace him with an unqualified political hack like Dante Acosta. Dante Acosta's nomination makes me wonder what he offered Kathryn Barger so that she would nominate him for the director position.

I want the SCVWA to faithfully serve the public and find someone qualified to replace Dean Efstathiou.

Ted Truex
27233 Rosemont Ln.
Valencia, CA
661 965 6379

April Jacobs

From: Nancy Lambert <njl.mcquillen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 8:53 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: SCV Water Agency

Board secretary April Jacobs,

As I understand, there are two contenders for the SCV Water Agency:

One worked for 38 years managing LA County's public water system, has a bachelor of sciences degree in civil engineering from Cal State-Northridge, and is a board member of the Southern California Water Committee and the Urban Water Institute.

The other is former Assemblyman Dante Acosta.

As a Santa Clarita resident, I urge Kathryn Barger not to replace the lifelong water engineer with the unqualified Acosta.

Thank you,

Nancy

April Jacobs

From: Tania Nathan <tania.nathan01@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 8:54 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: No on Acosta

I am sending this message to urge a “no” vote on Acosta tonight. Why would anyone even consider him? He is not qualified and has a history of wasting public funds. Please do the right thing.

April Jacobs

From: tp2815@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 8:56 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: no to Acosta

April Jacobs

From: Nerissa Black <nsblackrn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 9:15 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Board member appointment

Hello Ms. Jacobs,

My name is Nerissa Black and I am a resident and homeowner in Santa Clarita. I'm writing to inform you that I OPPOSE DANTE ACOSTA's nomination/appointment to the SCV Water Agency's Board. He is unqualified and unfit to do the job.

Thank you,
Nerissa Black

April Jacobs

From: Anthony Breznican <abrez122224@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 9:16 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Dante Acosta is absurdly unfit for SCV Water Agency

What in the world is Kathryn Barger thinking in nominating Dante Acosta to the SCV Water Agency?

The LA County Supervisor could not have found a more comically unreliable and inexperienced person short of nominating Homer Simpson.

As the board is well aware, their work is critically important to the future of this community as we face dwindling water resources and a surging population. It requires careful, educated, and ethical management — words that no one applies to Mr. Acosta.

The seat is currently held by Dean Efstathiou, whom most residents of SCV never heard of before — because he's a quiet, diligent worker, not a showboater or opportunist.

Efstathiou worked for 38 years managing LA County's public water system, has a bachelor of sciences degree in civil engineering from Cal State-Northridge, and is a board member of the Southern California Water Committee and the Urban Water Institute, among his other impressive credentials. Acosta withers in comparison.

He not only didn't graduate from college, but as a politician he made headlines for wasting public funds on deceptive junk mail, and even voted AGAINST a water conservation bill when he was in the State Assembly.

Voters rejected him for a reason. The SCV Water Agency must do the same or risk seeing their own work and reputations follow his career down the drain.

Anthony Breznican
Santa Clarita, CA

April Jacobs

From: Samantha Turner <scturner113@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 9:39 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: ethics matter

Hello Ms. Jacobs,

I am sending this email as a concerned resident of Santa Clarita Valley. I find it disturbing that this agency would even consider hiring someone as unqualified as Dante Acosta to the water board. I have looked at his votes towards water conservation as well as other environmentally friendly bills. He had voted NO on every single one. I feel that your company is sending a horrible message to the public by forcing a qualified man out of the position just so Acosta has a new job. Our community voted him out of his district because of his inability to stand for what his constituents believe. This man has zero experience and no education on the matter. This is beyond insulting to our community that you would allow this to happen. I expect this to be addressed and the proper, qualified man to stay in the job he has been doing for years. If you allow for Acosta to come in and take over a job he knows nothing about I can assure you that plenty of us will respond accordingly. I hope you make the right and ethical choice here.

Sincerely,
Samantha Turner

April Jacobs

From: Brad Schreiber <bradaschreiber@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 9:43 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Dante Acosta- No!

I am writing this to express my disapproval of Dante Acosta replacing Dean Efstathiou on the SCV Water Agency.

Mr. Acosta has had mismanagement charges leveled against him and SCV voters roundly rejected him at the polls this November. As an SCV resident of 15 years, I greatly disapprove of Mr. Acosta taking a position on the SCV Water Agency. He is not qualified and lacks any relevant credentials for this position.

Should Kathryn Barger choose to appoint Mr. Acosta, I will do everything in my power to raise votes and funds to see that she, and any others who assist in placing Mr Acosta on the SCV Water Agency, are summarily voted out of office.

The residents of SCV are paying attention to this and will remember the Board's actions in future elections.

Brad Schreiber

April Jacobs

From: Robbie Gonzalez <gonzalezrobbie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 9:52 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Dante Acosta IS NOT QUALIFIED NOMINEE

Post your letters! Here's mine:

What in the world is Kathryn Barger thinking in nominating Dante Acosta to the SCV Water Agency? The LA County Supervisor could not have found a more comically unreliable and inexperienced person short of nominating Homer Simpson.

As the board is well aware, their work is critically important to the future of this community as we face dwindling water resources and a surging population. It requires careful, educated, and ethical management — words that no one applies to Mr. Acosta.

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Robert Gonzalez
Santa Clarita, CA

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

April Jacobs

From: Cher Gilmore <chergilmore@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 10:06 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: CORRECTION: Water Board nomination

Please substitute this message for the previous incorrectly addressed one. Thanks!

To the Santa Clarita Water Agency Board:

I'm writing to ask you not to appoint Dante Acosta to the Santa Clarita Water Agency Board. I realize he's looking for a job since losing his bid for reelection to the California Assembly, but he does not to my knowledge have any expertise or experience in water issues, and he doesn't even live in the Castaic/Val Verde district that he would be representing. This looks to me like a naked political favor on the part of Supervisor Barger for nominating him, and that does not serve the community and its needs.

Please find a suitable candidate who lives in the district to be served and has some knowledge and expertise on water issues.

Thank you,

Cher Gilmore
26834 Circle of the Oaks
Santa Clarita, CA 91321

April Jacobs

From: Patricia Solomon <psolomon0117@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 10:03 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Do not appoint Acosta

I am writing this to express my disapproval of Dante Acosta replacing Dean Efstathiou on the SCV Water Agency.

Mr. Acosta has had mismanagement charges leveled against him and voters roundly rejected him at the polls this November. As an SCV resident of 15 years, I greatly disapprove of Mr. Acosta taking a position on the SCV Water Agency. He is not qualified and lacks any relevant credentials for this position.

Should Kathryn Barger choose to appoint Mr. Acosta, I will do everything in my power to raise votes and funds to see that she, and any others who assist in placing Mr Acosta on the SCV Water Agency, are summarily voted out of office.

The residents of SCV are paying attention to this and will remember the Board's actions.

Patricia Solomon

April Jacobs

From: Todd Wilson <todd@toddrwilson.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 10:06 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Nomination of Dante Acosta

Ms. Jacobs and Honorable Board Members,

I write to urge you to reject the nomination of Dante Acosta to the SCVWA Board, as nominated by Supervisor Barger.

Despite the Supervisor's statements, Mr. Acosta has absolutely zero history of "extensive experience in the water supply field." None. His experience, that he has so proudly put on display in his time as a politician is that of a financial adviser, actor, and short-term office holder.

Regardless of that, the timing and lack of public process in this issue is disturbing. Mr Acosta's nomination was brought forward only 1 week ago, and the agenda for today's meeting does not include his name as being a nominee or potential nominee. This circumvents public participation and violates the spirit, if not the letter of the Brown Act.

The term of office is up January 1, and this poses a feel of "timeliness" in needing to vote on the nomination. However, there is no urgent need to fill the seat, as it will not impede the board from conducting business until the vacancy is filled. (Mr. Acosta himself has indicated his intent to seek elective office in two years, so he's already signaling he'll leave the SCVWA board with a vacancy to fill again, anyway...)

I urge you to reject the nomination and seek a replacement from Supervisor Barger. One who truly is qualified, one who has the opportunity to engage the public before their vote, and one who isn't just using the position as a soft landing until they can seek their next elective office.

At worst, I urge you to table the motion and give the public ample time to comment and respond.

Thank you for your consideration,

Todd R. Wilson,
Santa Clarita

April Jacobs

From: Eddie <compchik@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 10:39 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Member of the Board

Please make sure that this email is forwarded to the appropriate parties.

I am asking that the members do the right thing and appoint the person who is qualified for the job and has been doing the job.

A vote, in my opinion, for Dante Acosta, would be irresponsible and totally inappropriate.

Please see that Mr. Efstathiou maintain his seat on your Board.

Edwina J. Heine

Sent from my iPhone

April Jacobs

From: Laurel Taylor <laurel-taylor@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 10:44 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Acosta appoinment

To Whom it May Concern,

As a resident of Val Verde who has not been represented faithfully by Ms. Barger I am not surprised by her choice of Dante Acosta for the water board, but I am disgusted. The two of them have proven time and again that what the people actually need is of no consequence relative to the profit and kick backs from corporations that they seek. Ms. Barger took money for her campaign from the Chiquita Canyon Landfill and then sided with their 30 year extension sitting on top of our community regardless of health concerns. Water is a critical resource, particularly now, and she needs a toady installed in a water board position that will help her corporate profiteering agenda. Again, not surprised, just disgusted and alarmed, and truly think this needs to be stopped.

Thank you for your consideration and time,
Laurel Taylor

April Jacobs

From: annette uthe <annetteuthe@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 11:31 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: SCVWA Appointment

To Whom It May Concern:

While some political appointments may be completely appropriate based on character, the Water Agency's appointees require expertise and experience in order to make informed decisions on this essential resource. Please consider the credentials of Dean Efstathiou when making this decision. Our community needs the best candidate to manage our precious water.

Sincerely,

Annette Uthe

50 year resident of our SCV

April Jacobs

From: Joe Bravo <bravisimo@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 11:33 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Meeting

Good morning April,

DO NOT LET THAT DUMB ASS DANTE ACOSTA SIT IN THE SCV WATER AGENCY BOARD!!
Have a nice day.

Warm Regards,
Joe Bravo
bravisimo@me.com

April Jacobs

From: Susan Rondou <susan@cybulrondou.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 11:49 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Dante Acosta nomination

Hello,

I am emailing to express my opposition to the appointment of Dante Acosta to the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency. I do not know the circumstances as to why Dean Efstathiou is being replaced and I would support his staying on in the position. If he is voluntarily resigning then a replacement should be someone of his caliber and expertise.

If qualifications do no matter, please consider me for the appointment. My knowledge and experience is on par with that of Mr. Acosta.

Sincerely,

Susan Rondou

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April Jacobs

From: Kat <kathleenslp@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 11:51 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Dante Acosta

Hello,

Unfortunately I am sick so I will not be able to make tonight's meeting.

Dante Acosta has an abysmal record with environmental groups, voted against a water conservation bill as Assemblyman, and has zero experience in this area.

This possible appointment is a complete farce and unacceptable.

If Dean Efstathiou has volunteered to leave the board then someone with his credentials should replace him. Dante Acosta nowhere near fit that's bill.

Thank you,

Kathleen Walker
91321

April Jacobs

From: Beth Brandon <beth.brandon3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 11:52 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Re: The Water Board Meeting tonight

Hi There -

My name is Beth Brandon Jensen and I live in Saugust 91350.

I'm horrified at the idea that Kathryn Barger is considering replacing our current Water Board Engineer, who has had 35 years of experience, who has served this community well, with someone who is grossly unqualified for the position, has a history of mismanaging funding and community money, and has no business or experience in any kind of engineering field much less with regards to our water commission.

Please do not allow this to occur.

This is gross mismanagement of community resources, and at best, a corrupt appointment.

thank you,

Beth Brandon Jensen