

**April Jacobs**

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**From:** Friedler <eafspf@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 12:29 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** No Dante Acosta

Dear Ms. Jacobs:

As a voter, homeowner and resident in Santa Clarita, I am asking the Board not appoint Dante Acosta to the Santa Clarita Water District. There are really no good reasons for this appointment other than a friend helping another friend out. You can not allow that to happen.

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. 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.

Mr. Dean Efstathiou, has 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.

Again, I urge the board to decline any appointment of Dante Acosta to the Santa Clarita Water district.

Thank you,  
Stacy Friedler

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Ilan Justh <jjusth@ca.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 12:54 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** dante

Seriously? If you must put in a political hack at least choose one that knows the field

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**From:** DiananShaw <dianashawhouse@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 1:14 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Acosta Appointment/Tonight's Meeting

The appointment of Dante Acosta to the Water Board by only one of the Supervisors is blatant political self dealing. There's a lot of that going on now. Too bad such a glaring example has sullied our district. If Mr. Acosta wants this seat, he should run just like the rest of the people serving on the Board. It is likely that the district would reject him given that he has no expertise in water like his predecessor, does not live in the district, plus, as Assemblyman, he voted against water conservation. How can the Board project competency if it approves this shady back room appointment? Members have a chance to show their own dedication to the job by insisting that Acosta put himself before the people of Castaic and Val Verde like anyone else who might not have insider connections.

This really is an outrage, and the Board should be aware that my sentiments are widespread, and the votes cast will be noted.

Diana Shaw

Santa Clarita

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Kamlet, Rick <rick.kamlet@harman.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 1:24 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Fwd: Comment about Selection of Water Board Member

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** <rick.kamlet@harman.com>  
**Date:** December 18, 2018 at 12:47:20 PM PST  
**To:** <ajacobs@scvea.org>  
**Subject:** Comment about Selection of Water Board Member

From what I've been told, the SCV Water Agency has one board opening — and two contenders.

The first is already doing the job, worked for 38 years managing LA County's public water system, has a bachelor of sciences degree in civil engineering, and is a board member of the Southern California Water Committee and the Urban Water Institute.

The other ... apparently didn't graduate from college. He also recently made headlines for wasting public funds, and voted AGAINST a water conservation bill when he was in the State Assembly.

I want to give you my input. It seems to me that the current decision to select of the political compadre instead of the more qualified candidate is the wrong decision.

Ricard Kamlet  
Santa Clarita Resident  
91355

Sent from my iPhone

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Jeffrey Bomberger <jeffrey.bomberger@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 1:31 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** SCV Water Board Nomination

Good Afternoon Ms. Jacobs,

I am writing out of concern regarding the nomination of former Asmb. Dante Acosta for the Water Board vacancy. As you might be well aware, the former Assemblymember was replaced at the will of the voters of AD 38 this past election and for good reason.

As a resident of Santa Clarita for the last fourteen years and a civically engaged citizen concerned about government integrity, the nomination of Acosta by Supervisor Barger is alarming to say the least.

One of the most disturbing, verifiable revelations about Acosta's tenure as our Assemblyman was regarding his flagrant abuse of public dollars — the fact he spent more on district "communications" than any other member of California's lower chamber. This was highly concerning to me — especially coming from someone who consistently claimed to be fighting for tax fairness, ethical government spending and fiscal responsibility.

Assemblyman Acosta's political work history ranging from his short tenure on the City Council (a post he abandoned for higher office), to being elected Assemblyman, to being rejected, to now an unelected nomination by a party ally makes me question the sincerity of his service efforts. Not to mention, he ran a terribly negative campaign in 2018, full of blatant lies and misleading claims that assuredly turned off a lot of his constituents.

I understand some of this behavior is simply politics as usual — normalized behavior in a culture of self-serving power grabs — which is exactly why this nomination must be questioned and ultimately nullified.

Voters resoundingly rejected politics as usual in November 2018 and I implore you and the board, and all those with governing power in this decision to reject this nomination. We want public servants who are passionate about the office they hold and dedicated to the people they are supposed to serve, not career politicians looking for their next gig.

Please do the right thing. Protect integrity in our governing agencies. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Jeff Bomberger

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Hilary Schardein <hmschardein@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 1:44 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Dante Acosta

Dear Ms. Jacobs,

I am a Santa Clarita homeowner and resident writing to vehemently oppose the proposed appointment of former Assemblymember Dante Acosta to our water board. In addition to his being completely unqualified for this position, the community as a whole made our opinion of his representation clear last month when we voted him out of office.

The future of our water management is incredibly important in our valley and filling a vacancy on the board should be undertaken with care and involve a thorough search for the most qualified individual who can best serve our community. That was not done in this case. We have many willing public servants in this community who would be far more qualified to serve in this seat and I would appreciate a process that gives consideration to as many people as possible.

Thank you,  
Hilary Schardein

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Diane Babko <dbabko@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 2:59 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Dante Acosta

Please don't appoint Dante Acosta to oversee our water. Appoint a competent person like the engineer who is leaving, not a friend of Barger's who doesn't have appropriate qualifications. Barger is obviously offering political favors, and we deserve better.

**Diane Babko**  
23725 Rotunda Road  
Valencia 91355  
dbabko@aol.com

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Logan Smith <agfstudios@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 2:59 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** OPPOSE appointment of Dante Acosta to SCV Water Agency governing board.

Hi,

I am writing as a resident of Santa Clarita and customer of the SCV Water Agency to express my absolute opposition to the proposed appointment of Dante Acosta to the SCVWA board. I am deeply concerned about Acosta's ability to fulfill the role, his commitment to serving his full term, and potential litigation for Brown Act violations via the improper noticing of Acosta's proposed appointment prior to tonight's meeting.

I urge all involved parties to reject and oppose his appointment.

Thank you,

Logan Smith  
ZIP 91354



## April Jacobs

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**From:** Carole Buxton <ursuchalove@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 3:07 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** SCV Water Agency appointee

Dear Ms. Jacobs :

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 35 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.

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

Regards, Carole Buxton

*God counts the days,  
It's up to you to make each day count.  
Things don't matter...people do!*

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**From:** Diane Trautman <d.trautman@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 3:20 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Oppose Acosta appointment

Dear April,

I understand that there is to be a vote this evening and I write to oppose the appointment of Dante Acosta to the Val Verde District No. 36 board. Mr. Acosta has no experience in water engineering or management, whereas Dean Efstathiou has decades of experience and intimate knowledge on this critical resource. If Mr. Efstathiou is retiring, then a more suitable replacement should be found to take his place.

Please convey my message to those who will be voting tonight.

Thank you,

Diane Trautman  
(661) 904-8850

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**From:** Bonnie Mahler <bonsol04@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 3:21 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** appropriate candidate for the board

Ms. Jacobs, I am writing you because I AM NOT in favor of Dante Acosta taking a seat on the district board. He does not have experience in water management and has voted against water conservation while in office.

A candidate should be one who has credentials in water management, an engineer and someone who has integrity. I am not certain why Dean Efstathiou is not being recommended, but if he is not up for the job, someone just as experienced should take the position.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bonnie Mahler, Ph.D.

## April Jacobs

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**From:** David Barlavi <taxlyr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 3:36 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Opposition to Acosta on water board

I would like to submit my opposition to Dante Acosta being appointed to the water board.

1) Acosta is planning on running for CA Assembly again in 2020. That means he will be abandoning his post at the water board mid term to run for higher office, just like he did on city council. That's unacceptable and reckless on the part of the board.

2) When someone does not live in a district they are to represent, they should be elected to that position by the residents of that district. Acosta should certainly not be appointed to reside over a district where he does not live. The importance of this issue is further amplified by the fact that Acosta is (a) highly UNDER qualified for the position, and (b) has worked against the water safety and pollution interests of the underlying community.

I ask that the water board pick another candidate for this appointment. One who is a qualified, caring, committed resident.

David Barlavi  
SCV resident and business owner.

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David Barlavi, Esq.  
[www.TaxLyr.com](http://www.TaxLyr.com)

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**From:** Kathie Martin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 3:48 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** ACOSTA item comment: FW: New submission from SCV Water Website Contact Form

**From:** pacweld@yahoo.com [mailto:pacweld@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 3:45 PM  
**To:** Kathie Martin <kmartin@scvwa.org>  
**Subject:** New submission from SCV Water Website Contact Form

**Name**

Lloyd E Carder

**Email**

[pacweld@yahoo.com](mailto:pacweld@yahoo.com)

**Subject**

Dist 36 appontment

**Message**

I must express my disappointment in Supervisor Barger's appointment of Mr. Acosta to the water board for District 36. This will be not seen as positive by the residents of district 36 not just Val Verde. I have received already much complaining by residents and negative comments. Mr. Acosta will be seen as not representing our communities best interests since he is not a resident and has shown indifference for our community, established by such issues like his blind support of the Landfill expansion stating "the landfill is a wonderful neighbor". Mr. Acosta has little water or engineering background and will do nothing to better serve the district 36 customers. Having someone appointed allows for a person with vast water knowledge be on the board and not a political looking for votes next cycle.

My concern is this appointment could be seen as conclusion and is going appear to be a clear payoff for his support and legislation in Sacramento changing the rules to allow a water supplier to be the seller in one. His efforts in getting this controversial dissolution of supplier/seller separation will be a politically haunting issue in the future for all involved. This may be something of concern for both the supervisor and this board, with the many upcoming issues we do not need such distractions.

I am concerned that the back wash will hurt Mr.Acosta and the party image representing us in such a manner and agin that does not live in the district and can not be the voice of both residents and water customers of district 36. This water district has many problems and future issues that must be addressed. I have asked you before for better customer support by the district including communication of service interruptions and other needed news to customers.

This is not a Town Council position but rather a personal concern as a representative of both Region 3 and Dist. 36. .

Lloyd Carder  
Region 3 Rep (Hasley Canyon)  
Castaic Area Town Council

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Deanna Hanashiro <17pancakes@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 4:01 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Dante Acosta's appointment to the Santa Clarita Water Agency Board

December 18, 2018

Dear Ms. April Jacobs,

This email is to express objection to the appointment of Dante Acosta to the Santa Clarita Water Agency Board. My understanding is that he doesn't live in the Castaic/Val Verde area and has not shown any expertise in water.

Wouldn't the community be better served by having someone like Lynne Plambeck, who has the interest and expertise in water and its conservation and use, be appointed?

At the very least, the public should be allowed to apply and resumes should be considered.

Thank you,  
Deanna Hanashiro  
Santa Clarita resident

Sent from my iPad

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Bala Balakumar <bbalakumar777@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 4:04 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Open board seat

Hello  
I live in Canyon country.

I am totally opposed to Dante Acosta to be considered for the open board seat.  
Any questions please email me  
Regards  
Bala Balakumar

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Angelique Hall <angiewhall@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 4:02 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Water Board position

Ms Jacobs,

I fully support the continued service of Dean Efstathiou and vehemently oppose Dante Acosta as a nominee. Folks in Santa Clarita already rejected Acosta's service as our Assemblyperson and he's being considered for a position for which he has no other qualifications than that of political connection.

Angie Hall  
Valencia, CA



## April Jacobs

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**From:** Donna Toth <donna.toth@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 4:08 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs

This e-mail is in relation to agenda item 5.1. I understand Dante Acosta is the proposed appointee to represent Los Angeles County Waterworks District 36. I know Dante personally, and think he would be a great choice to represent this District. He has my full support.

Thank you,  
Donna Toth

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Shawnee Badger <shawneebadger@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 4:15 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Acosta Appointment

Hi, I am writing as a resident of Santa Clarita and customer of the SCV Water Agency to express my absolute opposition to the proposed appointment of Dante Acosta to the SCVWA board. I am deeply concerned about Acosta's ability to fulfill the role, his commitment to serving his full term, and potential litigation for Brown Act violations via the improper noticing of Acosta's proposed appointment prior to tonight's meeting. I urge all involved parties to reject and oppose his appointment. Thank you,

Sincerely,  
Shawnee Badger  
Actor, Model, Activist, Artist  
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## April Jacobs

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**From:** Paul McKay <paulflorent@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 4:31 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Say no to Acosta

Hi,  
I am writing as a resident of Santa Clarita and customer of the SCV Water Agency to express my absolute opposition to the proposed appointment of Dante Acosta to the SCVWA board. I am deeply concerned about Acosta's ability to fulfill the role, his commitment to serving his full term, and potential litigation for Brown Act violations via the improper noticing of Acosta's proposed appointment prior to tonight's meeting.

I urge all involved parties to reject and oppose his appointment.

Thank you,  
Paul McKay  
Resident



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**From:** Muskan Parashar <rosebud101112@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 4:33 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Reject and oppose Dante Acosta

Hi,

I am writing as a resident of Santa Clarita and customer of the SCV Water Agency to express my absolute opposition to the proposed appointment of Dante Acosta to the SCVWA board. I am deeply concerned about Acosta's ability to fulfill the role, his commitment to serving his full term, and potential litigation for Brown Act violations via the improper noticing of Acosta's proposed appointment prior to tonight's meeting.

I urge all involved parties to reject and oppose his appointment.

Thank you,

Muskan Parashar

## April Jacobs

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**From:** JA Boyd <technogit@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 4:47 PM  
**To:** Executive Office; Hilda L. Solis; Janice Hahn; Kathryn Barger; Mark Ridley-Thomas; Sheila Kuehl; April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Acosta nomination to Water Board

Honorable Board Members,

I am writing in strong protest of the nomination of Dante Acosta to the Santa Clarita Water Association. The reasons this nomination are so very wrong fall into two categories: the lack of qualifications of the nominee and the manner in which this nomination was accomplished.

Dante Acosta knows nothing about water and, despite his claims to the contrary, has little interest in the subject. He voted against AB1668, a water conservation bill that was signed into law by Governor Brown. Further, Mr. Acosta has already declared his intention to try to regain his lost assembly seat in 2020. His desire is NOT to complete a four year term with the water board.

The manner in which this nomination was announced, though apparently not technically in violation of the BROWN ACT, violates it in spirit. At the very least, the discussion of this appointment should be delayed for at least one month.

Moreover, it is not unknown that threats were used to accomplish this nomination. Elected office holders who give in to threats that result in acts counter to the wishes of their constituents should understand that such maneuvering does not come without consequence.

The Santa Clarita Valley is not a goodie bag from whence elected official can dispense prizes to the least qualified and least deserving. The voters have spoken about Dante Acosta last November. A position on the Water Board should not be a consolation prize, nor a place holder until the next election.

Very truly yours,  
Jeri Ann Boyd  
Santa Clarita

## **April Jacobs**

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**From:** Patti Mawer <pattibsm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 5:05 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** I object to Acosta's appointment

Why are we appointing someone that has NO EXPERTISE in this field?  
And why are we voting for someone that was recently ousted by voters. I  
OBJECT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DANTE ACOSTA TO OUR  
SCVWA BOARD.

Patricia Mawer  
Resident of the Santa Clarita Valley

## April Jacobs

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**From:** ttharney@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 5:08 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** No to Dante Acosta appointment

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a 29 year resident of Santa Clarita, and I have just learned of the outrageous decision to nominate Dante Acosta to the Board. The idea that we would replace an expert in the field with an unqualified, non-expert Mr. Acosta is unbelievable. I cannot attend tonight's meeting, and I am hopeful that the residents of Santa Clarita will join together to denounce this appointment. We have already removed him from political office, thank goodness, and there is no reason to place a political, unexperienced, figure on the board of this agency. The person who has nominated him has to go as well. Unfortunately, I hear that she is in this position until 2020.

Do not appoint Mr. Acosta to this Board. I, and many others are against such an appointment.

Sincerely,  
Terrill Harney

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Bonnie Blackwell-Nikolai <bonnienikolai@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 5:11 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Opposing the appointment of Dante Acosta

Dear Board Members,

My name is Bonnie Nikolai. Until last month, I was a Val Verde resident of ten years. I served a four-year term on the Castaic Area Town Council as one of Val Verde's Council members. I am asking the Board of the Santa Clarita Water Agency to vote against appointing Dante Acosta to serve as the Representative for District 36. When he was an Assemblyman, Mr. Acosta did not meet with representatives of Val Verde for the four years I was a councilwoman. He didn't seem to show interest or favor to Val Verde, which as you know sits within District 36. He has never expressed an interest in serving on the Water Board. I believe he is looking at this position as a placeholder while he campaigns for a higher office. The Castaic Area Town Council was not notified or consulted about the replacement for the current Representative of District 36.

I request that this position be filled by someone within District 36. I request that it be someone who has a real interest in serving on the SCWA, knowledge of the District 36 well, how the well came to be, and what the well means to Val Verde and Hasley Canyon.

Thank you,  
Bonnie Nikolai



## April Jacobs

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**From:** Jeremiah Dockray <jdockray@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 5:19 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Water Board Brown Act Violation - Item 5 on tonight's agenda

Ms. Jacobs,

I want to register my disappointment in the appointment of Mr. Acosta to the water board for District 36. Mr. Acosta has no true experience with what needs to be done here, and appears to be getting favors for efforts in the past to help along rule changes in Sacramento that have favored the current controversial structure of this board. This position should not be a consolation prize nor a resume builder for future bids at holding office.

It is especially troubling that your agenda makes no mention of who is nominated for this position, which is a Brown Act violation and the appearance of trying to slide this by the people of District 36...who were not consulted or given any say in this nomination (which is how this has been done in the past).

I call on the board to reject this nomination and hold out for a nominee who will better serve the people of District 36 with experience, integrity, and no whiff of political favors.

Thank you,

Jeremiah Dockray  
Region 2 Rep (Val Verde)  
Castaic Area Town Council

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Reese Jensen <reese.jensen.359@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 5:23 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Dante Acosta

Hi,

I am writing as a resident of Santa Clarita and customer of the SCV Water Agency to express my absolute opposition to the proposed appointment of Dante Acosta to the SCVWA board. I am deeply concerned about Acosta's ability to fulfill the role, his commitment to serving his full term, and potential litigation for Brown Act violations via the improper noticing of Acosta's proposed appointment prior to tonight's meeting.

I urge all involved parties to reject and oppose his appointment.

Thank you,

Reese Jensen

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**From:** Susie V Kaufman <susievkaufman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 5:25 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Acosta Appointment

Hello,

I am writing as a resident of Santa Clarita and user of the water agency. I am writing to express my absolute opposition to the proposed appointment of Dante Acosta to the SCVWA Board. Acosta has no proven history or record to show he qualifies for the position of water board. I urge all members to vote no on his appointment.

Thank you,  
Susie V. Kaufman

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Henry ouzounyan <anubishouse223@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 5:26 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Postpone the Vote

Hi,

I am writing as a resident of Santa Clarita and customer of the SCV Water Agency to express my absolute opposition to the proposed appointment of Dante Acosta to the SCVWA board. I am deeply concerned about Acosta's ability to fulfill the role, his commitment to serving his full term, and potential litigation for Brown Act violations via the improper noticing of Acosta's proposed appointment prior to tonight's meeting.

I urge all involved parties to reject and oppose his appointment.

Thank you,

Henry Ouzounyan