



SCVWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRINCIPLES

- 1. Stay true to the Agency's mission.**
- 2. Maintain a high level of integrity and follow through with all commitments.**
- 3. Work only as a Board, with no rogue, tangential, or hidden agendas.**
- 4. Always strive for consensus, but remember unanimity is not required.**
- 5. Once the Board has made a decision, acknowledge it.**
- 6. Understand the Board's role is to set policy and ensure staff understands this, while facilitating staff's ability to implement policy.**
- 7. Abide by the separation of responsibilities between the Board and the General Manager and staff.**
- 8. Clearly understand the expectations and the responsibilities of the Board President and other Board officers.**
- 9. Correctly identify the issues.**
- 10. Realistically select important issues that are worthy of the Board and staff's time and energies.**
- 11. Make sure all major policy decisions are well thought out from a legal perspective, all options have been explored, and that advantages and disadvantages for the community have been explored and weighed.**
- 12. Accept the responsibility to bring to the Board any issues related to the Agency's mission.**
- 13. Communicate all facts accurately and fully.**
- 14. Encourage open discussion by all Board members on all subjects.**
- 15. Ensure that every member has a chance to give and explain his or her point of view.**
- 16. Truly listen to each other and genuinely try to understand other points of view.**
- 17. Attend and actively participate in meetings, keeping absences to a minimum.**
- 18. Come to meetings prepared, having reviewed the materials provided by staff.**
- 19. Ask the General Manager or designee for background and/or additional information as needed prior to Board or Committee meetings.**
- 20. Never hesitate to ask questions at a Board or Committee meeting or request additional information.**

