

**APRIL 25, 2022**  
**SELECTION PROCESS TO FILL DIVISION 3 DIRECTOR VACANCY**

**President: (to be announced to the Board)**

- Each Candidate will be called at the appropriate time. Interviews will be no longer than 15 minutes. After each Candidate is interviewed, he or she may remain in the Boardroom.
- There are 7 questions that will be asked of each candidate by the Board President. Each Director has been provided a worksheet with the questions that will be asked of each Candidate and space to make notes. Each Director has also been provided ranking sheets to provide general evaluation of the Candidates, ranking their top 3. The highest would receive a score of 3, the next highest a score of 2, third highest a score of 1, and remaining candidates no score. Each Director must rank three candidates or abstain. In other words, a Director may not just rank one or two candidates. This is to make sure every Director's vote has equal weight and avoid numerical distortion.
- After the interviews, public comment, and Board discussion, ranking sheets will be collected by the Board Secretary and summarized.
- The summary will be presented to the Board, and the top 3 candidates will be invited to answer follow-up questions. The other candidates will be excused at this time. If there is a tie for third place, then the Board will invite the top 4 Candidates for follow-up questions.
- The Board will then have an opportunity to ask follow-up questions to the top 3 Candidates. Each Director may ask no more than one question, and it must relate to the candidate's prior responses. Please do not feel you have to ask a question. The follow-up question session for each candidate will last 10 minutes (President's discretion).
- After the follow-up questions, once again ask for public comment. Then discussion from the Board, after discussion, the Board will once again rank the top 3 Candidates.
- Ranking sheets will be collected and summarized.
- The summary will then be presented to the Board.
- The Board will entertain a motion to appoint the highest-ranking candidate to fill the vacant position, subject to verification of the Agency's minimum requirements of residence, voter registration and qualification to hold public office. If there is a tie, then the motion may be for either candidate.
- The Board will entertain a second motion to appoint the second highest-ranking candidate as alternate, to fill the vacant position if the highest-ranking candidate withdraws or does not meet the minimum requirements.
- After verification, the successful candidate will meet with the Board Secretary and complete appropriate paperwork being officially sworn in on or before May 13, 2022 with the Board Secretary. The Candidate will then take his or her ceremonial Oath of Office and be seated at the May 17, 2022 regular Board meeting.
- In the event that the selected Candidate fails to complete this process or meet the minimum requirements and qualifications to hold public office, then the Alternate Candidate, if found to meet the minimum requirements and qualifications, will be appointed to the position.

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**Interview Schedule**  
**April 25, 2022**  
**Division 3 Candidates**  
**(15 Minute Per Candidate)**

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Interview Time</u>
Mark Elfont, PhD	6:05 PM
Randall Greenwald	6:22 PM
Doug Dickstein (Via Zoom)	6:39 PM
Maria Gutzeit	6:56 PM
Robert Lee Jenkins III	7:13 PM

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**SCV**  
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# SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY

## APPLICATION FOR APPOINTED DIRECTOR

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Mark Elfont, PhD	
Primary Address: 27975 Red Pine Ct., Valencia, CA 91354	
Home Phone: (661) 513-0589	Cell Phone: (215) 498-8061
Email Address: melfont@ca.rr.com	
Years of Residence in the Santa Clarita Valley: 12	
Education: B.S. in Mechanical Engineering MBA PhD in Management Systems	
Occupation: Retired	
Are You a Registered Voter with Los Angeles County: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do You Live in the Division 3 Area: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Community Memberships/Activities: Founder and President of Santa Clarita Philharmonic Previous member of Public Oversight Committee of Measure SA for Wm. Hart Unified School District Lower Moreland Township (PA) School Board	
Statement of Interest and Qualifications:	
<p>As a Mechanical Engineer, I have managed multimillion dollar projects and have in-depth knowledge of solving complex engineering problems. I was the Chief Information Officer of a large government R&amp;D laboratory and developed computer-based data analysis processes to determine optimum machinery repair cycles. As the President of an HOA I worked with the gas company to resolve a problem adversely affecting the performance of the pool heaters. As a member of the Board of Directors of the Lower Moreland Township (PA) School District, I worked closely with the general contractor during the renovation and expansion of the three school buildings. My guidance saved the district \$150,000 by recommending changes to proposed design.</p> <p>(see additional page)</p>	
Qualifications for Division 3 Position:	
Applicants must be a registered voter and their primary residence must be located within Division 3.	

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Mark Elfont, PhD

SCV Water Agency vacancy application (continued)

As an Adjunct Professor at Temple University and LaSalle University in Philadelphia, I taught undergraduate and graduate courses in management and industrial relations. I also conducted seminars in Problem Solving and Decision Making.

I am always seeking opportunities to "give back" to the community through public service. I am also concerned about the future of water availability in the SCV with respect to the continuing drought and the planned construction of 26,000 homes by FivePoint Newhall Ranch. I believe that I have the background and experience to be a valued addition to the SCV Water Agency Board of Directors.

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# SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY

## APPLICATION FOR APPOINTED DIRECTOR

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:	Randall Jay Greenwald
Primary Address:	25430 Holmes Place, Stevenson Ranch CA 91381
Home Phone:	Cell Phone: 818-468-9177
Email Address:	randallgreenwald@gmail.com
Years of Residence in the Santa Clarita Valley:	24 Years
Education:	Granada Hills High School 1 Year CSUN
Occupation:	Self Employed Business Technology Consultant - 26 years
Are You a Registered Voter with Los Angeles County:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do You Live in the Division 3 Area:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Community Memberships/Activities:	Board member Aspen at Paragon Home Owners Association Santa Clarita Shakespeare Organization
Statement of Interest and Qualifications:	<p>In 2015 when a Deep Well Injection system was being proposed for Stevenson Ranch, I was actually the guy who postulated and later confirmed that the California Earthquake Authority would not pay any claims resulting from a possible seismic event due to it's presence. That discovery is ultimately what defeated the well.</p> <p>As our valley expands and new developments are being built, demands on infrastructure such as water and traffic will be huge. Combine that with our current drought and there's no question this board will be facing some dire challenges in the coming years. I am successful in my business because I'm someone who can work with a team on creative solutions. (The Deep Water Inject Well solution is a good example of this) I love our neighborhood and our valley and would very much like to contribute my skills to finding solutions together.</p>
Qualifications for Division 3 Position:	Applicants must be a registered voter and their primary residence must be located within Division 3.

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# SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY

## APPLICATION FOR APPOINTED DIRECTOR

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Douglas Dickstein	
Primary Address: 23937 Rustico Ct, Valencia, CA 91354	
Home Phone:	Cell Phone: (661) 670-9731
Email Address: dougdickstein@gmail.com	
Years of Residence in the Santa Clarita Valley: 9 years	
Education: B.S., Communications, 1994 San Diego State University M.A., Mass Communications, 2004 California State University at Northridge	
Occupation: Business Owner, Non-Medical Home Care Agency	
Are You a Registered Voter with Los Angeles County: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do You Live in the Division 3 Area: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Community Memberships/Activities: Have volunteered and/or participated at the SCV Marathon and the Independence Day Run, Supporter of Bridge to Home, SCV Senior Center and the SCV Food Pantry. Volunteer for son's Cub Scout Troop.	
Statement of Interest and Qualifications: It would be a great honor to serve on the Santa Clarita Water Board of Directors representing Region 3. Since 2008, I have run Right at Home, an in-home care agency that provides care aides for seniors. We have provided low-cost care for at-risk seniors via partnering with the Veteran's Administration, the L.A. LGBT Center and St. Barnabas Senior Services. I also serve as the Chair of the Southern California Chapter of the Home Care Association of America and have met with many members of the state legislature in Sacramento as well as traveled to Washington D.C. to promote care for seniors. In 2007-08 I was elected Co-Chair of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council and sponsored an initiative to increase consumer rebates with LADWP for installing Solar Energy panels. I am greatly interested in long-term water use and conservation. Thank you for taking the time to review my application.	
Qualifications for Division 3 Position: Applicants must be a registered voter and their primary residence must be located within Division 3.	

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# SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY

## APPLICATION FOR APPOINTED DIRECTOR

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Maria Gutzeit
Primary Address: 24463 Shadeland Dr. Newhall, CA 91321
Home Phone: - Cell Phone: 661-310-6005
Email Address: MGutzeit@compliance-plus.net
Years of Residence in the Santa Clarita Valley: 31
Education: BS. Chemical Engineering, University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana
Occupation: Environmental Engineer / Owner of environmental compliance consulting firm
Are You a Registered Voter with Los Angeles County: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do You Live in the Division 3 Area: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Community Memberships/Activities: Current: SCV Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board President; Canyons Aquatics (youth swim) Past: Boardmember, SCV Water and Newhall Water 2003-2020; SCV Committee on Aging; LA Co Bicycle Coalition
Statement of Interest and Qualifications: <p>As current President of the SCV Water Groundwater Sustainability Agency and a 17-year Water Agency Board Member, I would very much like to continue my work as a steward of one of our community's most precious resource - water.</p> <p>I have the policy experience to bring continuity to the board and represent our residents well so that we always have safe, reliable, and affordable water.</p> <p>I bring real-world experience as an owner of a business for the past 35 years, and used that background on SCV Water's Finance Committee and Financing Corporation. With my water experience I participated in the SCV Water Water Resources Committee, where we ensured plentiful water for our residents for years to come.</p> <p>Water is a challenging issue for all of California. I hope to use my engineering experience, my business experience, and my water experience to strengthen and protect our community.</p>
Qualifications for Division 3 Position:  Applicants must be a registered voter and their primary residence must be located within Division 3.

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## April Jacobs

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**From:** Dianne <zuliebear@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2022 5:52 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Letter of support

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April 16, 2022

Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

Board of Directors

Subject: Support Appointment of Maria Gutzeit

Honorable Directors:

As a Division 3 resident and ratepayer, I support the appointment of Maria Gutzeit to fill your Division 3 vacancy on the SCV Water Board of Directors.

I have known Maria Gutzeit since her time at Newhall Water. She has personally been a longtime advocate for our open spaces, and she has encouraged the water agency to support open space and watershed issues throughout her tenure. I am glad she is leading the SCV Groundwater Sustainability Agency and I also have confidence in her abilities on the SCV Water Board.

Thank you for your consideration.



Dianne Erskine-Hellrigel

ED/President Community Hiking Club

ED/V.P. St. Francis Dam National Memorial Foundation



## April Jacobs

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**From:** Stephen Petzold <stephen.petzold@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 20, 2022 2:02 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Cc:** Maria Gutzeit  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for appointment of Maria Gutzeit to Governing Board SCV Water

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April 20, 2022

Dear Members of the SCV Water Governing Board,

I encourage each of you to select Maria Gutzeit to fill the vacancy in District 3. It is hard to believe that there is a better qualified candidate to complete the term than Maria.

Maria served on the Newhall County Water Board and SCV Water from 2003 through 2020. She worked hard in support of the consolidation that occurred between Newhall and SCV Water. The financial goals promised by the merger have been realized, and the significant cost savings have prevented large rate increases.

Today, SCV Water finds itself in drought conditions and Maria is dedicated to making sure that there is an adequate supply of water for the SCV through all possible sources. Maria communicates well and has credibility on water issues across the entire service area.

Maria has demonstrated leadership skills at Newhall Water and SCV Water. She has served and supported many local organizations away from public agencies.

Maria Gutzeit has unique and impressive professional qualifications that will be of value to the agency. She is successfully self employed (Compliance Plus) as an engineer who assists companies and non-profits comply with complex environmental standards. Her husband Tom owns a local business. Maria understands that decisions made by SCV Water have real world consequence.

Because of her years of service in the community, the name of Maria Gutzeit is well known to rate payers in District 3. She is a known quantity to people in her district. I consider this point to be very important when filling a vacancy.

In my personal interactions with Maria Gutzeit she has always been receptive to hearing my concerns about a number of issues. It can be assumed, based on her track record that she will not be contentious or divisive. Maria seeks to find balanced solutions that avoid needless infighting.

In summary, Maria has experience, knowledge, leadership skills and community credibility to serve SCV Water until January 1, 2023. She will be a strong asset to the agency from day one.

I urge you to carefully consider her strong qualifications and support Maria Gutzeit for the vacant seat in SCV Water District 3.

Best Regards,

Stephen C Petzold  
Open Government Advocate  
SCV resident (Saugus area)

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Steve Petzold  
661-609-1739 Cell

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Helene Sachs <helene.sachs@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 20, 2022 3:56 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** In Support of Maria Gutzeit

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SCV Water Board of Directors

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Helene Sachs and I am a Santa Clarita resident. I am writing to offer support for Maria Gutzeit's bid to be appointed to the SCV Water Board. I have known Maria for nearly 10 years and always found her to be thoughtful, insightful, and intelligent.

She has gained valuable experience having been a Water Board member in the past and will provide excellent service to the Water Board again in the future. Maria will prove to be a valuable asset to all of the Santa Clarita community if she is appointed to the Board.

Thank you in advance for your kind attention to my thoughts.

Sincerely,

Helene Sachs

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# SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY

## APPLICATION FOR APPOINTED DIRECTOR

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: <u>ROBERT LEE JENKINS III</u>	
Primary Address: <u>25492 VIA DALIA</u>	
Home Phone: <u>N/A</u>	Cell Phone: <u>(661) 316-7317</u>
Email Address: <u>fatbot3000@aol.com</u>	
Years of Residence in the Santa Clarita Valley: <u>36 YEARS</u>	
Education: <u>- H.S. PROFICIENCY EXAM/CERTIFICATION @ FILLMORE H.S.</u> <u>- COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS (BUT UNITS/GEN ED.)</u> <u>- BS IN JUSTICE STUDIES @ GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY</u>	
Occupation: <u>POLICE OFFICER W/LAPD (9 YEARS)</u>	
Are You a Registered Voter with Los Angeles County: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do You Live in the Division 3 Area: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Community Memberships/Activities: <u>VOLUNTEER W/ CACOP</u>	
Statement of Interest and Qualifications: <u>PLEASE SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT.</u>	
Qualifications for Division 3 Position: <u>WORK EXPERIENCE &amp; EDUCATION</u>	
Applicants must be a registered voter and their primary residence must be located within Division 3.	

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My interest in this position is simple. I want to be involved in my local governmental process. I have always followed local, state and national politics. I like to be well informed as to what affects my family, my neighbors and our quality of life. As a resident of the Santa Clarita Valley since 1986, I take great pride in living in a city that has grown and thrived through both good and difficult times. I look forward to applying my education and life experience to an assignment that would allow me to help others.

My qualifications will allow me to begin day one in a positive manner. I have been a Police Officer for over 19 years. This experience of working within a variety of different communities has allowed me to sharpen my communication skills. I can be effective in resolving disputes as well as finding solutions based upon open and honest discussions. All the years spent on patrol have also taught me that listening can often be just as effective as speaking. Prior to becoming a Police Officer, I worked for 10 years with Sunshine Day Camp as a Program Director of a before/after school childcare center. I was responsible for the daily operations, safety and care of over two hundred children. My daily responsibilities involved training and leading a staff of over twenty people. I was also tasked with budgeting, tuition collection and communicating with parents. I obtained my BS in Justice Studies in 2017. I look forward to beginning a new career in education and or Politics and applying my education once I retire from Law Enforcement in 2023.