PAJARO VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY
36 BRENNAN STREET • WATSONVILLE, CA 95076
TEL: (831) 722-9292 FAX: (831) 722-3139
email: info@pvwater.org • www.pvwater.org

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE AD HOC SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Application Deadline is 5:00 PM on September 18, 2020

Date: 12-13-2020

Name C. Marla Courtney-Anderson

Address 16785 Little Hill Lane Royal Oaks CA 95076

Affiliation/Role seeking Rural Residential Well Owner position

Occupation Semi-retired - self-employed farmer

Daytime Phone: 831-229-6833

E-mail Address: manderson831@msn.com

Applying For (Check all that apply):

- ☒ Rural Residential Well Owner
- ☐ Mutual Water Company
- ☐ Agriculture
- ☐ Environmental
- ☐ Disadvantaged Community Group

Supplemental Questions

(Attach additional sheets as needed)

1. Why are you interested in serving on the Committee?

I am very interested and concerned about how we can achieve sustainable use of groundwater both in terms of quality and quantity. I have lived in North Monterey County for over 40 years. When my well was drilled in 1977, the driller hit water at 13 feet. Then several very large farms were put in near me growing high intensity water using crops such as strawberries, raspberries and mushrooms. The operations continued to intensify farm practices in their increased number and time period for harvests each year, in the installation of impermeable materials to reduce weeds and impeding groundwater recharge and in their lack of fallow. In 1985, my water level was re-tested and the water level had dropped to 55 feet. That was a huge drop in only 7 years. Extrapolating that water level drop from 1985 to the present, I am afraid to find out what the water level is in 2020. I have water but it tastes salty. By becoming a committee member, I hope to learn more about what is going on with

my well and nearby monitoring wells. I also hope to help my rural residential friends and neighbors become more knowledgeable and involved in the GSU22 process. They need to know what decisions are being made that will affect their water future. I also have a Christmas tree farm and have seen negative impacts of degraded water on my trees. Small farms and rural residents cannot afford to have whole farm irrigation treatment and filtration systems to grow crops, provide home grown vegetables and fruits to the table or to farmer's markets, and raise livestock. PVWMA decisions will affect the future of small farms and rural life in the basin.

(2) Describe your qualifications and any experience you feel would help in your service on the Committee.

Professional Experiences: Degree in Environmental Studies (1974) Land Use Planner (1974- 1980), Christmas Tree Grower (1981-2020)

Quasi-Public Experiences: Manager of a small water system with 11 connections in North Monterey County (2015-present), Founding member of community group Monterey County Small Water Systems (MOCOWS) (2018-present), participated in hearings for Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (2019)

Personal Experiences -

Long-standing good relations with my farmer neighbors, long-standing relations with members of the community, social networking skills. Home gardening and farm animal care

(3) Provide an example of a time you worked on a project that involved collaboration with other participants and explain the purpose and results of your efforts.

1). Founder / member of Monterey County Small Water Systems (MOCOWS) 2018-present: to respond to and shape Monterey County ordinance proposal for requiring non-compliant water systems to install point of use/point of entry water filtration systems for every household. **Results**: proposed ordinance revised to allow small water systems to also use alternative ways of providing drinkable water to households.

2). Manager of small water system- 2016 to present- Collaborate with other people on water system to get bids for repair, make decisions regarding finances and to resolve payment issues, provide information regarding bills and account balances. **Result-** good neighbor relations, all households are current on payments, good attendance to bi-annual meetings, good communication

---

OFFICE USE ONLY

Application Complete? ___Yes ___No

Recommended for appointment? ___Yes ___No

Comments: _____

_____

_____