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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE AD HOC
SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Application Deadline is 5:00 PM on September 25, 2020

Date 9/25/2020
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Applying For (Check all that apply):
 Rural Residential Well Owner Environmental
 Mutual Water Company
 Agriculture
 Disadvantaged Community Group

Supplemental Questions (Attach additional sheets as needed)

Why are you interested in serving on the Committee?

I'm interested in serving as I've worked over 5 years for a water well drilling company in Santa Cruz County. While my primary position was payroll & HR needs I also assisted in safety protocol, contract review, & union expectations regarding all forms of jobs from agriculture for small farms, domestic wells & municipal (certified) expectations. I may not have direct engineering experience but I've plenty of knowledge regarding the importance of testing & guidance that has guided me towards applying. As a Watsonville resident, & a member of multiple under-represented or disadvantaged communities I believe I can be a voice for those that typically are not able to be heard.

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

As mentioned above, I reside in Watsonville but these past few weeks have seen the first hand effects of the SLV Water District situation due to the CZU lightning complex fires & volunteered my time (& organized our community) due to the infrastructure needs. I'm a single mom who is actively involved in the safety of our community, including the needs of water. I'm mixed race, latina/white so can navigate the communities served easily. I've a background with a water well drilling company, & have worked with multiple unions & have been on both sides of the negotiating table. I have a strong passion that water is crucial for all communities & have experience on boards, town hall meetings, & in stakeholder meetings so understand the commitment from all parties.

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.

As a conference planner I've worked in large settings to negotiate timelines, organize schedules, update multiple parties, invite participants & delegate needs. I can see both the big picture 'long term' needs as well as the immediate when needs arise. One particular instance, of a statewide coordinated conference, allowed dozens of representatives within an institution to continue efforts with lobbying, board proposals, grants & eventually a year long successful campaign.

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~Christi Suchil

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

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

Date: 10/9/2020

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Applying For (Check all that apply)

Residential Water Owner

Mutual Water Company

Agriculture

Environmental

Disadvantaged Community Group

Supplemental Questions
(Attach additional sheets as needed)

Why are you interested in serving on the Committee?

We at Community Water Center (CWC) act as a catalyst for community-driven water solutions through organizing, education, and advocacy in California. We are interested in serving on the Committee because we are currently working alongside a disadvantaged community that is north of Moss Landing to help them obtain safe and affordable drinking water from their taps. As we look for long-term solution options, it is important for us to engage in the groundwater management process. Based on staff capacity, we would like to have flexibility with who from our team can be the representative, that is why we have add two names on this application.

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

CWC has been engaged in the SGMA process in the Salinas Valley for over two years now, we have been attending the GSA meetings and have provided comments for the GSPs.

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.

CWC is currently working with many community partners that live in an area that is north of Moss Landing because we have found that this area has high levels of nitrate and 123-TCP contamination. Community partners were interested in learning what long-term solutions were available for their community, so over 25 community members signed a petition saying that they wanted to see an alternatives analysis study be conducted. The State Water Board has approved a work plan so that this study, which will be looking at all the available options to address the contamination and the costs, can be conducted in the next few months.

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**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE AD HOC
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Application Deadline is 5:00 PM on September 18, 2020

Date: 24-Sep-2020
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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)

Why are you interested in serving on the Committee?

I have lived in the Pajaro Valley all my life. I care deeply for this valley
and would like to be involved in shaping it's future.

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

I have served on the Board of Directors of the San Andreas Mutual Water Company for 19 years. I have been president for the last three years.

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.

I developed and implemented the emergency disaster response plan for San Andreas Mutual Water Company. I organize and lead the bi-yearly practice with the Board and interested members of our community. After the sessions, I incorporate suggestions into our plan were needed.

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

Date: 9-22-20

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Applying For (Check all that apply):

Rural Residential Well Owner

Environmental

Mutual Water Company

Disadvantaged Community Group

Agriculture

Supplemental Questions

(Attach additional sheets as needed)

Why are you interested in serving on the Committee?

The work of this committee is critical to the sustainability of the Pajaro Valley's ground-

water resources. I believe that a collaborative process, such as is planned for the

work of this committee, is the best way for the community to maximize its opportunity

for successful planning. I think PV Water and the Pajaro Valley community are leaders

in the State and that the work of this committee is an important component of effective

stakeholder engagement. Environmental and natural resource management issues

are very intertwined with sustainable groundwater management in the Pajaro Valley, with

the College Lake project, Watsonville Slough projects, and other water quality and flood

control projects. As an environmental representative I am interested to support the

efforts to continue to advance projects that meet the need for long-term sustainable

management of groundwater in ways that are compatible with sound environmental
management of our watershed. Creative environmental solutions can be a valuable
component to sustainable groundwater management planning and wider goals for the
Pajaro Valley community that relate to a healthy natural environment .

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

I am currently serving on several community dialogue and planning efforts that will
be complimentary to this effort, including serving on the Pajaro River Flood Control
Project Governance and Finance Committee, the Pajaro Compass, a multi-agency planning
effort for the Pajaro River, and the PV Water Projects Committee. I have broad experience
with the local farming industry and environmental planning and permitting efforts.

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.

I have broad experience with collaborative projects with NGOs, State and federal agencies,
the City of Watsonville and County of Santa Cruz. One such effort was the development of
a 10 year management plan for the Watsonville Slough Farms property, a 500 acre
ranch west of the City of Watsonville, owned by the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County.
This effort involved serving on the planning team, supported by a stakeholder advisory committee,
in the development of a plan that integrated best practices for farming with wetland and riparian
management efforts. This was important on this project, due to the unique nature
of the property with half of the property in wetlands/open space and half in use in row
crop and berry production. The results of this effort has been effective implementation
of many projects that advance collaboration between farming and environmental interests.

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**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE AD HOC
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Application Deadline is 5:00 PM on September 18, 2020

Date: 9/24/2020

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Applying For (Check all that apply):

Rural Residential Well Owner

Environmental

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Why are you interested in serving on the Committee?

Driscoll's has a long history and deep commitment to the sustainable management of the Pajaro groundwater basin. This started with our co-founding of the Community Water Dialogue and has continued through our support of SGMA at both the State and local levels and ongoing work on water efficiency with our network of independent growers in the region. We believe that reaching groundwater sustainability in the Pajaro Basin is critical for the long term viability of agriculture in the region. Being headquartered in Watsonville, CA with long-term ties to the region, we have a particular commitment to the vitality of our community here. This Committee will be integral in helping to guide the region to sustainability while also recognizing the impacts sustainable management criteria will have on users of the basin. We would be delighted to be part of that conversation.

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

I have a PhD in Environment and Natural Resources and currently serve on the San Antonio GMA Advisory Committee in the Santa Maria region. I've worked at the intersection of agriculture and the environment in various forms for the last 10 years. We would expect this position to be filled in the near term by our Regional Environmental Manager who will have a technical background in water issues and familiarity with agriculture and Growers operations.

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.

In this recent COVID pandemic I helped to bring together the agricultural industry, public health officials and local medical resources to develop an isolation housing solution for essential workers in the Santa Maria region. It took a willingness for everyone to recognize the critical role each of the stakeholders played in finding a solution to really drive action. I worked to ensure that everyone remained focus on our shared interest in protecting public health. Through the group's collaboration, the public health department put together a culturally-sensitive isolation housing program that could support all essential workers who could not safely isolate at home.

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