Official Ballot Parker Water and Sanitation District Recall Election

December 15, 2009

Ballot Instructions:



Please use a black or blue ink pen to mark your choices on the ballot. To vote for your choice in each contest, completely fill in the box provided to the left of your choice.

WARNING:

Any person who, by use of force or other means, unduly influences an eligible elector to vote in any particular manner or to refrain from voting, or who falsely makes, alters, forges, or counterfeits any mail ballot before or after it has been cast, or who destroys, defaces, mutilates, or tampers with a ballot is subject, upon conviction, to imprisonment, or to a fine, or both.

Jack Arrowsmith - Clerk and Recorder

Candidates Nomindated to Fill Parker Water and Sanitation District Board Vacancy

Vote for One

Darcy Beard

Tracy J. Hutchins

Randall Huls

Ballot Type 1

Recall Petition Committee Statement

The signers of this petition are dissatisfied and hold the belief that the following Parker Water and Sanitation District Board members, Mary Spencer, Chair; Sheppard Root, Treasurer; and Mike Casey, Secretary; have failed to ensure the District is operating in a fiscally responsible manner. The signers believe they have supported unreasonable expenditures and salary increases for district managers and employees. Furthermore, the signers of this petition feel they are out of touch with the public and have shown poor judgment as evidenced by their voting record on water rates by first voting to increase rates 20% without adequate justification to the public, then voting to rescind that increase, and then declining to support a lesser increase that would have helped alleviate current District revenue shortfalls. The undersigned PWSD electors seek a recall election of Mary Spencer, Sheppard Root and Mike Casey to provide the electors the opportunity to establish their civic priorities regarding PWSD governance and expenditures.

Consolidated Statement for Board Retention

Don't fall for the recall. Please vote "NO" and protect Parker's water!

This recall election will cost Parker Water residents \$50,000, and is unnecessary since there will be a regular election next May. Vote "NO" on the recall and the waste of money.

One year ago local residents expressed concern about a proposed rate hike and we, as your elected Board, took action. We cut the budget \$2.4 million, froze all salaries, hiring, and stopped equipment purchases. A Community Working Group was formed to review expenditures, revenues and conduct a rate study. We stopped any rate increase in 2009 and cut the 2010 rate increase in half.

A dependable supply of water is critical for our community. Don't risk Parker's water with a group that doesn't tell the truth. When the Douglas County Clerk reviewed the recall petition, he declared it was full of "substantially false and misleading information" (Parker Chronicle, April 24, 2009).

The petition claimed salaries have doubled. Fact: Salaries have been frozen for 2010. The petition claimed the largest rate increase in five years was proposed. Fact: There has been no rate increase in five years, and the increase in 2010 will be half what was originally proposed

Parker Water Board members are your neighbors and have worked hard to secure a long-term supply of water and protect the aguifer. Our property values depend on our water supply. We are proud of the new regional Rueter-Hess Reservoir, which will provide water and recreation for our community and enhance our quality of life.

This Board is committed to prudent and frugal management. We are dedicated to securing long-term renewable water. This recall is not just a waste of \$50,000; it endangers our progress and plays politics with our water.

Don't risk Parker's water. Vote "NO" in the recall.



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