

VOTER'S PAMPHLET

LOCAL NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

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Statement of **SEAN WHARTON**, Candidate for
Director
Lompico County Water District

Served 5 years on Lompico's water board, then continued work with the Budget committee. With personnel costs and benefits now under control, there is some money available to make infrastructure improvements.

Excellent with numbers, cost analysis and budgets.

Have fundamental knowledge of the water system's pumps, pipes, tanks, wells, and their maintenance.

Always involved in the environmental issues: acquisition of the headwaters, and the health of the aquifers and Lompico Creek's riparian corridor.

BS degree, Engineering, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

I am endorsed by members of the current board.

Volunteer work: Co-founder of the Lompico Fire House. 5 years a fireman in Lompico's first crew. Treasurer, Lompico's community center. Co-founder of the Santa Cruz AIDS Project. Board of Directors member for 10 years. Original Lompico family. Resident nearly 40 years.

Statement of **SHERWIN GOTT**, Candidate for
Director
Lompico County Water District

Occupation: Project Manager-Commercial Construction

Age: 48

Hello Fellow Lompicans,

I am running as a Representative for all who believe Lompico water should stay in Lompico and retain local control of our own Lompico County Water District. San Lorenzo Valley Water District is asking all homeowners to accept a initial \$ 2.6 million dollar bond, which will balloon to \$5.5 million dollars, and add this to all our taxes for the purpose of replacing all infrastructure to match the SLV system before they agree to take control of our water district. This means we Lompicans will pay for everything ourselves and then hand ownership over to San Lorenzo Valley Water District who hasn't paid a dime for our valuable water resource. This is unacceptable and a bad deal. Why should you pay for everything and have no ownership?

If elected my first priorities will be...

Review all maintenance issues and schedule and complete all basic repairs within six months (pump repairs, PLC fix, filters, etc...)

Repair Lewis #1 & #2 tanks and restore capacity within 1 year.

Replace all defective service laterals in a phased plan over next 2 years.

Re-install water treatment plant for iron & manganese removal by end of 2013.

My commercial construction experience will help in creating budgets, reviewing estimates, and scheduling & managing projects.

Statement of **ROB HANSEL**, Candidate for
Director
Lompico County Water District

When I was elected to the board four years ago things were pretty much "business as usual". Former members talked about how they balanced the budget while we were spending more than we were receiving. Our reserves fund went from about \$60,000 to nothing while employee costs rose to a staggering 65% of our budget. Gross mismanagement and poor board oversight were key contributors. Service lines got replaced when they broke rather than on a set schedule and our tanks have been leaking 7-8 gallons per minute, which increased our energy costs. The current board has finally taken steps to bring us back into the black. Now there is talk of a possible merger with SLVWD. I believe the benefits outweigh the negatives but will support what the community wants first. I would like to finish what I've started and I believe the current board has good continuity and the ability to see this through for the betterment of the community. Some think this board is not strong enough to negotiate with SLVWD, but keep in mind this board was strong enough to take the steps necessary in recent months to bring us back from the brink of bankruptcy.