

**Omochumne-Hartnell Water District**

P. O. Box 211

Wilton, CA 95693

**September 19, 2023 @ 10 am**

8970 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove, CA

*Notice of meeting of the Omochumne-Hartnell Water District*

*Notice is hereby given that the Omochumne-Hartnell Water District calls a meeting. This meeting is open to the public. This meeting will be conducted by teleconference and in person.*

**To Join by Teleconference:**

Join Zoom Meeting

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**In Person:**

8970 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove, CA. 95624

or

1947 Galileo Court, Suite 103

Davis, CA 95618

(Director Hensleigh will be participating from this location)

*Any member of the public on the telephone may speak during Public Comment or may email public comments to [info@ohwd.org](mailto:info@ohwd.org) and comments will be read from each member of the public.*

**Call to Order:**

1. Introductions
2. Determine if quorum is present

**Public comments** – comments are limited to 3 minutes for each presenter

*(Comment will be received at this time for any items not on the agenda but are in purview of the Boards jurisdiction or any agenda item that does not specifically state public comment will be accepted)*

**Action Items:**

**1. Consent Items**

- a. Review and Approve Agenda
- b. Minutes from August 15, 2023
- c. Financial report
  - i. Financial statement
  - ii. Invoices
- Public Comment

**2. SWEEP Grant Application**

**3. SGMA Compliance**

- a. Sacramento Valley – South American Groundwater Sub Basin (5-21.65)
  - i. GSP Approval
  - ii. SASB Implementation and update
- Public Comment
- b. San Joaquin Valley – Cosumnes Groundwater Sub Basin (5-22.16)
  - i. Update on Cosumnes Groundwater Authority

- Public Comment
- 4. OHWD Possible Expansion**
    - Public Comment
  
  - 5. LAFCO Special District Representative election**
    - Public Comment
    - Resolution Adoption
  
  - 6. Groundwater levels data presentation**
    - Public comment
  
  - 7. Informational items:**
    - a. DWR Interagency Drought Task Force update
    - b. SSCAWA Meeting
    - c. Received communications
    - d. Water Coordinator's Report
  
  - 8. General Managers Report:**
    - a. Meetings and Correspondences
  
  - 9. Directors Comments**
  
  - 10. Next meeting October 17, 2023**

## Omochumne-Hartnell Water District Board

### Meeting August 15, 2023 @ 10:00 AM

Meeting held by teleconference, video conference, and in person due to COVID-19

#### Call to Order: 10:03 am

1. Introductions
2. Determine if quorum is present
  - a. Directors Kurt Kautz, Mark Stretars, Mark Wilson, and Paul Hensleigh were in attendance.

**Public comments** – No public comments

#### Action Items:

1. Consent Items: a.b.c. i.ii. Review and approve agenda. A motion to approve Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on August 15, 2023, made by Mr. Hensleigh, second by Mr. Stretars. Roll call vote; Hensleigh; Aye, Wilson; Aye, Kautz; Aye, Stretars; Aye. Motion passed. 4/0/0  
The Minutes from the Board Meeting on July 18, 2023 reviewed. Review of all balances, accounts payable, and receivables to the district. A motion to file and accept the meeting minutes for the meeting on July 18, 2023, and to receive and file the monthly financial statement including invoices to be paid at this time, made by Mr. Hensleigh, second by Mr. Stretars. Roll call vote; Hensleigh; Aye, Wilson; Aye, Kautz; Aye, Stretars; Aye. Motion passed. 4/0/0
2. Director Election Update- Mr. Wackman reviewed election details. Three directors applied, Paul Hensleigh, Kurt Kautz, and Mark Wilson have all submitted notice of candidacy. All information is published in the local newspaper and all information is posted on the district website. Update only.
3. SWEEP Grant Application- Grant Application was submitted. Application is good for three years. CDFA plans to announce award funding this month. No public comments were received.
4. SGMA Compliance
  - a. Sacramento Valley- South American Groundwater Sub Basin (5-21.65)
    - i. GSP Approval - GSP was approved. Comments were minor and will be a part of the 5-year update.
    - ii. SASB Implementation and update – No meeting has been held. Larry Walker and Associates will work to update report in December.
  - b. San Joaquin Valley – Cosumnes Groundwater Sub Basin
    - i. Update on Cosumnes Groundwater Authority – Meeting will be held next week. Public comments were received.
5. OHWD Possible Expansion- Mr. Wackman reviewed dates for a public outreach meeting on September 20, 2023 and October 18, 2023. Flyers, emails, website confirmation will be sent out when finalized.
6. DWR Interagency Drought Task Force update – Suzanne Pecci gave an update on Drought Task Force and matrix emailed to the board prior to the board meeting.
7. **Informational items:**
  - a. SSCAWA Meeting –No update at this time.
  - b. Received communications – Communications received were presented on the board meeting table for directors to view.
  - c. Water Coordinator’s Report – No update at this time.

#### General Managers Report:

1. Meetings and Correspondences – No report at this time.

#### Directors:

1. Comments – No comments at this time.
2. Director’s meeting attendance report:

Kautz ( 1 ), Mitchell ( 0 ), Hensleigh ( 1 ), Wilson ( 1 ) Stretars ( 1 )

The next regular meeting – **September 19, 2023 at 10 AM**

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**Adjourn Meeting - A motion to adjourn the Meeting at 11:42 am, made by Mr. Hensleigh, second by Mr. Stretars. Roll call vote; Hensleigh; Aye, Wilson; Aye, Mitchell; Aye, Kautz; Aye, Stretars; Aye. Motion passed. 4/0/0**



## MEMO

DATE: July 18, 2023

TO: Special District Presiding Officer

FROM: José C. Henríquez, Executive Officer   
Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission

SUBJECT: Election of Special District Representative to Sacramento LAFCo

The Special District Selection Committee is electing a regular representative to serve a new 4-year term beginning in January 1, 2024.

Due to the size of the Special District Selection Committee, it has been difficult to establish a quorum when meeting in person. Therefore, pursuant to the provisions of Government Code §56332(f), the Executive Officer has determined that the business of the Special District Selection Committee will be conducted in writing to elect a regular Special District Representative to Sacramento LAFCo.

### Election of Special District Representative to LAFCO

Thank you for submitting nominations for the Special District Representative election.

At the time the election ends, in order to be selected as a LAFCo Representative, a nominee must receive more than fifty-percent (50%) of the submitted votes. Enclosed with this memo you will find a ballot and a copy of each candidate's Statement of Qualifications received as of the date of this memo. Please note that there is one regular (voting) seat up for election.

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**Mail to: LAFCo**  
**1112 I Street, Suite 100**  
**Sacramento, CA 95814**

# ELECTION BALLOT

## Special District Representative to LAFCo Regular Seat #7

**The election ends on September 30, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. or until a quorum of Special District ballots is received, whichever occurs later.**

Candidate & District	Select one (1)
Lindsey Carter, Herald Fire Protection District	
Brian Danzl, Cordova Recreation & Park District	
Paul Lindsay, Florin Resource Conservation District	
Joanna McVay, North Highlands Recreation & Park District	
Edwin Perez, Reclamation District #1000	
Michael Seaman, Fulton-El Camino Recreation & Park District	
Robert "Bob" Wicher, Sacramento Suburban Water District	

*LAFCo and Special Districts have the option of completing the election of special district representatives via e-mail. Does your district approve of LAFCo distributing electronic ballots to districts that wish to receive them in the future?*

Yes       No

*If so, in the future does your district prefer to receive its ballot via e-mail and submit its vote electronically (via fax, e-mail or scanned ballot)?*

Yes       No

if Yes, ballots should be sent to e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SPECIAL DISTRICT NOMINATION**

**Special District Representative to LAFCo, Seat #7**

Position	Nominee's Name	Originating District
SD Rep, Seat #7	Lindsay Carter	Herald Fire Protection District

SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING OFFICER:   
 (Original Signature Required)

**Note:** Presiding Officer is the Chair/President. Any other signature invalidates this ballot, unless accompanied by Meeting Minutes designating an alternate.

PRINTED NAME OF PRESIDING OFFICER: George Obi  
 (Required)

NAME OF NOMINATING DISTRICT: Herald Fire Protection District

MINUTES ATTACHED (Optional): Yes  No

Attest:  
  
 District Secretary, Clerk or General Manager

**Nominations must be received by LAFCO before  
 5:00 p.m. on July 1, 2023**

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**SPECIAL DISTRICT NOMINATION**

**Special District Representative to LAFCo, Seat #7**

Position	Nominee's Name	Originating District
Board Vice-Chairperson	Brian Danzi	CRPD

SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING OFFICER: Michael Yearwood  
 (Original Signature Required)

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PRINTED NAME OF PRESIDING OFFICER: Michael Yearwood  
 (Required)

NAME OF NOMINATING DISTRICT: Cordova Recreation & Park District

MINUTES ATTACHED (Optional): Yes  No

Attest:

Danielle Jones  
 District Secretary, Clerk or General Manager

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**SPECIAL DISTRICT NOMINATION**

**Special District Representative to LAFCo, Seat #7**

Position	Nominee's Name	Originating District
Vice-chair	Paul Lindsay	Florin Resource Conservation District

SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING OFFICER:

DocuSigned by:  
*Tom Nelson*  
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*(Original Signature Required)*

**Note:** *Presiding Officer is the Chair/President. Any other signature invalidates this ballot, unless accompanied by Meeting Minutes designating an alternate.*

PRINTED NAME OF PRESIDING OFFICER: Tom Nelson  
*(Required)*

NAME OF NOMINATING DISTRICT: Florin Resource Conservation District

MINUTES ATTACHED (Optional): Yes  No

Attest:

DocuSigned by:  
*Stepani Phillips*  
D2033027E97541C  
District Secretary, Clerk or General Manager

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Position	Nominee's Name	Originating District
Special District Commissioner	Joanna McVay	North Highlands Recreation Park

SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING OFFICER: Patrick B Williams  
 (Original Signature Required)

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PRINTED NAME OF PRESIDING OFFICER: Patrick Williams  
 (Required)

NAME OF NOMINATING DISTRICT: North Highlands Recreation Park

MINUTES ATTACHED (Optional): Yes  No

Attest:

[Signature]  
 District Secretary, Clerk or General Manager

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**SPECIAL DISTRICT NOMINATION**

**Special District Representative to LAFCo, Seat #7**

Position	Nominee's Name	Originating District
<del>Trustee</del> Commissioner	Edwin Perez	Reclamation District 1000

SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING OFFICER:

*Elena Lee Reeder*  
 (Original Signature Required)

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PRINTED NAME OF PRESIDING OFFICER: Elena Lee Reeder  
 (Required)

NAME OF NOMINATING DISTRICT: Reclamation District 1000

MINUTES ATTACHED (Optional): Yes  No

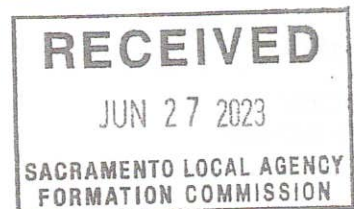
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*[Signature]*  
 District Secretary, Clerk or General Manager

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SPECIAL DISTRICT NOMINATION

Special District Representative to LAFCO, Seat #7

Position	Nominee's Name	Originating District
SPECIAL DISTRICT COMMISSIONER	MICHAEL SEAMAN	Fulton El Camino REC + PARK DISTRICT

SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING OFFICER:

Teresa Higgins  
(Original Signature Required)

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PRINTED NAME OF PRESIDING OFFICER:

Teresa Higgins, Board Chair  
(Required)

NAME OF NOMINATING DISTRICT: FULTON-EL CAMINO RECREATION + PARK DISTRICT

MINUTES ATTACHED (Optional):

Yes  No

Attest:

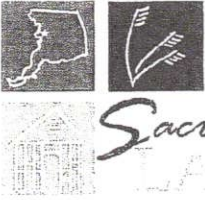
Leana Pawalle, District Secretary  
District Secretary, Clerk or General Manager

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**SPECIAL DISTRICT NOMINATION**

**Special District Representative to LAFCo, Seat #7**

Position	Nominee's Name	Originating District
Director	Robert "Bob" Wicher	Sac. Suburban Water Dist.


SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING OFFICER:   
(Original Signature Required)

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PRINTED NAME OF PRESIDING OFFICER: Jay Boatwright  
(Required)

NAME OF NOMINATING DISTRICT: Sacramento Suburban Water District

MINUTES ATTACHED (Optional): Yes  No

Attest:  
  
District Secretary, Clerk or General Manager

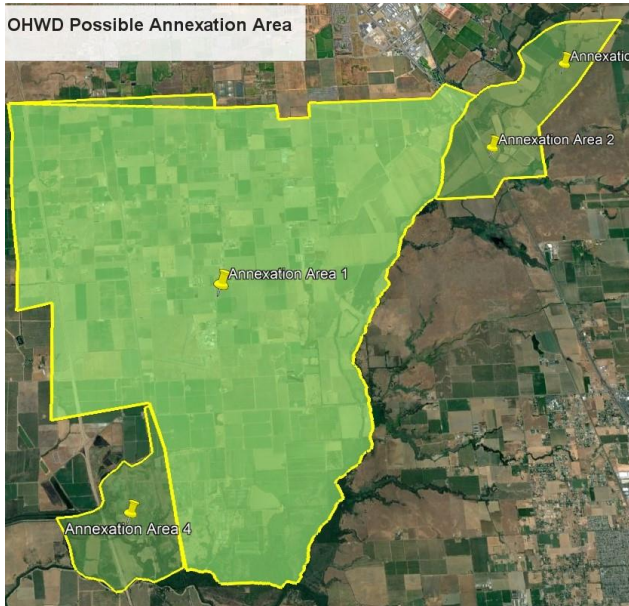
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# Public meetings of Omochumne Hartnell Water District

Consideration of the expansion of Omochumne Hartnell Water District (OHWD) into the agriculture areas west of highway 99 and south of the City of Elk Grove's Sphere of influence.



Meeting # 1

September 20, 2023 at 6 pm

Meeting #2

October 18, 2023 at 6 pm

Location:

OHWD office

8970 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove

Video meeting: Zoom.com Meeting ID: 861 2605 2020

Passcode: 250292

These are public meetings to discuss the possibility of OHWD annexing land into the district. OHWD currently encompasses the area east of Highway 99 between Dillard Road and Grantline Road to Highway 16 and is a recognized Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency.

Several landowners requested Omochumne Hartnell Water District examine the possibility of annexation of land west of Highway 99, south of the City of Elk Grove's Sphere of influence to the Cosumnes River and over to Interstate 5, to better represent the agricultural interest in the area. The area is currently represented by the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA) and Sacramento County who are Groundwater Sustainability Agencies.

Omochumne-Hartnell Water District (OHWD) was established in 1953 and has historically purchased and managed supplemental water from the Central Valley Project for the benefit of District agricultural users adjacent to the Cosumnes River and Deer Creek. In recent years, OHWD became a Groundwater Sustainability Agency within the boundaries of the District and worked cooperatively with SCGA and the County to develop the Groundwater Sustainability Plan in both subbasins adjacent to the Cosumnes River. OHWD has implemented several groundwater recharge projects along the Cosumnes and continues to operate 4 flashboard dams in the Cosumnes to promote groundwater recharge.



**Maps and information of the possible annexation can be found at [www.OHWD.org](http://www.OHWD.org).**

**Question can be directed to: [info@ohwd.org](mailto:info@ohwd.org)**

**Phone Number: 916-682-5958**

# Omochumne Hartnell Water District Expansion Staff Analysis

Omochumne-Hartnell Water District (OHWD) is considering whether to annex non-District lands in response to requests from landowners in those areas. While no decisions has been made regarding the extent and scope of the annexation, in general concept the proposal would expand OHWD boundaries to include certain agricultural and agricultural residential areas immediately adjacent to the existing District lands and located west of Highway 99 (see attached map). These areas are not within the boundaries of any other water district.

	Total Area (ac.)	Parcels	Irrigated Acreage(ac.)
OHWD (current)	26189	1268	14351
Expansion Area (proposed)	25511	433	18839

Staff have prepared the following analysis as the OHWD Board considers whether to proceed with the proposed annexation of these lands.

## **Benefits of Expansion/Annexation**

Annexation of these areas has the potential to benefit existing District landowners as well as the annexed lands. Certain District landowners already own lands in the areas proposed to be annexed, in the case of other parcels, the lands are owned by landowners new to the District. The land uses across both groups are largely the same (agricultural and agricultural residential), and the landowners tend to share common concerns on issues of water management and conservation. However, these landowners do not have consolidated representation in the various water management efforts occurring in Sacramento County.

The expansion would make OHWD the largest agricultural and agricultural residential water district in Sacramento County. One benefit of the proposed annexation would be that coordinating under a single jurisdictional entity would empower this group to speak with one coordinated voice on issues of concern for the area. There are many efforts concerning water occurring in Sacramento County. These efforts include, but are not limited to, the Water Forum, the Harvest Water Project, conjunctive use (i.e. flood protection, groundwater recharge) projects by Sacramento County and the City of Sacramento, and water banking. Agriculture and agricultural residential landowners have long expressed concerns about their relative lack of representation within these efforts. By encompassing these lands within a uniform District, the affected landowners would have a coordinated venue in which to participate in water management issues, both within the District and County-wide. Omochumne Hartnell Water District is currently a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the District's current boundaries, and is therefore responsible for implementing the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) within its boundaries. If the annexation proceeds, OHWD anticipates that it would take on this responsibility for the newly annexed lands, as well. This effort would require coordination between OHWD, DWR, the existing GSAs in that area.

OHWD has several groundwater recharge projects it is implementing as well as groundwater and river monitoring, in support of these implementation efforts. Those efforts benefit OHWD landowners as well as the surrounding basin, and would operate to the benefit of the annexed lands, as well.

## **Fiscal Impacts of Annexation/Expansion**



# **Omochumne Hartnell Water District Expansion Staff Analysis**

Currently OHWD relies on an ad valorem tax base that was developed when the District was formed in 1956. This tax base is on the land value and calculated through a formula developed by the County of Sacramento after Proposition 13 was passed in 1978 and modified by proceeding proposition requiring minimum school funding. This funding currently pays for district staff, including district legal and engineering; along with the operations of the flashboard dams in the Cosumnes River, groundwater recharge projects, and grant applications for funding projects within the current district boundaries. The District collects approximately \$171,000 a year from this tax for its General Fund. In 2021, OHWD imposed a fee on its irrigated acreage to fund its SGMA implementation and compliance efforts. The District collects approximately \$124,000 annually from that fee.

Any new lands incorporated into the District through annexation would be required to fund the costs of District services (including water management and SGMA compliance) within those areas. To ensure that current District funds are not used to subsidize the expansion of services, the District would separately account for expenditures associated with this area, which would need to be recovered following the annexation. Annexation would be contingent on the imposition of appropriate new fees to fund services to the newly added lands. OHWD would need to conduct a Fee Study to determine the correct fee to be imposed to cover SGMA related costs and any administrative costs related to the new Expansion Area.

The Expansion Area is currently subject to fees levied by Sacramento Central Ground Water Authority (SCGA); landowners in this area pay approximately \$170,000 annually to SCGA. OHWD's landowners do not pay a fee directly to SCGA. Annexation of the Expansion Area by OHWD would require negotiation and discussion between SCGA to account for the decrease in revenue and expenses to SCGA and the increase in revenue and expenses to OHWD. This transition is not expected to result in a net change to the SCGA budget, or to the actual costs absorbed by landowners.

## **Effect on OHWD Board Elections**

Currently, OHWD Board members are elected at large by the all the landowners in the District for 4-year terms. Elections are held every other odd year for the Board of Directors positions, with 3 members being elected on one cycle and 2 members elected on the next cycle. Expansion of the District would not expand the existing Board, nor would it change the structure of the election cycles (which are set by California law). If OHWD annexed the Expansion Area, those landowners would have the ability to vote for the Board of Directors, and serve on the Board, in the same manner as existing landowners within the District.

## **Disadvantages of Annexation/Expansion**

There are potential disadvantages to the proposed annexation, as well. Most significantly, the proposed annexation expands the size of the overall District, and could therefore result in higher administrative costs to the entire District. Annexation and the associated fees would need to be carefully considered to ensure that OHWD administration continues to be carried out as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible. Addition of more acreage with OHWD would also require reconsideration and possible amendment of the existing Groundwater Sustainability Fees, to ensure that this fee levy appropriately captures the costs of providing services to these areas. On a less tangible level, the proposed annexation could result in less District and Expansion Area engagement with the SCGA signatories, particularly the

# **Omochumne Hartnell Water District Expansion Staff Analysis**

City members of that Board. The OHWD Board would need to consider and account for these potential disadvantages in deciding how to proceed.