



Agenda Item: 7

Date: March 9, 2010

Subject: Resolution 10-11 Concurring in Nomination to the Office of Vice President of the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority ("ACWA/JPIA")

Staff Contact: Jan Gentry, Assistant to the General Manager

Recommended Board Action:

Provide staff with direction on providing a concurring nomination for Merle Aleshire for the office of Vice President for the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA). Either adopt Resolution 10-11 Concurring in Nomination to the Office of Vice President of the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority ("ACWA/JPIA"), or not.

Discussion:

ACWA/JPIA is holding an Executive Committee election during the Board of Directors' meeting scheduled for May 3, 2010 at the Spring Conference in Monterey, California.

The election will also fill the office of President for the remainder of its term (one year) and the office of Vice President for a three-year term. The incumbent Vice President is Joan Finnegan, Municipal Water District of Orange County. Ms. Finnegan is now a candidate for the office of President. See Agenda Item 8.

Candidates must be directors of the JPIA member agency that they represent and be appointed by that member agency to be on the JPIA's Board of Directors. In addition, the candidate's JPIA member agency must participate in all three JPIA programs: liability, property and workers' compensation.

Candidates must receive concurring resolutions from five other JPIA members. JPIA members may concur in the nomination of as many candidates as they wish. Submission of concurring resolutions must be received by the JPIA office by Friday, March 19, 2010.

At the January 25, 2010 regular Board meeting, the Board adopted Resolution No. 10-05 Concurring in Nomination to the Executive Committee of the ACWA/JPIA the nomination of Joseph Dion of Citrus Heights Water District.

The District received a request from Valley Center Water District for a concurring in nomination resolution for Merle Aleshire's candidacy as Vice President of ACWA/JPIA. The Valley Center Water District letter and attachments are included with this report.

Whether or not the District agrees to adopt a resolution concurring in the nomination of Mr. Aleshire for Vice President of ACWA/JPIA does not affect the District's future vote for the position.

Staff was requested to prepare a nomination resolution for the March regular meeting for the Board's consideration. Resolution 10-11 Concurring in Nomination to the Office of Vice President of the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority ("ACWA/JPIA") is included with this report.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Leadership – 5.D. Interact with the community in a positive and progressive manner for the mutual benefit of the area (service groups, adjacent water purveyors, county/city/local government).

The District's consideration of a concurring nomination advances the District's interaction with other state agencies.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-11

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SACRAMENTO SUBURBAN WATER DISTRICT
CONCURRING IN NOMINATION TO THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES
JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY (“ACWA/JPIA”)**

WHEREAS, this district is a member district of the ACWA/JPIA;

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the ACWA/JPIA provide that in order for a nomination to be made to ACWA/JPIA’s Office of Vice President, five member districts must concur with the nominating district; and

WHEREAS, another ACWA/JPIA member district, the Valley Center Water District has request that this district concur in its nomination of its member of the ACWA/JPIA Board of Directors to the Office of Vice President of the ACWA/JPIA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Suburban Water District that this district concur with the nomination of Merle Aleshire of Valley Center Water District to the Office of Vice President of the ACWA/JPIA.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the District Secretary is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the ACWA/JPIA at 5620 Birdcage Street, Suite 200, Citrus Heights, California 95610-7632, forthwith.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Suburban Water District on this 15th day of March 2010 by the following vote:

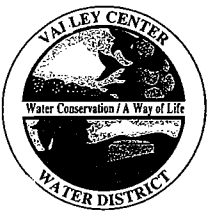
AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

By: _____
Thomas C. Fellenz
President, Board of Directors
Sacramento Suburban Water District

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted and passed by the Board of Directors of Sacramento Suburban Water District at a regular meeting hereof held on the 15th day of March 2010.

(SEAL)

By: _____
Robert S. Roscoe
General Manager/Secretary
Sacramento Suburban Water District



VALLEY CENTER WATER DISTRICT

A Public Agency Organized July 12, 1954

Board of Directors
Gary A. Broomell
President
Robert A. Polito
Vice President
Merle J. Aleshire
Director
Charles W. Stone, Jr.
Director
Randy D. Haskell
Director

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February 8, 2010

Request for Concurring in Nomination Resolution – Merle Aleshire, ACWA-JPIA Vice President

Fellow ACWA-JPIA Members;

The Valley Center Water District Board of Directors is requesting your support for Merle Aleshire's candidacy as Vice President of ACWA-JPIA.

Merle has served on the ACWA-JPIA Executive Committee for six years and has a proven record as a fiscal conservative. During his tenure he has consistently worked to control JPIA administrative costs and premium payments for member agencies.

His experience and demonstrated performance on the Executive Committee has prepared him well to assume the office of Vice President. We are confident that Merle will continue his efforts to assure that the ACWA-JPIA is a cost effective and customer service oriented organization.

Please join us in support of Merle's candidacy for ACWA-JPIA Vice President with your board's adoption of a resolution concurring in the nomination. A pro-forma copy of the concurring resolution is attached.

Concurring in nomination resolutions must be received at the ACWA-JPIA office by 4:30 pm on Friday, March 19, 2010. We would appreciate receiving a copy of your adopted resolution.

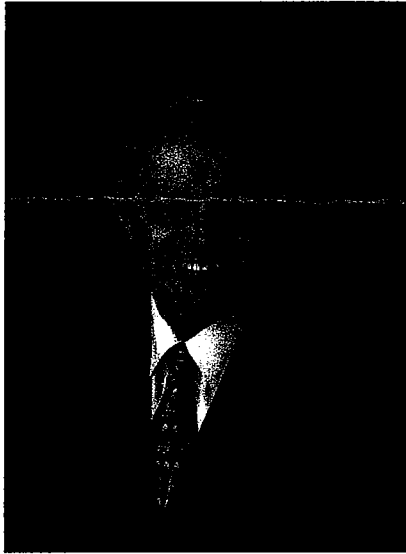
We are also requesting your vote for **Merle Aleshire** at the May 2010 Board of Directors meeting.

Thanking you in advance for your support;

Gary A. Broomell
President

Candidate for Vice President of ACWA-JPIA
Merle J. Aleshire

To my fellow JPIA agency representatives, I am asking for your support of my candidacy as Vice President of ACWA-JPIA. I also want to thank you for your past support of my efforts on the Executive Committee.



As Vice President, I will provide the JPIA with the necessary policies, administrative oversight, and fiscal accountability similar to what you provide your own agencies. I have done that for the past six years and, if elected again, will continue to do so. Some of my accomplishments are the following:

I took the initiative to get our Policies and Governing Documents updated and revised to comply with our management practices. I led the effort to make major changes to our Compensation & Expense Reporting policy. I led the effort to get a written contract agreement with our insurance broker. We now have our first ever written contract with full public disclosure of compensation.

Since joining the JPIA Executive Committee, I have also urged the development of investment performance 'benchmarks' to measure how well we manage our investments (your money). We have now adopted benchmarks that we are using to measure our investment advisor's performance.

The fiduciary responsibility for investments is especially important since we have over \$100 million of your money invested to cover the cost of future unknown claims.

I believe in spending your agency's money just as conservatively as I spend my own. Thanks to your support, your premium dollars no longer pay for alcohol, hotel suites, limousines or other non-business related guest expenses.

It is important for us to remember that you and your fellow JPIA representatives on the Board of Directors are the final authority on all JPIA matters.

I have the experience and demonstrated performance to serve as your Vice President and my proven record will enhance my ability to lead and guide the JPIA into the future.

My public service over the past 40 years has been based on honesty, integrity and hard work. If elected, you can expect that from me in the future. I would appreciate your vote.