



November 4, 2021

**TO:** LOCSD Board of Directors

**FROM:** Ron Munds, General Manager  
Laura Durban, Administrative Services Manager

**SUBJECT:** **Agenda Item 4B – 11/4/2021 Board Meeting**  
Selection of a San Luis Obispo County Integrated Waste Management Authority Special District Alternate Representative

**DESCRIPTION**

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There is currently a vacancy for an alternate representative for Special Districts on the San Luis Obispo County Integrated Waste Management Authority (IWMA) Board of Directors. There are two nominations for the position, statements of interest and a biography for each candidate attached to this report. The IWMA has requested that each Special District with solid waste authority cast a vote for one of the candidates.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Directors, by motion, consider authorizing staff to cast a vote on behalf of the District for either Daniel Burgess or Tom Gray for the vacant Alternate Special District Representative Seat on IWMA.

***Motion: I move that the Board cast a vote for \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the vacant Alternate Special District Representative Seat on IWMA, and authorize staff to cast the vote on the Districts behalf.***

**DISCUSSION**

Special District with Solid Waste/Refuse authority within San Luis Obispo County have collectively one seat, including an alternate, on the San Luis Obispo County integrated Waste Management Authority (IWMA) Board of Directors. Over the past year, it was realized that the alternate seat has not been filled and remains vacant. The San Luis Obispo's County Chapter of California Special Districts Association (CSDA) has the responsibility for coordinating the selection of representatives to fill seats such as this.

To clarify, the District has retained its solid waste authority even though it relinquished the franchise agreement as part of the bankruptcy proceedings. Therefore, the District has the authority to cast a vote for the Alternate Special District Representative Seat on the IWMA.

The Chapter solicited nominations from Special Districts for the Solid Waste Authority, and two Districts submitted nominations. Tom Gray from Cambria CSD and Daniel Burgess from Heritage Ranch CSD. Bios for each nominee are attached.

The Alternate seat term expires at the end of 2022. Los Osos CSD, being one of the Special Districts with solid waste authority, has been requested to vote for one of the two nominees for the alternate seat.

**Attachments**

Bio for Daniel Burgess

Bio for Tom Gray

Please Elect

**Daniel Burgess, HRCSD Director**

**term of 2020 through 2024**

For

**IWMA Alternate Director Seat**

Dear Fellow Directors,

With the up-coming selection for the IWMA Alternate Director seat position just a few weeks away, I ask that you please vote for me, **Daniel Burgess**. I have served on the HRCSD Board diligently for the past thirteen and a half years. I am on my fourth term (3 years left on the 4th term) and plan to maybe run for a fifth. I have attended 150 of my last 158 meetings and I make it a point to go to the CSD office at least once a week, so I am always fully aware of the issues. This shows the commitment that I will also have if selected to IWMA.

I feel that I have the valued experience that's needed for this position. I have been a General Contractor for 35 years. As a self-employed contractor, I have done small housing projects, large scale housing tract projects, large commercial buildings, road and bridge retrofit projects, and large underground utility projects. With that experience I do understand Waste Management well. I now work for PG&E as an IT Infrastructure and Operations Supervisor. In my current position I am in charge of all the Computer Field analysts, Engineers, Desktop support, all computing hardware, emergency back-up systems for IT and Plant communications. This involves direct actions with DCPD Plant Control, SLO county Sheriff 911, CDF Fire, SLO IT, Office of Emergency Services, PGE Emergency Planning, and all other utilities like Verizon etc. I have been an elected Director of the HRCSD for the past thirteen years, serving four times as President. I have also sat on the Board of Directors of Heritage Ranch HOA. We work closely with Public officials, and all county Departments. We are now currently working on three new tract developments and a spillway project. So, I understand the most complex issues with the construction, real estate development, the utility industry, and the community safety aspect. I understand the business end of a CSD, I understand the business end of a large utilities company, and most of all I understand the needs of the people impacted with real estate development and landfill issues. With that said, I feel that I'm completely qualified for this position on the IWMA Board of Directors.

My family and I have resided in the county since 2000 and have been property owners in SLO County since 1996; we have a stake in the wellbeing of the community, and the growth of the County. I'm writing this letter not as a politician, but as just a regular person like you. I am married 31 years, father of two, my son is a fireman, and my daughter is a teacher. So, you see, I have the regular concerns like everybody else.

So, with your vote, please let me represent you.

Thank you

**Daniel Burgess**

**HRCSD Director**

## **Tom Gray**

Mr. Gray and his wife, Barbara, have been Cambria homeowners since 2005 and full-time residents since 2009. He is now retired from a career in journalism and communications consulting, including editorial positions at the Daily News of Los Angeles and Investor's Business Daily. He holds degrees from Stanford University (B.A.), UCLA (M.A.) and California Lutheran University (M.B.A.).

Tom has been active in a number of advisory roles concerning land-use planning, water supply and infrastructure. He has served as chair of the North Coast Advisory Council (NCAC), chair of the NCAC's Land Use Committee and co-chair of its transportation committee. He has also been a member of the Cambria Community Services District's Resources & Infrastructure Committee. He is currently the chairman of the Finance Committee at CCSD. On a regional level, he has been the Second Supervisorial District representative on the San Luis Obispo County Water Resources Advisory Committee.