

Alexander Valley Water District Solicitation of Interest to Serve on Initial Board of Directors

The Russian River Property Owners Association (RRPOA) is the sponsor of the proposed Alexander Valley Water District. The proposed district includes approximately 28,000 acres of unincorporated land on the valley floor of the Alexander Valley, generally along the mainstem of the Russian River beginning in the north near the City of Cloverdale approximately 1.5 miles from the Mendocino County border and ending in the south approximately 3 miles east of the City of Healdsburg.

The new water district will enable Alexander Valley landowners to reliably manage and ensure the sustainability and conservation of existing water supplies that are imperiled by frequent drought and potential loss of Eel River water imports.

A petition to form the Alexander Valley Water District was accepted by the Sonoma LAFCO on January 20, 2026. LAFCO will hold a series of hearings on the proposed district. After the petition is approved by Sonoma LAFCO, the new water district will not be created unless approved in a special all-mail landowner election. A slate of the initial Board of Directors will also be elected. The election date is not known, but would not likely occur for over six months. Formal declarations of candidacy will be due sometime prior to that election.

The RRPOA is soliciting statements of interest from people who may be interested in serving on the Board of Directors.

- The Initial Board will consist of five members elected at large. (Once elected, the Initial Board may adopt bylaws to increase to seven directors and adopt geographic divisions.)
- Three members of the Initial Board will serve a four-year term and two will serve a two-year term.
- Directors must own land in the District or be an authorized representative of a landowner.
- We desire that the Initial Board represents a diversity of properties and land and water uses, including:

- Irrigated vineyard
- Ranching or non-vineyard irrigated agricultural use
- A resident and owner of a residential property
- An operator of a drinking water system or a director or officer of a small domestic water supplier (e.g., water company, water district)
- Industrial water users (e.g. sawmills, wineries, custom crush facilities)

RRPOA requests that individuals interested in serving on the Board of Directors submit a statement of interest. RRPOA volunteers are happy to answer questions about the proposed district and the role of district directors, and to assist you if you wish to become a candidate for the Initial Board.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address of property and APN (if known) within the proposed District:

Property size: _____

Property land use (e.g., residential, commercial, vineyard, orchard, etc.):

Do you reside in the District? _____

Do you work in the District? _____

Why are you interested in serving on the Alexander Valley Water District Board of Directors?

What do you hope to contribute to the District?

What is your current and past Board/leadership experience?

What specific skills can you offer?

What unique skills can you offer?

What is your educational background?

The initial Board will likely have four standing committees. Please check all that you would be interested in joining.

- Governance
- Finance
- Projects (Water Supply/Water Management)
- Fundraising

We expect that Alexander Valley Water District Board will be an exciting and engaged working board. Board members should expect to participate in a minimum of 12 monthly meetings, and a minimum of 11 standing monthly committee meetings, which occur outside of regular board meetings (this can happen by phone or internet).

Board members are expected to be timely and present at every meeting. Between work within and outside, hours of commitment would probably vary between 4-8 hours per month. Board members are required to participate in District development activities. Board members are expected to serve for the entirety of the term, which will be either two years or four years for the Initial

Board (thereafter each term will be four years). Board members will be required to provide financial and conflict of interest disclosures in Statements of Economic Interest (Form 700) as required by California law.

Will you be able to make this commitment to the Alexander Valley Water District? _____

Please submit your completed form to:

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RRPOA

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NOTE: Send applicants the FAQs and Plan of Service

