

JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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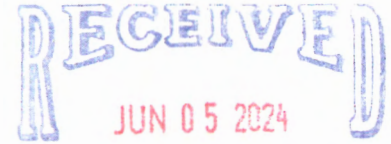
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June 4, 2024



CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Bernice E. Seidel
CLERK TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
2281 Tulare Street, Room 301
Fresno, CA 93721-2198

SUBJECT: JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT--APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
Appointee: Andrew Groppetti

Dear Ms. Seidel:

Pursuant to our letter of May 2, 2024, notifying the Fresno County Elections Department of a vacancy on our Board of Directors as precipitated by the resignation of Director Micah Combs effective April 9, 2024, enclosed is our "Resolution 2024-04 Appointing Andrew Groppetti to Fill a Vacancy in the Office of Director" to fulfill the unexpired term to December 6, 2024.

As Mr. Groppetti satisfies the criteria to qualify for office, we are forwarding his Application Form and Supplemental Application for Landowner & Elected Special Districts. Our Board of Directors is confident in his ability to fulfill the responsibilities of the office as his family has lived, operated a dairy and farmed in the District for generations. Mr. Groppetti has also served on other boards affiliated with the agricultural community.

Our Board of Directors hereby requests the Fresno County Board of Supervisors give positive consideration to Mr. Groppetti's appointment as Director of the James Irrigation District at their next regularly scheduled or special meeting.

Bernice E. Seidel
CLERK TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO

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You may contact me at (559) 693-4356 or our Secretary, Donna Hanneman, if you have any comments or need additional information. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT



Manny Amorelli
GENERAL MANAGER

Enclosures:

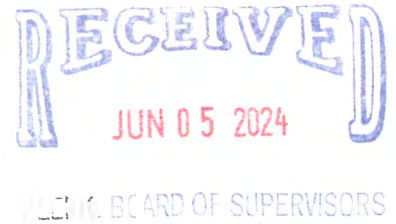
1. Resolution 2024-04 Appointing Andrew Groppetti to Fill a Vacancy in the Office of Director, Approved May 14, 2024
2. County of Fresno Board, Commissions, Committees Application Form, Andrew Groppetti, April 25, 2024
3. Supplemental Application for Landowner and Elected Special Districts, Andrew Groppetti, April 25, 2024

cc: James A. Kus, Clerk / Registrar of Voters
ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF FRESNO
2231 Kern Street
Fresno, CA 93721

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RESOLUTION 2024-04

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT**



**RESOLUTION APPOINTING
ANDREW GROPPETTI
TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR**

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT ("DISTRICT"), a public Irrigation District duly organized and existing under the Irrigation District Law (California Water Code, Division 11, Section 20,500 *et seq.*) of the State of California, held on the 14th day of May, 2024, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, a vacancy was created in the Office of Director of the District by the resignation of Director MICAH COMBS, effective April 9, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the power and privilege of filling said vacancy by appointment now rests with the remaining members of the Board of Directors by virtue the provisions found in Water Code Section 21265.5 and Government Code Section 1780(c); and

WHEREAS, as required by Government Code Section 1780, on May 14th, 2024, a date not less than fifteen (15) days preceding the date of this Resolution, a Notice of Vacancy was duly posted at the District's office and at three (3) conspicuous places within the District; and

WHEREAS, ANDREW GROPPETTI is a citizen of the State of California and the United States that is over 18 years of age; and

WHEREAS, ANDREW GROPPETTI also meets the requirements of Water Code Section 21100; and

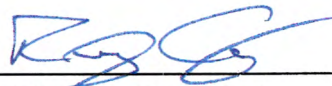
WHEREAS, ANDREW GROPPETTI is ready, willing and able to fill said vacancy on the Board of Directors.

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT as follows:

1. ANDREW GROPPETTI is hereby appointed to the office of Director of this District effective immediately; and,
2. Staff is hereby directed to take the necessary steps to notify the County and State of this appointment.

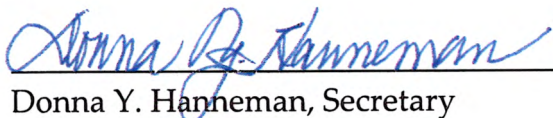
The foregoing Resolution was introduced and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT conducted May 14th, 2024, on motion of Director Riley Chaney, and seconded by Director Wm. Cory Carvalho, was hereby authorized by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:	4	(R.Chaney, W.Carvalho, R.Barcellos, R.Motte)
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
EXCUSED:	None	
ABSENT:	None	
VACANT:	One	



Riley Chaney, President
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

ATTEST:



Donna Y. Hanneman, Secretary
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

CERTIFICATION OF SECRETARY

The undersigned certifies that she is the Secretary of JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT and that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of said District at a meeting thereof, duly and regularly held on May 14, 2024 , at which meeting a quorum of the Board of Directors was at all times present and acting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and seal of the Board of Directors this 14th day of May, 2024.

{ SEAL }



Donna Y. Hanneman, Secretary
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT



COUNTY OF FRESNO
BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES APPLICATION FORM 0 5 2024

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Please be advised that you may be required to file a Form 700 - Statement of Economic Interest

Name of Applicant: ANDREW GROPPETTI
Home Address:
City: Zip:
Current Employer: SELF-EMPLOYED
Business Address:
City: Zip:
Home Phone: Work Phone: Supervisorial District No. 2
E-mail Address:

NOTE: Please check above the address and telephone number you would like listed on the roster if you are appointed. The roster information maybe released as a public record.

COMPLETE NAME of Board/Committee/Commission(s) you are interested in serving on as well as the position for which you are qualified (if necessary). If you are applying for the Behavioral Health Board, Fresno Child Care & Development Local Planning Council, In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee, or Children and Families Commission, please also complete the supplemental application. If you are applying for the Workforce Development Board, please note a different application form is required.

JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

List past or present County appointments, as well as any other public service appointments, or elected positions held (please list dates served):

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1606, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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What experience or special knowledge can you bring to your area(s) of interest?

CLERK. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

I AM A FOURTH-GENERATION FARMER. MY FAMILY HAS OWNED PROPERTY, FARMED & DAIRIED IN SAN JOAQUIN FOR GENERATIONS. HAVING SERVED ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 1606, I HAVE KNOWLEDGE IN THE WATER DISTRIBUTION OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA ALONG WITH ITS POLICIES

List community organizations to which you belong:

SAN/TRAN LIONS CLUB

Convictions and Penalties - Have you ever been convicted of a felony? If yes, give dates(s), location(s) and penalties. (Convictions are evaluated for each position and are not necessarily disqualifying).

NONE

List any affiliation you or your spouse has with public service agencies:

MY WIFE IS A MEMBER OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES.

I HAVE READ THE "FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' ADMINSTRATIVE POLICY NO. 35" REGARDING CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR BOARD APPOINTEES AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AT ALL TIMES WHILE AN APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE INTERESTED NAMED COMMITTEE. AT PRESENT, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS IN MY SERVING ON THIS COMMITTEE

APRIL 25, 2024

(Signature)

(Date)

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Hall of Records, Room 301
2281 Tulare Street, Fresno, CA 93721
Telephone: (559) 600-3529, Option 4
Fax: (559) 600-1608

APPLICATIONS WILL BE KEPT ON FILE FOR ONE YEAR.
Please re-file after that time if you are still interested in serving on a Board, Commission or Committee

**FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ADMINSTRATIVE POLICY
NO. 35**

SUBJECT: CONFLICT OF INTEREST - BOARD APPOINTEES

POLICY STATEMENT

In addition to any Federal or State conflict of interest requirements which may apply, no member of any board, commission or committee shall make, participate in making or in any way attempt to use their position to influence a decision in which he or she knows or has reason to know that he or she or their spouse has a financial interest. In all such cases, the affected member shall disclose their interests in the records of the board, commission or committee and shall refrain from participating in all discussions and votes concerning the matter in which they or their spouse has a financial interest.

The purpose of this policy is not only to avoid actual improprieties, but also the appearance of possible improprieties. Therefore, it is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that any doubts as to whether a member shall refrain from participating in a particular matter should be resolved in favor of non-participation.

While recognizing that state law and regulations may specify categories of memberships on certain board, commission and committees, to the extent possible, no one shall be appointed to a board, commission or committee which recommends funding allocations to community based organizations, who is or whose spouse is a director or officer of an agency or organization which competes in the funding process before that board, commission or committee.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY

The County Administrative Officer shall provide all nominees to County boards, commission and committees with copies of the Board's Conflict of Interest policy. Additionally, the County's staff to each board, commission, and committee shall be provided with a copy of the application of each appointee so as to be able to assist in monitoring compliance with the conflict of interest policy. Monitoring shall include annual review of appointee circumstances as they may change during each appointee's term of office.

APPLICANT/NOMINEE RESPONSIBILITY

All applicants shall state on their application for appointment what affiliation, if any, they or their spouse has with public service agencies. Additionally, all applicants shall certify prior to their participation as a voting representative of the Board of Supervisors that they have read this policy and can serve free of any conflict of interest. The certification will be made by an applicant/nominee by signing the application for their appointment. Further, should any conflict of interest arise during the appointee's term of office, the appointee shall so declare and abstain from participation on the proceeding and business as it relates to the area of conflict.

For those boards, commissions and committees which recommend funding allocations to the Board of Supervisors, no member shall participate in any discussions or decisions related to an agency of which the member or the member's spouse is a director or officer. Additionally, unless state law or regulation require otherwise, any such member shall also refrain from participation in discussions or decisions related to proposals which are in direct competition with a proposal submitted by the agency of which the member or member's spouse is a director or officer.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FOR LANDOWNER AND ELECTED SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Complete Name of Landowner or Elected Special District: JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

List the name of the person who previously held the seat you are interested in: MICAH COMBS

I meet the statutory requirements to be a board member per the following requirement(s) (Check all applicable requirements):

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TYPE OF DISTRICT	QUALIFICATIONS
Community Services District (Water) Conservation District Fire Protection District Health Care District Hospital District Public Utility District Recreation and Park District (County) Water District	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a voter in the District and (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> I am a voter in the _____ Division of the District. or <input type="checkbox"/> I am a voter in the _____ Zone of the District.
Drainage District	<input type="checkbox"/> I am: <input type="checkbox"/> A holder of title to land within the District, or <input type="checkbox"/> The legal representative of a holder of title to land within the District; or <input type="checkbox"/> A designated representative of a holder of title to land within the District, if the holder of title to land is not a natural person and the holder has filed with the district written evidence of the designation. or <input type="checkbox"/> I am: <input type="checkbox"/> A holder of title to land within the _____ division of the District, or <input type="checkbox"/> The legal representative of a holder of title to land within the _____ division of the District; or <input type="checkbox"/> A designated representative of a holder of title to land within the _____ division of the District, if the holder of title to land is not a natural person and the holder has filed with the district written evidence of the designation.
Irrigation District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am a landowner in the District and/or <input type="checkbox"/> I am a voter in the District
Memorial District	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a voter in the District and (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> I have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States.
Police Protection District	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a resident of the District.
Reclamation District	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a landowner or the legal representative of a landowner in the District.
Resource Conservation District	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a voter in _____ County, California, and: <input type="checkbox"/> I reside within the District and: <input type="checkbox"/> I own real property in the District, or <input type="checkbox"/> I have served, pursuant to the District's rules, for two years or more as an associate director providing advisory or other assistance to the board of directors; or: <input type="checkbox"/> I am a designated agent of a resident landowner within the District.
(California) Water District (Landowner)	<input type="checkbox"/> I am: <input type="checkbox"/> A holder of title to land within the District; or <input type="checkbox"/> The legal representative of a holder of title to land within the District; or <input type="checkbox"/> A representative designated by a holder of title to land within the District, if the holder has filed with the District written evidence of that designation.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: APRIL 25, 2024

Signature: _____

Name: ANDREW GROPETTI