

DATE: April 27, 2026

TO: Candidates for Director of the Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Watermaster District

FROM: Leah Grassman, Deputy Watermaster and Elections Official, Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Watermaster District

RE: Required Forms for Declaration of Candidacy

Thank you for your interest in running for the office of Director of the Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Watermaster District. The District will hold an all-mail ballot election to fill four offices on August 18, 2026. All of the offices of Director are for terms of four-years. Three of the terms expire in December 2029, and one of the terms (vacant Scott Valley directorship) expires in December 2027.

A candidate may declare for only one office per election. A person desiring to run for office of Director must complete the enclosed Declaration of Candidacy.

To be qualified as a candidate for the office of Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Water District Director from the Scott Valley Service Area, a person must be a voter holding water rights whose places of use under a decree are appointed or contracted parcels within the Scott Valley Service Area. To be qualified as a candidate for the office of Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Water District Director from the Shasta Valley Service Area, a person must be a voter holding water rights whose places of use under a decree are appointed or contracted parcels within the Shasta Valley Service Area. A person who is the legal representative of either of the aforementioned categories of candidates is also qualified as a candidate for the office of Director from their principal's respective Service Area on the District Board of Directors if the person is:

1. The legal representative of a holder of title to land within the District, pursuant to Water Code section 34030; or
2. A representative designated by a holder of title to land within the District provided evidence of such written designation is on file with the District.

A candidate is permitted to include an occupational designation to be printed on the ballot under their name. Elections Code section 13107 provides that such designation may be (1) words designating a currently held elective office, (2) the word "incumbent" if the candidate is a candidate for the same office to which he or she currently holds and was elected to, (3) up to three words indicating current profession, vocation, or occupation of the candidate, or (4) the phrase "appointed incumbent" if the candidate holds office by virtue of an appointment, and the candidate is a candidate for election to the same office. Such a candidate may not use the word "incumbent" without the word "appointed."

A candidate is required to take an oath or affirmation upon filing his or her declaration of candidacy. A copy of this oath/affirmation is enclosed. The District elections official or appointed representative will administer this oath/affirmation to all persons filing a declaration of candidacy.

All candidates may voluntarily subscribe to the “Code of Fair Campaign Practices.” Pursuant to the requirements of California Elections Code section 20440, a copy of Chapter 5 of Division 20 of the Elections Code is included for candidates’ reference. Also pursuant to section 20440, a blank copy of the “Code of Fair Campaign Practices” for a candidate’s voluntary subscription is enclosed.

You should be aware that as a candidate for elected public office you have certain obligations under the Political Reform Act (“Act”) (Government Code section 80000, et seq). Information regarding your obligations under the Act may be found on the website of the Fair Political Practices Commission at www.fppc.ca.gov. If you have any questions regarding your obligations under the Act, you should consult your personal legal representative.

The deadline for the filing of a Declaration of Candidacy is **May 22, 2026, at 5:00pm**. However, if the incumbent of any office up for election does not declare his or her candidacy by May 18, non-incumbents may declare candidacy for that office up to **Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 5:00pm**. The District will post notice if the additional five-day period is invoked for any of the offices up for election.

If you have any questions regarding the attached candidacy forms, how to file a Declaration of Candidacy, or any other election-related questions, you may contact Leah Grassman, Deputy Watermaster and Elections Official, at (530) 331-1369 or at 809 Fourth Street, Yreka, CA 96097.

Sincerely,

Leah Grassman, Deputy Watermaster

cc: Peter J. Kiel, Elections Counsel

Enclosures:

- Declaration of Candidacy
- Copy of Oath/Affirmation of Office
- Copy of Chapter 5 of Division 20 of the Elections Code, *et seq.*
- Blank Copy of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices for Voluntary Completion

SCOTT VALLEY AND SHASTA VALLEY WATERMASTER DISTRICT
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR AUGUST 18, 2026 DISTRICT ELECTION
(California Elections Code § 10511)

I, _____, do hereby declare myself as a candidate for election to the office of director representing the Scott/Shasta (circle one) Valley Service Area on the Board of Directors for the Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Watermaster District. As defined in the Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Watermaster District Act, I am a landowner voter, and I hold water right(s) whose place of use are included in the Scott/Shasta [circle one; must match service area directorship represents] Valley Service Area. The term for the office for which I am declaring candidacy expires on December 1, 2027/2029 [circle one; note: both open directorships for Shasta Valley and one open directorship for Scott Valley expire in 2029, one open directorship for Scott Valley expires in 2027].

If elected, I will qualify and accept the office of director representing the Scott/Shasta (circle one) Valley Service Area on the Board of Directors for the Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Watermaster District and serve to the best of my ability. I request my name be placed on the official ballot of the district for the election to be held on the 18th day of August, 2026, and that my name appear on the ballot as follows:

Name

I request that the following occupational designation appear on the ballot under my name:

(Please print desired occupational designation, if any)

The occupational designation specified above, if any, is true and in conformance with the requirements of Elections Code section 13107. (_____) Initial.

Current Residence Address:

Mailing Address, if different:

Telephone number:

Email address:

I am aware that any person who files or submits for filing a declaration of candidacy knowing that it or any part of it has been made falsely is punishable by a fine or imprisonment, or both, as set forth in Elections Code section 18203.

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

Executed on _____, 2026 at _____, California.

Signature of Candidate

OATH OF OFFICE
California Constitution, article XX, section 3

I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

And I do further swear (or affirm) that I do not advocate, nor am I a member of any party or organization, political or otherwise, that now advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States or of the State of California by force or violence or other unlawful means; that within the five years immediately preceding the taking of this oath (or affirmation) I have not been a member of any party or organization, political or otherwise, that advocated the overthrow of the Government of the United States or of the State of California by force or violence or other unlawful means except as follows:

(If no affiliations, write in the words "No Exceptions")

And that during such time as I hold the office of Director of the Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Watermaster District I will not advocate nor become a member of any party or organization, political or otherwise, that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States or of the State of California by force or violence or other unlawful means.

Dated _____, 2026

Printed name of Candidate

Signature of Candidate

Elections Code
Division 20. Election Campaigns
Chapter 5. Fair Campaign Practices

Article 1. General Intent

§ 20400. Legislative declarations

The Legislature declares that the purpose of this chapter is to encourage every candidate for public office in this state to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices.

It is the ultimate intent of the Legislature that every candidate for public office in this state who subscribes to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices will follow the basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play in order that, after vigorously contested, but fairly conducted campaigns, the citizens of this state may exercise their constitutional right to vote, free from dishonest and unethical practices which tend to prevent the full and free expression of the will of the voters.

The purpose in creating the Code of Fair Campaign Practices is to give voters guidelines in determining fair play and to encourage candidates to discuss issues instead of untruths or distortions.

(Enacted by Stats. 1994, Ch. 920, Sec. 2.)

Article 2. Definitions

§ 20420. As used in this Chapter, "Code" means the Code of Fair Campaign Practices.

Article 3. Code of Fair Campaign Practices

§ 20440. At the time an individual is issued his or her declaration of candidacy, nomination papers, or any other paper evidencing an intention to be a candidate for public office, the elections official shall give the individual a blank form of the code and a copy of this chapter. The elections official shall inform each candidate for public office that subscription to the code is voluntary.

In the case of a committee making an independent expenditure, as defined in Section 82031 of the Government Code, the Secretary of State shall provide a blank form and a copy of this chapter to the individual filing, in accordance with Title 9 (commencing with Section 81000) of the Government Code, an initial campaign statement on behalf of the committee.

The text of the code shall read, as follows:

"CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play which every candidate for public office in the State of California has a moral obligation to observe and uphold in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional right to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

(1) I SHALL CONDUCT my campaign openly and publicly, discussing the issues as I see them, presenting my record and policies with sincerity and frankness, and criticizing without fear or

favor the record and policies of my opponents or political parties that merit this criticism.

(2) I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his or her personal or family life.

(3) I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT any appeal to negative prejudice based on a candidate's actual or perceived race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, age, sexual orientation, sex, including gender identity, or any other characteristic set forth in Section 12940 of the Government Code, or association with another person who has any of the actual or perceived characteristics set forth in Section 12940 of the Government Code.

(4) I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections, or that hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters including acts intended to hinder or prevent any eligible person from registering to vote, enrolling to vote, or voting.

(5) I SHALL NOT coerce election help or campaign contributions for myself or for any other candidate from my employees.

(6) I SHALL IMMEDIATELY AND PUBLICLY REPUDIATE support deriving from any individual or group that resorts, on behalf of my candidacy or in opposition to that of my opponent, to the methods and tactics that I condemn. I shall accept responsibility to take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this code or the laws governing elections.

(7) I SHALL DEFEND AND UPHOLD the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of California or treasurer or chairperson of a committee making any independent expenditures, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.”

Date	Signature

(Amended by Stats. 2006, Ch. 551, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 2007.)

§ 20441. The Secretary of State shall print, or cause to be printed, blank forms of the code. The Secretary of State shall supply the forms to the elections officials in quantities and at times requested by the elections officials.

(Enacted by Stats. 1994, Ch. 920, Sec. 2.)

§ 20442. The elections official shall accept, at all times prior to the election, all completed forms that are properly subscribed to by a candidate for public office and shall retain them for public inspection until 30 days after the election.

(Enacted by Stats. 1994, Ch. 920, Sec. 2.)

§ 20443. Every code subscribed to by a candidate for public office pursuant to this chapter is a public record open for public inspection.

(Enacted by Stats. 1994, Ch. 920, Sec. 2.)

§ 20444. In no event shall a candidate for public office be required to subscribe to or endorse the code.

(Enacted by Stats. 1994, Ch. 920, Sec. 2.)