

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Yreka, California, April 20, 2026 – The Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Watermaster District published a notice of election today, announcing that the District will hold its general election on August 18, 2026, by all-mail ballot. There are four offices of Director up for election.

Landowners will elect four positions on the District Board of Directors, two of which are held by holdover directors Rod Dowse (Shasta Valley) and Jeff Fowle (Scott Valley) and two of which are open (one in Shasta Valley and one in Scott Valley). The term of office for all of the seats expires in December 2029, except for the open Scott Valley seat, which expires in December 2027.

The seats up for election in the Scott Valley Watermaster Service Area will be elected at large by landowners holding water rights whose place of use under a decree is an appointed or contracted parcel in the Scott Valley Watermaster Service Area, and the seats up for election in the Shasta Valley Watermaster Service Area will be elected at large by landowners holding water rights whose place of use under a decree is an appointed or contracted parcel in the Shasta Valley Watermaster Service Area (said landowners are “eligible voters” in the August 18, 2026 election). Any eligible voter may authorize a legal representative to receive the ballot and vote on their behalf. Where a water right has multiple holders, the holders of that right must designate one holder from among their number to vote.

To be qualified as a candidate for the office of Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Watermaster District Director from the Scott Valley Watermaster 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 Watermaster Service Area. To be qualified as a candidate for the office of Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Watermaster District Director from the Shasta Valley Watermaster 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 Watermaster Service Area. A person may only declare candidacy for one office.

In the event that an insufficient number of persons declare candidacy for one or more of the offices up for election, appointment to such office(s) shall be made as provided by Elections Code section 10515.

Those interested in running in the 2026 District Election on August 18, 2026 for one of the four open positions on the Board of Directors may obtain candidacy requirements and paperwork at the District office located at 809 Fourth Street, Yreka, CA 96097, or online at the District’s website at <https://svsvwd.specialdistrict.org>. Information related to filing for candidacy or questions related to the election may be obtained by calling the District office at (530) 331-1369.