

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**MARCH 8, 2016 SPECIAL ELECTION**  
**PASO ROBLES BASIN WATER DISTRICT**  
**DIRECTORS ELECTED BY REGISTERED VOTERS**  
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:**  
To vote, fill in the oval like this: ●

To vote for any candidate of your choice, fill in the OVAL next to the candidate's name. Do not vote for more than the number of candidates allowed. To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, write in the candidate's full name on the Write-In line and fill in the OVAL next to it. If you tear, deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to the Elections Official and get another.

**PASO ROBLES BASIN WATER DISTRICT**

**DIRECTORS ELECTED BY REGISTERED VOTERS**

**If the Paso Robles Basin Water District is formed, who shall serve on the Board of Directors of the Paso Robles Basin Water District?**

Vote for no more than Three

- DEAN DISANDRO**  
Management Consultant
- MICHAEL BAUGH**  
Magazine Editor
- SUE LUFT**  
Retired Engineer
- HILARY SHIREY GRAVES**  
Agricultural Consultant
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Write-in
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Write-in

SAMPLE BALLOT



# County of San Luis Obispo Paso Robles Basin Water District Election of Directors Elected by Registered Voters Tuesday, March 8, 2016 Voter Information Guide

- **PLEASE NOTE:** Depending on your eligibility for the various contests in these Special Elections, you may receive up to four different ballots for each election (i.e. Measure A-16, Measure B-16, Directors Elected by Registered Voters, Directors Elected by Large Landowners.) You will be required to return the ballots for each of the contests in order for your votes to be counted.
- This is a mailed ballot election. Your OFFICIAL BALLOT along with this Voter Information Guide is contained in your Vote-By-Mail packet. There is no sample ballot in this booklet since your OFFICIAL BALLOT is included. If you desire a copy of the ballot, you can download one from [www.slovote.com](http://www.slovote.com) or call 781-5228 to request one. This will be the only official mailing.
- The deadline for return of Vote-By-Mail ballots is 8:00pm, Tuesday, March 8, 2016. On Election Day, you can return your ballot to the Clerk-Recorder's Offices in San Luis Obispo or Atascadero between 7:00am and 8:00pm.
- **Vote-By-Mail Look-Up on the Web:** Check the status of your returned VBM ballot on the Internet at [www.slovote.com](http://www.slovote.com)
- **Questions?** Contact the Clerk-Recorder by phone at 781-5228 or via email at [elections@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:elections@co.slo.ca.us)

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## VOTE BY MAIL INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

Use any black or blue colored pen or pencil to mark your ballot. Follow the “Instructions To Voters” on your OFFICIAL BALLOT to vote for the candidates of your choice.

### WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED VOTING

1. Fold and tear off the ballot, and seal it in the I.D. Return Envelope provided.
2. Sign your name in the space provided. Please do not print your name or allow someone else to sign on your behalf. If you are unable to sign, you may affix your mark in the signature box and have a witness sign the witness box.
  - If your name has changed and you have not re-registered with your new name, sign with both your previous and new name in the signature box.
  - Power of Attorney is not accepted.

**IMPORTANT:** If you do not sign your envelope, your ballot will not be counted.
3. Write your residence address as registered (not mailing address) and the date on the lines provided.

You may vote and return your ballot as soon as you receive it - you do not have to wait until Election Day. However, be aware that once your voted ballot is returned to the Elections Office, either in person or by mail, it is considered “in the ballot box” and may not be retrieved.

**Spoiled Ballot?** If you made a mistake, tear or deface any portion of your ballot, replace the spoiled ballot in the I.D. Return Envelope and follow the instructions on the envelope to receive a replacement ballot either by mail or in person.

## REGISTERED VOTER ELECTION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to the registered voters within the proposed Water District described above that in accordance with applicable law, a special election conducted by all mailed ballot will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, for the election of the three members of the Board of Directors elected by registered voters:

The qualifications for directors elected by registered voters are:

Candidates shall be a registered voter residing within the district.

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	<b># OF SEATS</b>	<b>TERM BEGINS</b>	<b>TERM ENDS</b>
Registered Voters *registered voters within the Water District	3	TBD	December 6, 2019

### VOTER'S PAMPHLET INFORMATION SECTION

The Following Pages Contain Voter Information

Applicable to your Ballot:

- CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

This pamphlet may not contain a statement for each candidate. A complete list of candidates appears on your Ballot. Each candidate's statement in this pamphlet is volunteered by the candidate and is printed at his or her expense. Each candidate's statement is printed in uniform format as submitted by the candidate.

Please note that all the statements printed in Spanish, at the candidate's request, follow the English statements.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
DIRECTOR ELECTED BY REGISTERED VOTERS  
Paso Robles Basin Water District**

**DEAN DISANDRO**

**Age: 56**

**Occupation:** Management Consultant

**Education and Qualifications:** I have resided on a small ranch just east of Paso Robles since the early 1990s. I have operated a small family winery (under 1,000 cases per year, no grapes planted) since 2009.

My experiences within the real estate development industry in the 1980s (including teaching at two campuses of the University of California) taught me the importance of electing government officials who will stand up for the common people, not the special interests.

My degrees in biology, psychology, business administration (MBA), and law (JD), as well as many years as a successful small business owner, make me uniquely qualified to understand the complexities and competing interests involved in the management of our water resources.

If you elect me, I will be a vigilant watch dog for the citizens of the basin. I will ensure that every aspect of any formal water district will be open and transparent. I will tell you the facts and truth at each step of the process. I will work to ensure taxpayer and ratepayer funds are used wisely, and only when strictly necessary. I will resist all efforts of water profiteers.

It will be an honor to represent you.

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
DIRECTOR ELECTED BY REGISTERED VOTERS  
Paso Robles Basin Water District**

**MICHAEL BAUGH**

**Age: 72**

**Occupation:** Magazine Editor, Retired Motion Picture Designer

**Education and Qualifications:** After 45 years in the motion picture business, my wife and I moved to a small farm in rural Paso Robles and built our retirement home. Four years later, the well level began to fall. When I lost my wife, a year and a half ago, I promised her I would use all of my efforts to save the farm and the water under it. While working, my principal job was solving difficult problems; I would apply the same creativity to the declining aquifer.

I firmly believe: The Basin must be brought to equilibrium and sustainability as soon as possible. Conservation alone will not achieve this; neither will additional water supplies. Both approaches must be used. Agriculture uses most of the water; it must provide most of the solution, but we can't destroy the region's economy in the process. Water must not be sold or exported from the basin by any person or group, public or private.

I have had long experience on volunteer boards: The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the Television Academy, the Motion Picture Art Directors Guild and the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee.

I am humbled and grateful for your support.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
DIRECTOR ELECTED BY REGISTERED VOTERS  
Paso Robles Basin Water District**

**SUE LUFT**

Age: 58

**Occupation:** Retired Engineer

**Education and Qualifications:** Prior to retiring in 2009, I founded and owned an environmental compliance and engineering firm with my husband, beginning in 1986. Our clients included petroleum industry firms, power plants, food processors, and cold storage facilities. We were also volunteer managers of the mutual water company which provided water service to 23 homes, including our own.

We purchased 10 acres in the El Pomar area in 2000. Since we moved here in 2004, I have been deeply involved in water issues, particularly those regarding the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin.

I have served on the County's Water Resources Advisory Committee since 2007, as Chair during 2013/2014. I have participated in the North County Water Forum, the Paso Robles Basin Blue Ribbon Committee and the Paso Robles Basin Advisory Committee, where I currently serve as a rural residential representative and Chair.

My concern for the groundwater basin is also very personal, as the water level in our well has fallen over 150 feet, causing us to drill a new well into poorer quality water.

I will use my education, experience and energy to ensure the groundwater basin is sustainably managed for the benefit of all water users. Your vote will be appreciated.

[www.SueLuft4PasoBasin.org](http://www.SueLuft4PasoBasin.org).

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
DIRECTOR ELECTED BY REGISTERED VOTERS  
Paso Robles Basin Water District**

**HILARY SHIREY GRAVES**

Age: 42

**Occupation:** Agricultural Consultant, Business Owner, Mother

**Education and Qualifications:** I am a fourth generation farmer who lives and farms in Creston. I raise grass-fed beef, heritage breed hogs, and grow wine grapes. I am passionate about California water policy and preserving our Nation's agricultural heritage.

I believe that a local water district is the best choice to manage our groundwater. As rural residents, small farmers and larger landowners we all have a responsibility to find solutions for our community. Local control and local decision making is the most effective, efficient and responsive way to manage our resources.

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) indicates we must manage groundwater and outlines three options: a local water district, the county or the state. I trust my peers in agriculture and rural neighbors to be proactive and more fiscally responsible than management by elected officials at the County or State.

I graduated from CSU, Fresno and Texas Woman's University. I attended Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo where I studied crop science. Since 2002 I have owned and operated an agricultural consulting business in San Luis Obispo County. As a business owner and mother of two I am dedicated to my community and working to find locally managed solutions.

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATO PARA  
DIRECTOR ELEGIDO POR LOS VOTANTES REGISTRADOS  
Distrito de Aguas de la Cuenca de Paso Robles**

**MICHAEL BAUGH**

**Edad: 72**

**Ocupación:** Editor de Revista, Diseñador Cinematográfico Jubilado

**Educación y aptitudes:** Después de 45 años en el negocio cinematográfico, mi esposa y yo nos mudamos a una pequeña granja en el área rural de Paso Robles y construimos nuestro hogar para la jubilación. Cuatro años después, el nivel del pozo comenzó a bajar. Cuando perdí a mi esposa hace año y medio, le prometí que haría todo lo posible para salvar la granja y el agua que se encuentra debajo de ella. Mientras trabajaba, mi empleo principal era resolver problemas complicados; aplicaría la misma creatividad al manto acuífero en declive.

Creo firmemente que la cuenca debe equilibrarse y volverse sustentable lo más pronto posible. La conservación por sí sola no logrará esto; ni lo harán los suministros adicionales de agua. Deben usarse ambos enfoques. La agricultura usa la mayor parte del agua; debe proporcionar la mayor parte de la solución, pero no podemos destruir la economía de la región en el proceso. Ninguna persona o grupo, público o privado, debería vender ni exportar el agua de la cuenca.

Tengo amplia experiencia en juntas voluntarias: Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, Television Academy, el Gremio de Directores de Arte Cinematográfico y el Comité Asesor de Agua Subterráneas de Paso Robles.

Me siento honrado y agradecido por su apoyo.

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**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATA PARA  
DIRECTORA ELEGIDA POR LOS VOTANTES REGISTRADOS  
Distrito de Aguas de la Cuenca de Paso Robles**

**SUE LUFT**

**Edad: 58**

**Ocupación:** Ingeniera Jubilada

**Educación y aptitudes:** Antes de retirarme en el 2009, fundé y fui dueña de una firma de cumplimiento ambiental e ingeniería junto con mi esposo, a partir de 1986. Entre nuestros clientes se incluían firmas de la industria petrolera, plantas de energía eléctrica, procesadoras de alimentos e instalaciones de almacenamiento en frío. También fuimos administradores voluntarios de la compañía mutualista de agua que ofrecía servicio de agua a 23 hogares, que incluían el nuestro.

Compramos 10 acres en el área de El Pomar en el año 2000. Desde que nos mudamos aquí en 2004, he participado activamente en asuntos relacionados con el agua, particularmente en aquellos relacionados con la Cuenca de Aguas Subterráneas de Paso Robles.

He trabajado en el Comité Asesor de Recursos del Agua del condado desde el 2007, como presidenta durante 2013-2014. Participé en el Foro de Agua del Condado de North, en el Comité Listón Azul (Blue Ribbon) de la Cuenca de Paso Robles y en el Comité Asesor de la Cuenca de Paso Robles, donde actualmente trabajo como representante rural residencial y presidenta.

Mi preocupación por la cuenca de aguas subterráneas es también muy personal, ya que el nivel de agua en nuestro pozo ha bajado más de 150 pies, lo que nos obligó a perforar un pozo nuevo con agua de calidad más deficiente.

Usaré mi educación, experiencia y energía para garantizar que la cuenca de aguas subterráneas sea administrada de forma sustentable para el beneficio de todos los usuarios del agua. Su voto será apreciado.

[www.SueLuft4PasoBasin.org](http://www.SueLuft4PasoBasin.org)

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATA PARA  
DIRECTORA ELEGIDA POR LOS VOTANTES REGISTRADOS  
Distrito de Aguas de la Cuenca de Paso Robles**

**HILARY SHIREY GRAVES**

**Edad: 42**

**Ocupación:** Consultora Agrícola, Empresaria, Madre

**Educación y aptitudes:** Soy granjera de cuarta generación que vive y trabaja en Creston. Crio reses alimentadas con pasto, cerdos con herencia de crianza y cultivo uvas para vino. Soy apasionada de la política de agua de California y de preservar la herencia agrícola de nuestro país.

Creo que un distrito local de agua es la mejor opción para administrar nuestras aguas subterráneas. Como residentes rurales, pequeños granjeros y propietarios de terrenos grandes, todos tenemos la responsabilidad de encontrar soluciones para nuestra comunidad. El control y la toma de decisiones locales son la forma más eficaz, eficiente y responsable de administrar nuestros recursos.

La Ley de Administración Sustentable de Aguas Subterráneas (Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, SGMA) indica que debemos administrar las aguas subterráneas y describe tres opciones: un distrito local de agua, el condado o el estado. Confío en que mis compañeros agrícolas y vecinos rurales sean proactivos y más responsables en el aspecto fiscal que la administración de los funcionarios electos en el Condado o el Estado.

Soy egresada de Universidad Estatal de California (CSU), Fresno y de Universidad de Mujeres de Texas. Asistí a Cal Poly (California Polytechnic State University), en San Luis Obispo, donde estudié ciencia de cultivos. Desde el 2002 soy propietaria y manejo una empresa de asesoría agrícola en el Condado de San Luis Obispo. Como empresaria y madre de dos hijos, estoy dedicada a mi comunidad y a trabajar para encontrar soluciones administradas de manera local.

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## **OPTIONS FOR RETURNING YOUR BALLOT**

You must return your ballot to the County Elections Official no later than 8:00pm on Election Day.

### **1) You may personally drop off your ballot in person at the following locations:**

- San Luis Obispo – 1055 Monterey Street, Suite D-120, 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday and on Election Day between 7:00am and 8:00pm.
- Atascadero – 6565 Capistrano Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 7:30 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday and on Election Day between 7:00am and 8:00pm.
- **Unable to return your ballot?** By law, you may only return your own ballot. However, you may designate your spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister or a person residing in the voter's household to return it for you by filling in the information in the appropriate box on the I.D. Return Envelope.

### **2) You may return your ballot by mail, subject to the following:**

- Your ballot should be mailed in time to be received by the County Elections Official by 8:00pm on Election Day.  
Note: New regulations allow election officials to accept Vote-By-Mail ballots that are postmarked on or before Election Day and received by mail no later than three days after Election Day.

## **REASONS WHY YOUR BALLOT WOULD NOT BE COUNTED**

1. The ballot arrives after the deadline.
2. The voter did not sign the envelope.
3. Someone else signed the envelope instead of the voter.
4. Ballot returned without the I.D. Return Envelope.

**ASSISTANCE FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED VOTER:** For the visually impaired, audio tapes of the Ballot Measures are available from the Elections Division of the County Clerk-Recorder's Office, 781-5228.

**AUTOMARK:** The AutoMARK ballot marking device will only be available for use at the Clerk-Recorder's Offices, beginning February 8 (8:00 am to 5:00pm) through Election Day, March 8, 2016 (7:00am-8:00pm). The marking device is designed to assist voters with ballots. For more information, contact the Elections Division of the County Clerk-Recorder's Office at 781-5228.