



**Agenda Item No. 11.**

**Staff Report**

**Date:** December 10, 2015

**To:** Mayor Katie Hoertkorn and Councilmembers

**From:** Joe Chinn, Town Manager

**Subject:** Appointment to Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control District Board Member

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**Recommendation**

Town Council appoint a resident to serve on the Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control District Board of Trustees for the term January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018.

**Background and discussion**

Town Council is asked to appoint a Ross resident to replace Phil Paisley, whose term on the Board expires December 30, 2015. Mr. Paisley has served since 2012, and has asked to step down once his term expires.

The District Board has stipulated that it is no longer mandated that Ross appoint a representative to the Board. It is the intent of the Legislature that persons appointed to Boards of Trustees have experience, training, and education in fields that will assist in the governance of the District. Anyone appointed must be a resident of Ross and a registered voter.

Two residents have submitted an interest in serving on the Board:

- Howard Schomer
- Paul Sagues

**Alternative actions**

The Council could choose not to select an appointment.

**Attachments**

- Applicant Email Submissions
- District Board Letter

## Linda Lopez

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**From:** Howard Schomer <howard@hifientertainment.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 13, 2015 1:00 PM  
**To:** Linda Lopez  
**Subject:** Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control District Board of Trustees

RE: Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control District Board of Trustees  
Nov 13, 2015

Hello Linda,

I am writing with interest in the abovementioned Board of Trustee opening, as mentioned in the recent Town newsletter. I am both a resident of Ross and a registered voter, with a great interest in serving our greater community's health, education and overall welfare.

I have a wide variety of Board of Directors and Advisory Board experience, as noted below:

- I have owned and operated my own business for the past 19 years. The past 10 years our business has been based in Marin County, supplying employment and tax revenue for our community.
- I am a member of the Board of Directors for Real American Restaurants and was on the Board's Marketing Committee (consulting) prior to joining the Board. This is the 9<sup>th</sup> year for this. A few years ago we sold our last remaining operating restaurants, the five Tomatina's in and around the Bay Area (including one in Northgate). Tomatina was a concept borne out of the Pizzeria Tra Vigne concept developed by Michael Chiarello in St. Helena. Currently our primary occupation is in handling the dissolution of the operating business, disbursement of funds, etc.
- I have held a non-profit Advisory Board position with Wender Weis (2013-2015), which operates Holiday Heroes, an event each holiday season held at AT&T Park serving underprivileged youth in the Greater Bay Area. <http://wenderweis.org/> and continue to remain involved.
- I am a member of a few tech startup Advisory Boards, most notably Wearable World based here in San Francisco <http://wearableworldlabs.com/>
- Perhaps most relevant, as a teenager, I worked in the field for the Bergen County (New Jersey) Mosquito Control Commission in a summer employment position during High School.

I am well-versed and experienced in budgets and other financial issues that this Board may encounter, and can help with cost controls, budgeting and overall management issues as they arise.

Please feel free to call or email me with any questions. Thank you.

Howard Schomer

November 19, 2015

To the Ross Town Council:

I would like to be considered for appointment to the Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control District Board of Trustees. I am a registered voter and have resided in Ross for about 20 years. I was born and raised in San Anselmo.

I think that I have a relevant background for this position. I am interested in public health issues and I think that I would represent the views of a majority of Ross residents and would be open to their input. I have an educational and career background that gives me excellent qualifications for the position. I have not served on any public boards or commissions but I have run a good sized company successfully and I am a good public speaker.

Relevant background includes:

- Undergraduate degree in biology with a speciality in marine biology (BS, Stanford)
- Licensed water and wastewater treatment plant operator before graduate school where I focused on water treatment (License not renewed)
- Graduate degree in mechanical engineering specializing in control systems (MSME UC Berkeley)
- Registered professional engineer, mechanical, State of California (Currently active)
- I am currently involved in providing water systems for small communities and agricultural users through California and surrounding states. My business is not related to the work of the Mosquito District. There is no conflict.

I have a real interest in balancing the significant threats of infectious diseases with the real concerns that come from vector eradication efforts. I do not think that there is a simple solution here, however either extreme is not desirable.

In summary, I believe that I am well suited for this position and I have sufficient time to devote in order to properly represent the residents of Ross.

Thank you.

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October 23, 2015

Town of Ross  
Attn: Town Clerk  
P.O. Box 320  
Ross, CA. 94957

Dear Town Clerk:

The current term of Phil Paisley, the Town of Ross representative to our District's Board of Trustees, expires December 31, 2015. While it is no longer mandated that you appoint a representative to our Board {Health and Safety Code SB 1588, Article 3, Section 2022 (d)}, it is the intent of the Legislature that persons appointed to Boards of Trustees have experience, training, and education in fields that will assist in the governance of the District.

The following information is sent to assist your elected officials in the appointment process. California Health and Safety Code SB 1588

***Section 2022 (a)*** Each person appointed by a board of supervisors to be a member of a board of trustees shall be a voter in that county and a resident of that portion of the county that is within the district.

***Section 2024 (a)*** The term of office for a member of the board of trustees shall be for a term of two (2) or four (4) years at the discretion of the appointing authority.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (707) 285-2200. Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,  
Dawn Williams  
Confidential Administrative Assistant