

Question #1:

I have just less than 5 years of experience on this Board, serving one of those years as Board President. (This is not an accumulated time on other Boards, committees, or positions, but on the Mission Springs Water District Board of Directors). During that time, I have completed all 3 Special District Institute courses, helped build and maintain a relationship with both the Board's and General Manager's of DWA and CVWD, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Environmental Protection Agency, Senators Feinstein & Boxer and Congressman Lewis, attended multiple ACWA conferences and helped build a relationship with the staff of the City of Desert Hot Springs.

Question #2:

For projects, I think that finishing the sewers (and treatment plant) are top priority, followed by building new wells and updating (or upgrading) the infrastructure. The overlapping priority and challenge is to get all this accomplished while staying within the budget.

Question #3:

Due to the nature of my business, I am unable to comment on specific business accomplishments.

Question #4:

Same as #3, but negotiating is part of my practice.

Question #5:

As with all propositions, 218 is open to debate and interpretation of it's' use and limitations, but one portion of the proposition that applies to MSWD, is the notification process for public hearings for rate adjustments.

Question #6:

Obviously as a consumer, rate hikes are always bad. As a Director, I think rate adjustments should be made only when absolutely necessary to maintain a "zero balance" at the end of the year, when no other option is available.