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## **Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency Seeks Director**

**Recent Resignation of Division 1 Seat on Board of Directors Creates Vacancy**

**Palmdale, CA – May 3, 2023** – Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) officially announced the Notice of Vacancy on the Board of Directors Division No. 1 seat. AVEK seeks potential candidates for appointment to fill an unexpired term through a special election consolidated with the general election on November 5, 2024. Interested candidates are required to submit a cover letter signed by applicants, which describes in detail why they are interested in filling that position, a resume which highlights an applicant's qualifications for that position, and evidence which specifically indicates that the applicant resides within the AVEK Division 1 boundaries.

AVEK is governed by a seven-member board over a 2400 square mile service area that extends from Acton at the south to Boron at the northeast, covering northernmost Los Angeles County and southeastern Kern County, with a small portion of Ventura County to the west.

The vacancy occurred when Division 1 Director Shelley Sorsabal stepped down effective April 27, 2023. Shelley joined the Board after she won the Division 1 seat in the November 2014 election and she has dedicated a great deal of time and energy to the innovated Agency, serving on various committees including Finance and Budget; Personnel; Legal; Planning; and Water Bank Resources.

The deadline for all submissions is 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2023. Applications may be submitted in-person at the Agency Headquarters located at 6500 West Avenue N, Palmdale, California, or by email to [Hhughes@avek.org](mailto:Hhughes@avek.org). If requested by the applicant, a confirmation of receipt of the timely receipt of the application will be provided.

For additional information phone board Secretary/Treasurer Holly Hughes at (661) 943-3201 or via email at [hhughes@avek.org](mailto:hhughes@avek.org).

**ABOUT AVEK**

**3<sup>rd</sup> largest State Water Contractor in California** - In 1959, AVEK received its charter as a regional water Agency from the State Legislature. In 1962 AVEK's Board of Directors signed a contract with the state to secure the delivery of water supplies intended to supplement the local groundwater. AVEK became the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest State Water Contractor with an entitlement of 144,844 acre-feet. Through the optimization of water resources and development of groundwater storage, the Agency maintains a reliable, sustainable and affordable water supply. Serving over 20 municipal users along with Edwards Air Force Base, Plant 42 and U.S. Borax within a 2400 square mile territory that includes portions Los Angeles, Kern and Ventura Counties, the agency plays a vital role in supporting future regional economic development and national defense programs.

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