



PANOCHÉ WATER DISTRICT

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Voter's Pamphlet

GENERAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

**The following pages contain VOTER INFORMATION AND
INSTRUCTIONS, CANDIDATE STATEMENTS, & AUTHORIZATION
TO VOTE/APPOINTMENT OF PROXY FORMS**

Note: This pamphlet does not contain a complete list of candidates. A complete list of candidates appears on the ballot. The candidate statements in this pamphlet were volunteered by the candidates.

AVISO IMPORTANTE

Estas materiales solamente están en inglés. Se puede obtener una traducción en español sin costo si llamas Lorena Chagoya al Distrito de Aguas de Panoche a (209) 364-6136 o lchagoya@panochewd.org.

VOTER INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

A general election is scheduled to be held in Panoche Water District on November 8, 2022, for the office of Director. You are receiving this Voter's Pamphlet and the enclosed materials because records indicate that you are a landowner in the District and are entitled to vote in this General Election. There are two director positions to be filled that will serve through December 7, 2026. You may vote for two candidate(s).

This is an ALL-MAIL BALLOT election. There will be no polling places designated. You must VOTE USING THE ENCLOSED OFFICIAL BALLOT and return it by mail or deliver it to Panoche Water District, using the Identification/Return Envelope provided.

Either:

- (1) mail your voted ballot in the postage paid Identification/Return Envelope early enough for the Post Office (or, if you decide to use a bona fide private mail delivery company, for that company) to deliver it by TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022; or
- (2) hand deliver your voted ballot in the Identification/Return Envelope to the District's office located at 52027 West Althea Ave., Firebaugh, CA 93622 before 8:00 P.M. on

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022. Any vote by mail ballot shall be timely cast if (1) it is received by the District via United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company no later than 3 days after election day *if the ballot is postmarked on or before election day*, or (2) it is time stamped or date stamped by a bona fide private mail delivery company, on or before election day. Do not fax or email your ballot.

HOW TO VOTE AND RETURN YOUR BALLOT

IMPORTANT: Be sure you are the authorized voter. The authorized voter is the natural person or entity named on **the first line of the voter address on the ballot and the label on the Identification/Return Envelope.**

AUTHORIZATION TO VOTE: If the landowner is not a natural person (for example, if the landowner is a corporation, partnership, or trust), title to the land is held as community property, as a joint tenancy or tenants in common, or title is held by an estate, guardianship, or conservatorship, please either: (a) ensure that each line on the “Authorization To Vote” form is completed before the form is placed with the Official Ballot inside the Identification/Return Envelope, or (b) ensure that alternative documentation (for example, a corporate resolution or trust document) authorizing a natural person to vote for the landowner is placed with the Official Ballot inside the Identification/Return Envelope.

APPOINTMENT OF PROXY: If the landowner seeks to appoint a proxy, please ensure that each line on the “Appointment of Proxy” form is completed before the form is placed with the Official Ballot inside the Identification/Return Envelope.

Failure to properly establish authorization to vote or to complete an Appointment of Proxy form may result in the ballot being rejected and the votes not counted for the subject election.

1. Follow the INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS in the Official Ballot to mark/vote your ballot.
2. Detach the top portion from the ballot as indicated on the ballot. This is your receipt for voting.
3. Place the marked ballot inside the matching Identification/Return Envelope: **ONE VOTED BALLOT PER ENVELOPE.** If you are voting and returning multiple ballots, the number printed on the ballot must match the number printed on the return address label of the Identification/Return Envelope.
4. If required, enclose the Authorization to Vote form/alternative documentation and/or Appointment of Proxy form (forms have been provided as an insert in the Voter's Pamphlet) in the Identification/Return Envelope. Instructions for establishing authorization to vote and the appointment of proxy are included in this Voter's Pamphlet.
5. Fold the flap of the envelope over to seal the Identification/Return Envelope.

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6. **Fill in the complete mailing address, the date and place of signing and sign the declaration on the Identification/Return Envelope.**
7. Return postage has been prepaid. Your Official Ballot may be returned by other means, including by a bona fide private mail delivery company or hand delivered to the District office, if you wish.

AUTHORIZATION TO VOTE FORM/ALTERNATIVE DOCUMENTATION

Many landowners are required to file the *AUTHORIZATION TO VOTE FORM* or **OTHER DOCUMENTATION DESIGNATING THE AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL TO VOTE**.

If the landowner is not a natural person (such as partnership, corporation, association, trust), title to the land is held as community property, as a joint tenancy or tenants in common, or is held by an estate, guardianship, or conservatorship, then the landowner must return either (1) a completed *AUTHORIZATION TO VOTE FORM* (a copy of which has been provided as an insert in the Voter's Pamphlet) or (2) other documentation authorizing a natural person to vote for the landowner.

Please follow the instructions provided on the **AUTHORIZATION TO VOTE/APPOINTMENT OF PROXY** insert.

If you are already identified as an individual trustee, you do not need to fill out any additional paperwork.

APPOINTMENT OF PROXY FORM

If you intend to vote by proxy, you must complete the *APPOINTMENT OF PROXY FORM* (a copy of which has been provided as an insert in the Voter's Pamphlet).

Please follow the instructions provided on the **AUTHORIZATION TO VOTE/APPOINTMENT OF PROXY** insert.

FOR AUTHORIZATION TO VOTE OR APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

Please remember:

If an authorization to vote is required or if you intend to appoint a proxy, you must return an AUTHORIZATION TO VOTE FORM/ALTERNATIVE DOCUMENTATION or APPOINTMENT OF PROXY FORM to the District prior to the election or with the Official Ballot in the Identification/Return Envelope.

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Use care when returning ballots. **A fully legible signature is required** to match the ballot and only the person who is listed on the first line of the ballot, or the duly authorized representative or proxy thereof, may sign and execute the Identification/Return Envelope. If an authorization to vote or a proxy has been granted by the Landowner, then the person authorized to vote for the landowner or the appointed proxy must sign the Identification/Return Envelope.

IMPORTANT: FAILURE TO RETURN AN AUTHORIZATION TO VOTE FORM/ ALTERNATIVE DOCUMENTATION OR AN APPOINTMENT OF PROXY FORM MAY RESULT IN THE BALLOT BEING REJECTED AND THE VOTE(S) NOT COUNTED FOR THE SUBJECT ELECTION.

PLEASE CALL THE DISTRICT AT (209) 364-6136 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTING, HOW TO PROPERLY OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION TO VOTE, OR HOW TO PROPERLY APPOINT A PROXY. FOR THOSE THAT WOULD PREFER EMAIL COMMUNICATION, PLEASE CONTACT LORENA CHAGOYA AT (209) 364-6136 OR lchagoya@panochewd.org.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

The Following Candidate Statements were provided to the District:

Edward Neill Callis – Farmer:

Professional Background: I have worked since 2013 as a member of the family management team of Turlock Fruit Company farming in this District; additionally, I work as General Manager of R&N Asparagus Packing in Firebaugh. Prior to this I worked as a project manager, systems engineer, and consultant on NASA programs for 20+ years in a variety of management capacities.

Education: M.S., Management; and Graduate Certificate in Complex Space Systems from the Stevens Institute of Technology; B.A., Political Science from Elon University

Currently serve as a Director on the California Cantaloupe Advisory Board (since 2015)

Currently serve as an Alternate on the Melon Research Board (since 2017)

Currently serve on the Board of Directors, and Executive Committee, of Western Growers Association (since 2018)

Active as an industry mentor to AgTech startups (since 2014)

AUTHORIZATION TO VOTE and APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please provide all required information.
2. Where the landowner name is required, type or print the name **EXACTLY** as it appears on the Official Ballot and the Identification/Return Envelope. **NOTE: *The name of the landowner on the Official Ballot and Identification/Return Envelope is printed as it appears on the List of Voters.***
3. **AUTHORIZATION TO VOTE:** If the landowner is not a natural person (for example, if the landowner is a corporation, partnership, or trust), please either: (a) ensure that each line on the “Authorization To Vote” form is completed before the form is placed with the Official Ballot inside the Identification/Return Envelope, or (b) ensure that alternative documentation (for example, a corporate resolution or trust document) authorizing a natural person to vote for the landowner is placed with the Official Ballot inside the Identification/Return Envelope.
4. **APPOINTMENT OF PROXY:** If the landowner seeks to appoint a proxy, please ensure that each line on the “Appointment of Proxy” form is completed before the form is placed with the Official Ballot inside the Identification/Return Envelope. **NOTE: *Unless previously provided to the Election Official for this election, an “Authorization to Vote” form/alternative document and/or “Appointment of Proxy” form must be completed and placed with the Official Ballot inside the Identification/Return Envelope.***
5. Please call the District if you have any questions about voting, how to properly obtain authorization to vote, or how to properly appoint a proxy. The District’s Point of Contact for this General Election, Lorena Chagoya, can be reached by calling her at (209) 364-6136 or by emailing her at lchagoya@panochewd.org.

IMPORTANT: FAILURE TO PROPERLY COMPLETE AND RETURN AN AUTHORIZATION TO VOTE FORM/ ALTERNATIVE DOCUMENTATION OR APPOINTMENT OF PROXY FORM MAY RESULT IN THE OFFICIAL BALLOT BEING REJECTED AND THE VOTES NOT BEING COUNTED FOR THE SUBJECT ELECTION.

AUTHORIZATION TO VOTE

IF LAND IS OWNED BY A PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION, CORPORATION, TRUST, IS HELD AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY AS A JOINT TENANCY OR TENANTS IN COMMON, OR IS HELD BY AN ESTATE, GUARDIANSHIP OR CONSERVATORSHIP (the “LANDOWNER”), AND THE LANDOWNER IS INTENDING TO VOTE, THEN THE LANDOWNER MUST EITHER (a) PROVIDE THE ELECTION OFFICIAL WITH ALTERNATIVE DOCUMENTATION ESTABLISHING AUTHORIZATION FOR A NATURAL PERSON TO VOTE FOR THE LANDOWNER, OR (b) COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING.

Name of partnership, association, corporation, trust, persons who hold the community property, or legal representative of an estate, guardianship, or conservatorship, designated on the Official Ballot and the Identification/Return Envelope as the voter (the “Landowner”):

(type or clearly print name)

Name of Person Authorized to Vote for Landowner (the “Representative”):

(type or clearly print name)

I, the undersigned, am a partner, association member, corporate officer, trustee, or one of the persons who hold the community property, and the Representative identified immediately above is duly authorized to cast all votes for the Landowner in the General Election of Panoche Water District to be held on November 8, 2022.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct:

Name of person authorizing the Representative
to vote on behalf of the Landowner
(type or clearly print)

Title (type or clearly print)

Signature of person authorizing the Representative
to vote on behalf of the Landowner

Date

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APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

IF THE LANDOWNER SEEKS TO APPOINT A PROXY, THEN COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING.

Name of voter designated on the Official Ballot and the Identification/Return Envelope as the voter (the “Landowner”):

(type or clearly print name)

I, the undersigned, am the Landowner, or the duly authorized legal representative of the Landowner, who is entitled to vote in the General Election of Panoche Water District to be held on November 8, 2022; and

I am authorized to appoint a proxy and hereby appoint the following person as proxy to use their discretion to cast all votes that the Landowner, or the duly authorized legal representative of the Landowner, is entitled to vote in the General Election of Panoche Water District to be held on November 8, 2022:

Name of Proxy (type or clearly print name)

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct:

Name of Landowner / Legal Representative
(type or clearly print name)

Signature of Landowner / Legal Representative

Date