

NEWSLETTER**Aug 1, 2022**

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Hello Squaw Valley Mutual Water Company members, hope you are having a great summer.

Last Friday we mailed out the ballots for the Board seats to be selected at our Annual Meeting on Sept 4th at 10AM at the Public Service District meeting room (it will also be available on-line at meet.google.com/ekr-oafn-yot). There are three candidates for two seats. Two of the persons running are incumbents, and one is a past board member. Their short bios are below.

In order to hold this meeting, we must have a quorum of our members (25% of membership, or 70+) attending, either by voting in person, or voting by mail. Thus, we are asking you to PLEASE return your ballots as soon as you can. When you return your ballots, write your Olympic Valley address on the outside envelope (return address area), and do not sign your ballots. Mailed ballots must be received by September 3, 2022, and, considering the recent issues at the Olympic Valley post office, we highly recommend not waiting until the last minute to mail them. They will be counted at the Annual Meeting by outside participants, not members of the board.

You will also soon be getting the semi-annual bill from the Mutual Water Company. There is a very important newsletter inside that packet explaining changes that have occurred to our expense structure, recent updates on policies, and a construction update. If you have any questions on those, the Annual Meeting is a good place to ask them. A key fact is that penalties for delayed payments (fees and service shut-off) are increasing, so please attend to these invoices promptly.

Thanks

David Stepner, President

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SVMWC Candidate Statements**Melanie Arens**

Melanie Arens is an Olympic Valley home owner and full-time resident, and a member of the Mutual Water Company board of directors since earlier this year.

Why is Melanie interested in continuing to serve on the Mutual Water Board? Melanie wants to have a positive impact on the community she is part of. She has many skills to share with the community: business, design, creative problem solving, management and financial planning. She cares about the quality and availability of water in our community now and for the future.

She is a business and design leader with a track record of success in making financial experiences better for people (both customers and employees). Melanie is Senior Vice President and Head of Cross Channel Service Design for Consumer Banking at Wells Fargo. She has been at Wells Fargo for 18-years and during this time, she built human-centered design functions across all channels (Digital, Contact Center, Branch and ATM). In her current role, she is driving organizational change to create consistent and connected services & experiences across channels and products.

She graduated cum laude from San Francisco State University with a Bachelor of Science in Social Science. Melanie has board experience. She served as Vice President and Secretary for Creativity Explored in San Francisco for 7-years.



Margot Weaver Garcia, PHD., FAICP

I am a retired professor of environmental planning and a community activist. I served on the Mutual Water Board and was president during the early 2000s, so I am familiar with the company and community. Our family lives at 1700 Paiute Place, a second home, which our family has owned since 1967.

I care passionately about water – quantity and quality- and have devoted much of my professional life to the topic. I take a watershed approach to the issue of water quality and our water rights. I take a common sense approach to management in these times of uncertainty, in climate, in finances, and ecosystem health – especially fire. I have done computer modeling for forest service land management, so I am familiar with forest lands and their role in the water cycle , fire, and the interface between forest and homes. I believe strongly in communication, and if elected would pledge to put out a quarterly report to our members on the state of our water system and finances.

While I live in Arizona, I have no problem flying in to meetings, though I would probably attend most of them remotely. I commit to being a responsible board member, and remembering that a mutual water company means that we all own the company together and work to make sure it serves the needs of all of our members.



Alex Lintner

I have been a member of the Mutual Water Company board of directors since 2020. During this time, I have served as Vice-President, I have been an active participant in planning the phase II of the infrastructure repair now underway, and I have strived to bring my broad expertise on corporate boards to the functioning of the Mutual Water Co, which has faced a number of critical challenges over these two years.

My management philosophy has been routed in two beliefs: (i) diverse perspectives help bring out the best ideas, and (ii) intellectual debate is to be encouraged. I believe my use of these has proven useful in my involvement in Board decision making

I currently am the Group President of Experian Consumer Information Services, the nation’s most highly regarded Credit Services business (more than \$1B in revenue). In this role I am responsible for overseeing Experian’s US consumer credit bureau and the Group’s Consumer Assistance Centre (MCE).

Prior to that, I was President & CEO of Vertafore, an insure-tech company owned by Private Equity giant TPG, and President of Intuit’s Global Business division, having joined Intuit 2005 as Senior Vice President Strategy, Corporate Development and Government Affairs. Before this, I was Vice President at The Boston Consulting Group. I have bachelor’s degree from University of Tulsa and an MBA from Boston College.