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Otay Water District to Fill Division One Vacancy Through Appointment Process

Deadline to Apply is Aug. 26 by 5 p.m.

Spring Valley, CA – The Otay Water District announced at its Aug. 7 board meeting that it will fill its division one board vacancy through an appointment process. The application deadline for candidates interested in filling the seat is Monday, August 26, 2024 by 5 p.m.

The vacancy occurred following the resignation, effective Aug. 2, of former board director Tim Smith, who represented division one. The board's four remaining members, at its August meeting, unanimously voted to fill the vacancy through an appointment process, as outlined in Government Code § 1780.

In compliance with the same code, the District notified the Clerk of the County Board of Supervisors and the Registrar of Voters on August 8 of the vacancy and the decision to fill it by appointment. The appointed individual will serve until the next election, scheduled for November 3, 2026, at which time a successor will be elected. The appointee will complete the remainder of Smith's term.

To qualify for the appointment, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Be registered to vote.
- Be a U.S. citizen and resident of the California.
- Be legally able to hold public office.
- Be a resident of division one within the Otay Water District's service area (maps are available on the District's website).

Interested individuals can submit applications online, via email, by mail, or in person. For more information, including application instructions and forms, please visit the District's website at otaywater.gov/board-appointment-application or contact the District at (619) 670-2253.

The five-member board of directors is the governing body of the District and is responsible for setting rates for service, taxes, policies, ordinances, adopting the annual budget and other matters related to the management and operation of the water agency. Each director is elected by voters within one of five divisions to represent the public's interest on the Board. Directors serve four-year terms in office.

The Otay Water District is a public agency providing water, recycled water, and sewer service to more than 240,000 customers within approximately 125 square miles of southeastern San Diego County, including the communities of eastern Chula Vista, Bonita, Jamul, Spring Valley, Rancho San Diego, unincorporated areas of El Cajon and La Mesa, and eastern Otay Mesa along the international border with Mexico. For more information on the Otay Water District, visit otaywater.gov.

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