



CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT

Special Board Meeting

3945 Rio Road, Carmel, CA 93923

February 26, 2025
Thursday
9:00AM

STAFF REPORT



To: Board of Directors

From: Barbara Buikema, General Manager

Date: February 26, 2025

Subject: Board Vacancy and Process to fill the Position

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Directors interview candidates for the Board vacancy and make an appointment on February 26, 2025.

DISCUSSION

- ***Process***
Per Government Code Section 1770-1780 the District has 60 days from notice to fill a vacancy. Initial notice to the County Elections Department was completed within the 15 day window as required. The District posted notice in three locations (District kiosk, Carmel Post Office, and the Carmel Pine Cone) in excess of the 15 day period required and posted in the local newspaper, Carmel Pine Cone, for one week period published on January 10th and January 31st, 2025.
- ***Board Interview of Applicants***
The interview process must be held in open session. Candidates invited to participate may excuse themselves from open session while another candidate is interviewed so that the later candidates are not given undue advantages. However, the board cannot require the candidates to leave the room.
- ***Selection/Appointment***
Again, the process must be done in open session. Any discussion about candidates must be held openly. When a vote is held, each director must identify themselves and their vote via a signed paper ballot. The ballots become public record and must be available for public review. The successful candidate will be sworn into office on February 26th after the Board has made their decision.
- In the case of a tie vote, the General Manager will flip a coin. The Board President must call the toss (heads-candidate #1 or tails-candidate #2) prior to the coin coming to rest. When the coin comes to rest, the toss is complete and the applicant that was assigned the upper side is declared the winner. If the coin comes to rest on its edge and stays there it must be re-flipped.

FUNDING – No Impact



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Carmel Area Wastewater District

CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NAME: Last		First		Middle	
Lonergan		Scott		Gerald	
HOME ADDRESS: City Zip		Birth Place:			
NEC 12 th Ave + Dolores St., Carmel, 93921		Lansing, Michigan			
MAILING ADDRESS: City Zip		Home Phone:			
PO Box 3755, Carmel, CA 93921		(831) (650) 804-5611			
EMPLOYER:		Business Phone: Email			
Retired		() Scott.Lonergan@gmail.com			
ADDRESS: City Zip		Fax#:			
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LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT: 9.5 YEARS		REGISTERED VOTER IN CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT			
LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN MONTEREY COUNTY: 9.5 YEARS		<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO			
HOW MANY HOURS CAN YOU DEVOTE TO THE BOARD PER MONTH? 25 HOURS PER MONTH					
<i>(Please include years of period of membership or service below. If additional space is needed, please feel free to attach additional pages to application.)</i>					
EDUCATION: M.B.A. ; Biochemistry B.S.					
OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE: Laboratory analytical tool business (Agilent Technologies) opportunity assessment in support of strategy; market research; molecular biology					
PROFESSIONAL OR TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS:					
CIVIC OR COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE, MEMBERSHIPS, OR PREVIOUS SERVICE APPOINTMENTS: Board Member, Friends of Mission Trail Nature Preserve Member, Carmel City Climate Committee					
EXPERIENCE OR SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE APPLICABLE TO THE DISTRICT'S AND/OR THE BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITIES: Big picture associative thinking; distillation of complex multi-variable topics; Carmel area ecology and environmental planning; financial assessment					

I certify the information included in the foregoing and any attachments is true and correct

Scott Lonergan
Signature

1/14/2025
Date

Attachment(s): Resume or biographical summary (optional)
 Statement of Candidate (required)

CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CANDIDATE NAME: Scott Lonergan

What do you think are the challenges facing the Carmel Area Wastewater District. The statement may be any length. Please attach additional pages as needed.

Planning and implementing cost-effective projects that protect the environment and public health, comply with regulations, and are sensitive to constituent concerns. Examples include:

The planning / approval process for service upgrades that require new sewer line placement and easements, property owner impacts such as ejector pumps, or construction near or in environmentally sensitive habitat areas

Service expansion and annexation challenges, including navigating the Assessment District process / approval, obtaining easements, and transitioning existing sewage systems to District standards


Signature

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STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CANDIDATE NAME: Scott Loneragan

What do you think are the challenges facing the Carmel Area Wastewater District. The statement may be any length. Please attach additional pages as needed.

Predicting, mitigating, and funding for outlier
events such as infrastructure destruction
caused by episodic climate-change driven floods
and coastal bluff erosion.

Scott Loneragan
Signature

1/14/2025
Date

Hunter Leighton, CCISO
3603 Eastfield Rd, Carmel CA 93923
HunterLeighton@gmail.com / 561-654-9185

Professional Experience

Welton Investment Partners, Carmel, California • 1/2008 – Present

Welton Investment Partners stands as one of the larger, premier, private wealth investment management firms, operating seamlessly across locations in Carmel, California, New York, New York, and Paris, France, maintaining operations around the clock from Sunday afternoons through Friday afternoons.

Chief Information Security Officer and Head of Infrastructure 2/2023 – Present

As the CISO, I am responsible for orchestrating our firm's security strategy and its implementation.

Head of Infrastructure, Systems and Cybersecurity • 2016 – 2/2023

As the Head of Infrastructure, Systems and Cybersecurity, I led all facets of network infrastructure, including firewalls, LAN, WAN, and broker connections.

Information Technology and Trading Operations Manager • 2011-2016

Managed team of IT professionals while executing trade signals across global markets.

Senior Trader • 2008 – 2011

Developed enduring reporting tools in visual basic .NET and enhanced Business Continuity/Disaster Recovery solutions.

Education

Carnegie Mellon University, Heinz College of Information Systems and Public Policy
Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) certificate

University of Florida – Gainesville, Florida
Bachelor of Science in Finance

Certified CISO – EC Council

Additional Activities and Interests

- 2024: Board Member, Community Choice Energy Services
- 2018-9/2019: Carmel Community Emergency Response Team Captain
- 2015-2018: Carmel Community Emergency Response Team Co-Captain



Carmel Area Wastewater District

CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NAME: Last Leighton			First Hunter			Middle L		
HOME ADDRESS: City Zip			Birth Place:					
3603 Eastfield Rd, Carmel CA 93923			Ohio					
MAILING ADDRESS: City Zip			Home Phone:					
3603 Eastfield Rd, Carmel CA 93923			Cell 561-654-9185					
EMPLOYER:			Business Phone:					
Welton Investment Partners LLC			(831) 620-6630					
ADDRESS: City Zip			Fax#:					
San Carlos Between 5th and 6th, Carmel CA 93921			(n/a)					
LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT: <u>17</u> YEARS			REGISTERED VOTER IN CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT					
LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN MONTEREY COUNTY: <u>17</u> YEARS			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES			<input type="checkbox"/> NO		
HOW MANY HOURS CAN YOU DEVOTE TO THE BOARD PER MONTH? 4-8 <u> </u> HOURS PER MONTH								
<i>(Please include years of period of membership or service below. If additional space is needed, please feel free to attach additional pages to application.)</i>								
EDUCATION:								
Please see attached summary								
OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE:								
Please see attached summary								
PROFESSIONAL OR TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS:								
Please see attached summary								
CIVIC OR COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE, MEMBERSHIPS, OR PREVIOUS SERVICE APPOINTMENTS:								
Please see attached summary								
EXPERIENCE OR SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE APPLICABLE TO THE DISTRICT'S AND/OR THE BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITIES:								
I have been communicating with the district regarding user fees for sometime and am very familiar with how districts operate.								

I certify the information included in the foregoing and any attachments is true and correct

Hunter Leighton
Signature

Jan, 28, 2025
Date

Attachment(s): Resume or biographical summary (optional)
 Statement of Candidate (required)

CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CANDIDATE NAME: Hunter Leighton

What do you think are the challenges facing the Carmel Area Wastewater District. The statement may be any length. Please attach additional pages as needed.

I see numerous opportunities for the Carmel Area Wastewater District to make significant progress, and

I'm confident that my background positions me to contribute meaningfully to this effort. I believe the district has the potential to become a leader among similar districts across the state.

Hunter Leighton

Signature

Jan. 28th, 2025

Date



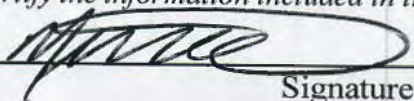
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Carmel Area Wastewater District

CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NAME:	Last Doyle	First Michael	Middle P.
HOME ADDRESS:	City 25835 Rio Vista Drive Carmel, CA 93923	Zip	Birth Place: Denver, CO
MAILING ADDRESS:	City Same as above	Zip	Home Phone: (831) 624-7123
EMPLOYER:	Self – Consulting Civil Engineer		Business Phone: (831) 601-3566
ADDRESS:	City Same as above	Zip	Fax#: N/A ()
LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT:	<u>20</u> YEARS		REGISTERED VOTER IN CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT (YES) NO
LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN MONTEREY COUNTY:	<u>20</u> YEARS		
HOW MANY HOURS CAN YOU DEVOTE TO THE BOARD PER MONTH? 8 to 24 HOURS PER MONTH – I am self employed, can dedicate varying amounts or as needed.			
<i>(Please include years of period of membership or service below. If additional space is needed, please feel free to attach additional pages to application.)</i>			
EDUCATION: BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Nevada at Reno. I am a California Registered Civil Engineer (#C45644) and have been practicing for 34 years.			
OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE: Started in a general civil engineering firm. Moved to the petroleum field specializing in R&D and designing processes and construction. I have owned companies processing petroleum products which included waste water treatment and discharge. I am familiar with the processes at the wastewater facility.			
PROFESSIONAL OR TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS: American Society for Civil Engineers (ASCE). California Licensed Civil Engineer license # C45644			
CIVIC OR COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE, MEMBERSHIPS, OR PREVIOUS SERVICE APPOINTMENTS: Boy Scouts. With son, Michael, assisted in many community projects including improvements to the Scout House in Carmel.			
EXPERIENCE OR SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE APPLICABLE TO THE DISTRICT'S AND/OR THE BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITIES: As a Civil Engineer, I have designed systems to treat contaminated water. I am familiar with wastewater processes and facilities, including those to produce compliant drinking water.			

I certify the information included in the foregoing and any attachments is true and correct


Signature

02/14/2025
Date

CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CANDIDATE Name: Michael P. Doyle, P.E.

What do you think are the challenges facing the Carmel Area Wastewater District? The statement may be any length. Please attach additional pages as needed.

I have of course not had access to employees to interview (facility or Lab) but in reviewing your project list, your website, and your facility permit, I can make a few observations. It appears that your permitted capacity is 3 million gallons and the current in flow is about 1.1 million gallons (about 30% used). Given this available capacity, new projects will fit within your permit capacity. Regarding your lab accreditation, During my career, I have been in direct supervision of and owned numerous laboratories. As a registered engineer with lab experience, I was the person providing the accreditation experience. I trained personnel and created the required manuals and applications for accreditation (federal and state levels). I can help with your lab accreditation.

Regarding the challenges of the wastewater facility, I think you are facing environmental challenges due to the location of the facility, both from rising sea levels and also the adjacent wetlands and Carmel River. These are solvable but are never less something to deal with. I think in general, in looking at the entire project list, a general challenge is navigating the various agencies and special interest groups required to obtain permits. It appears you are well funded, but permitting does take time. I suspect you have some very talented personnel in charge of projects and the wastewater facility. I would look forward to working with these folks to find solutions, complete projects or navigate obstacles.


Signature

02/14/2025
Date





September 26, 2025 Special Meeting

Paper Ballot Vote

Board Vacancy

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Information</u>	<u>Board Vote</u>
Scott Gerald	Lonergan	Chemist (Retired)	
Hunter	Leighton	Welton Investment Partners	
Michael	Doyle	Consultant Civil Engineering	

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFIRMING THE REPLACEMENT OF DIRECTOR MICHAEL RACHELAND THE APPOINTMENT OF _____ TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR UNTIL THE NEXT GENERAL DISTRICT ELECTION.

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WHEREAS, Michael Rachel served with distinction as a Director of the District's Board commencing _____ 2014; and

WHEREAS, The District was informed of Director Michael Rachel passing ; and

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code 6483 provides that a vacancy on the Board shall be filled pursuant to California Government Code Section 1780; and

WHEREAS, Section 1780 of the California Government Code authorizes the District Board to appoint a new Director to fill the vacancy until the next general District election; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the aforementioned authority, the District Board, on February 26, 2025 appointed _____ to serve as Director until the next general District election.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Carmel Area Wastewater District as follows:

RESOLVED, That the Board acknowledges the exemplary services of Michael Rachel during his term as Director; and

RESOLVED, After the completion of interviews and careful deliberation, the District Board, pursuant to California Government Code Section 1780 and Health and Safety Code 6483, on February 26, 2025 appointed _____ to serve as Director until the next general District election in November 3, 2026 and thereafter until the person elected has been qualified; and

RESOLVED, That the appointment of _____ is hereby confirmed.

RESOLVED, The Board Clerk shall send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Monterey County Election's office within 15 days of the February 26, 2025 appointment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Carmel Area Wastewater District duly held on February 26, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: BOARD MEMBERS:
NOES: BOARD MEMBERS:
ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS:
ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS:

Ken White, President of the Board

ATTEST:

Domine Barringer, Board Clerk



Oath of Office

I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California, that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 26 day of February, 2025.

Domine Barringer -Board Clerk
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)-Title