

August 30, 2021

To the Board of Directors
North Yuba Water District
861 La Porte Road
Brownsville, California

Dear Directors of NYWD,

My name is Marieke Furnee and I live in division 4, where I am also a registered voter. It came to my attention that a vacancy arose for Board Director in division 4, which consists of the irrigation customers.

I have lived in this area for 21 years now and have made Oregon House my home. I care deeply about irrigation water access for our communities and, as a vegetable farmer and co-owner of a small vineyard, consider myself an excellent advocate for the customers.

Over the last 10 years I have studied the issues that the water district faces, and having earned a master's degree in music, feel comfortable that I can grasp the complexities of the current situation.

For two years now I have served as Board President of a local charter school and therefore bring to the table a lot of experience and understanding of public meetings and the Brown Act.

This summer I started volunteering weekly at the Oregon Peak Lookout Tower. This activity enhanced my understanding of the local fire issues. I am in regular contact with the Yuba Fire Safe Council.

As a Director, I would stand for transparency, accountability, creative problem solving, honesty and a capacity of taking the responsibilities of the Water District very seriously. I have seen and experienced what water, or lack thereof, means for a community.

I enjoy broad support from the customers and local farmers and have good skills in public outreach and consensus building. I therefore consider myself a great addition to the decision-making process.

I am looking forward to your consideration of my letter of interest,

Respectfully,

Marieke Furnee

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