

CV-SALTS Volunteer Nominations Committee

Committee Recommendations

The Nominations Committee held a meeting by conference call on Wednesday January 5, 2011. The Committee discussed the roles and requirements of the positions of Chair and Vice Chair. Neither Chair nor Vice Chair wished to seek another term.

Tim Johnson nominated Parry Klassen, representing the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition to be the Chair of the Executive Committee for the 2011-2012 term. The Committee discussed the nomination and other possible candidates and unanimously recommends Parry for the position of Chair. Parry will seek the approval of his Board to serve. A brief bio for Parry is provided on page two.

The Committee discussed the position of Vice Chair, current Vice Chair Linda Dorn nominated Jeff Willett, representing the City of Stockton to be the Vice Chair of the Executive Committee for the 2011-2012 term. The Committee discussed this nomination and other potential candidates and unanimously recommends Jeff for the position of Vice Chair. Jeff has approval from the City to serve, if elected. A brief bio for Jeff is provided on page three.

The Committee discussed the status of other standing committees and determined that the committees chair selection should be determined after the committees have begun meeting again. There being no further business of the Committee the meeting was adjourned and no future meeting was scheduled.

Parry Klassen

Executive Director, East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition

Education

Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Communications; emphasis in journalism. California State University, Fresno, 1981.

Employment History

September 2004 to Present – Executive Director, East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition.

Manage the activities of this non-profit entity to maintain compliance with the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program including managing relations with the Regional Water Board and subcontractors, implementing outreach programs on improving water quality in the coalition region.

August 1999 to Present – Executive Director, Coalition for Urban/Rural Environmental Stewardship. Responsibilities include managing the non-profit organization, working with clients on a variety of communications projects including outreach programs, media relations and issues management. Projects include forming alliances with various organizations, extensive copy writing and editing, organizing meetings, presentation development and performance, media outreach and other communications functions.

1997 to 2004 -- Communications Consultant, Freelance Writer.

Worked on a variety of communications projects including media relations, issues management, and writing. Projects included copy writing and editing, organizing meetings, presentation development and performance, media outreach and other communications functions. Clients included Crop Life America, Almond Board of California, California Tree Fruit Agreement and other agricultural entities.

1995 – 1997 – Communications Manager, Western Plant Health Association – Manage communications activities for this trade association based in Sacramento.

1981 to 1995 -- Reporter and Editor

Reporter and editor for a number of agricultural publications, including *Farm Chemicals*, *California Farmer*, *Western Fruit Grower*, and *American Vegetable Grower* magazines. Also written extensively about greenhouse and ornamental crops, cotton, and related agricultural subjects.

Farming Background

1991 to present -- Own and operate fruit farm near Parlier.

1988 to 1990 -- Rented peach orchard in Ohio for direct market sales.

1979 to 1980 -- Worked during college on cotton and vegetable farm.

1970 to 1975 – Actively involved in family tree fruit farm in Reedley, CA. Growing, packing, and shipping operation included 150 acres of peaches, plums, nectarines, and vegetables. (Farm sold in 1975).

Jeff Willett, PE, BCEE

Assistant Director/Engineering Services Manager, City of Stockton



Mr. Willett joined the Department of Municipal Utilities as the Assistant Director in October 2006 for the City of Stockton.

Mr. Willett is responsible for undertaking special projects at the direction of the MUD Director, managing the Technical Services Section which oversees the Capital Improvement Program and Development Services for the Department, representing Stockton in a professional wastewater association, and managing the department in the absence of the Director. Mr. Willett has 25 years of experience as an Environmental Engineer.

Prior to joining the City, Mr. Willett spent five years with Condor Earth Technologies, a local engineering consulting firm, at which he worked as a consultant to the Department for four years. Before joining Condor, Mr. Willett worked as an environmental engineering consultant in the Bay Area for 12 years. Mr. Willett began his environmental engineering career with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for six years, including a 16-month assignment to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board.

His work has included extensive experience in dealing with environmental regulations, primarily at the State and local levels. His technical experience has been primarily in the investigation and remediation of contaminants in the environment and in regulatory permitting.

Mr. Willett holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and a Master of Science Degree in Environmental Management from the University of San Francisco. Mr. Willett is a registered Civil Engineer in California. Mr. Willett is a Board Certified Environmental Engineer by the American Academy of Environmental Engineers, he is a Certified Professional in Storm Water Quality, and he is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Public Works Association, and the American Water Works Association.