

MARION COUNTY, OREGON

OFFICIAL BALLOT - APRIL 12, 2011

RECALL ELECTION

TO VOTE: Use a pencil or black ink pen to complete the appropriate arrow like this: 

Vote "Yes" or "No" on the questions.

LYONS-MEHAMA WATER DISTRICT

Referred To The Voters By Petition

22-100 PETITIONER'S STATEMENT: (Exactly as stated on Recall Petition)

This petition is for the purpose of recalling Mr. Bruce J. Matthis from the Lyons-Mehama Water Board.

The Board members have failed to take actions to guarantee safe water.

They continuously ignored State recommendations for testing and maintaining safe drinking water standards dating back to before 2002. They have repeatedly refused to enforce correction of noted water district deficiencies even after the Water Inspector stated in August 2010: "There is no guarantee that no health hazards are present".

The Board members have historically failed to keep informed of significant testing and operational issues.

The Board members have failed to take actions to correct deficiencies in water district finances.

They have ignored the duties of their elected positions and are therefore placing us, the Water District customers, in a potentially harmful position.

We need new Board members who will take the responsibility of running the Water District seriously, and provide the needed oversight and management to make sure all state regulations and recommendations are followed and documented and water safety testing is done.

STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION: (Exactly as submitted by Bruce J. Matthis)

My only statement is my record of service to the community for over 12 years as an elected unpaid member of the Lyons-Mehama Water Board. My goal has been to provide pure water at the lowest cost possible. Now, I am being wrongly accused of negligence and dereliction of duty. The financial records are audited annually and all recommendations were followed. Our water is tested monthly, quarterly and on other intervals as the State of Oregon deems necessary. The demand that we "guarantee" safe water is asking an impossible task. I know there is no guarantee against terrorism, earthquakes and many "unknowns" that could cause contaminants to suddenly enter the system. My pledge has always been to act responsibly and quickly to address any emergency that would endanger our patrons. Our water has never tested unsafe. As long as I am serving my neighbors and friends as a member of the Lyons-Mehama Water Board I will continue to serve with their safety in mind. Win lose or draw...let's not allow a small group of people destroy our community spirit.

QUESTION: Do you vote to recall Bruce J. Matthis from the office of Director, Position 1, Lyons-Mehama Water District Board?

YES  

NO  

22-101 PETITIONER'S STATEMENT: (Exactly as stated on Recall Petition)

This petition is for the purpose of recalling Mr. Terry Tegg from the Lyons-Mehama Water Board.

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STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION: (Exactly as submitted by Terry Tegg)

Please read my entire statement before you vote. I must take this opportunity to set the record straight. I have served on the Lyons-Mehama Water Board for 6 years so I was caught totally off guard when I received a letter from the Department of Human Services citing their concerns with our water program. During my tenure on the Board, I had never before received a copy of our Water System Survey from the State. When the Board became aware of the problems we immediately took action; drafted steps to address and alleviate the concerns. We established a priority list and we are checking off completed items/tasks. Please note: the Board cannot fix (or be responsible) for something until we become aware of shortcomings.

My family and I use and drink the same water you do. Contrary to what the petitioners have led you to believe I would never harm or neglect my family or my community.

The current Board members (who have a deep commitment to the safest water possible) come from varied backgrounds with a wide breath of experience just the kind of person(s) you need to follow through with the changes and improvements to our system.

QUESTION: Do you vote to recall Terry Tegg from the office of Director, Position 2, Lyons-Mehama Water District Board?

YES  

NO  

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22-102 PETITIONER'S STATEMENT: (Exactly as stated on Recall Petition)

This petition is for the purpose of recalling MR. GENE COLES from the Lyons-Mehama Water Board.

The Board members have failed to take actions to guarantee safe water. They continuously ignored State recommendations for testing and maintaining safe drinking water standards dating back to before 2002. They have repeatedly refused to enforce correction of noted water district deficiencies even after the Water Inspector stated in August 2010: "There is no guarantee that no health hazards are present".

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STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION: (Exactly as submitted by Gene Coles)

It's been my privilege to serve the district. I have volunteered to do this for a number of years because I care about my community. I drink the same water that you do and I want it to be safe just as much as you do.

We board members have a thankless job. We work hard for the good of the community, making decisions to the best of our ability, only to be second-guessed. There will always be someone who thinks they can do a better job.

The fact is the board is making great strides and a recall would be disruptive to operations. It would be especially disruptive to recall the entire board at once and install a brand new board without any experience whatsoever.

The allegations against us are baseless. Don't believe the misinformation in the community. Our water is safe. All testing confirms the water is fine.

This recall is costly and the district has to pay for it. It is wasting district money.

We have always put forth our best efforts to serve the district's best interests. Let us keep working for you and finish what we've started. Please vote no.

QUESTION: Do you vote to recall Gene Coles from the office of Director, Position 4, Lyons-Mehama Water District Board? **YES** **NO**

22-103 PETITIONER'S STATEMENT: (Exactly as stated on Recall Petition)

This petition is for the purpose of recalling Mr. George L. Geddes from the Lyons-Mehama Water Board.

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STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION: (Exactly as submitted by George L. Geddes)

It has been a privilege to serve the Lyons-Mehama Water District for the past two and one-half years. I was elected Chairman in January, 2011.

We were addressing problems on the State Water Board Survey before Mayor Lucas and the Lyons City Council started the uproar about unsafe water. State officials said that no guarantee can be placed on any water system.

The Water Board finances have been approved by our auditing company. New accounting practices were installed in August, 2010, to further insure safeguards.

On March 10, 2011, Jay McPherson of the State Water Board did a re-inspection of the Lyons-Mehama Water District. Mr. McPherson stated: "The Lyons-Mehama Water District is in compliance in all aspects of the survey."

The Concern Citizens for Safe Water have raised allegations which are not true. If you have questions, please call the State Water Board office in Springfield at 541.726.2587, Ext. 22 and talk to Mr. McPherson or Karen Kelley.

Thank you.

QUESTION: Do you vote to recall George L. Geddes from the office of Director, Position 5, Lyons-Mehama Water District Board? **YES** **NO**

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