

CCWD board adds Garamendi

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The Calaveras County Water District once again has a full Board of Directors.

The board at a special meeting on May 30 appointed former Calaveras County Supervisor John “Jack” Garamendi to its ranks representing Division 2. Garamendi fills the vacancy left by the resignation of Cindy Secada and represents the communities of Glencoe, Mountain Ranch, Rail Road Flat, Sheep Ranch, West Point and Wilseyville.

“We commend Director Secada for her service on the CCWD Board and for being such a strong advocate for Division 2 and all of the customers of CCWD,” said CCWD Board President Jeff Davidson.

The CCWD board interviewed four applicants and expressed appreciation for each of them. After deliberation, the board voted unanimously to appoint Garamendi to serve the remainder of the current term through December 2026.

“Four exceptional candidates applied, each with unique strengths and a clear passion for service,” said Davidson. He also expressed his deep appreciation for the experience and leadership he observed while serving with Garamendi on the Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority Board.

A fifth-generation Calaveras resident, Garamendi served on the County Board of Supervisors for eight years, including two years as chair. A rancher, entrepreneur, and former University of California, Merced vice chancellor, he has led key regional and statewide initiatives in agriculture, energy, and broadband.

A former Army Reserve officer and Peace Corps volunteer, Garamendi holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of California Berkeley and a Master’s of Business Administration from California State University, Hayward. He lives with his wife, Colleen, on their family ranch in Paloma.

“I am honored to be appointed to the Board of the Calaveras County Water District for Division 2,” Garamendi said. “I look forward to joining the CCWD team to provide services to our customers and the citizens of the county. I am excited to work with their amazing staff and dedicated Board of Directors to contribute to their continued success.”

As a county supervisor, Garamendi served as a member of the Rural Counties Representatives of California representing 40 California Counties, Chair-Golden State Connect Authority, National Home Buyers Fund, Upper Mokelumne River Authority, Vice Chair-Calaveras Amador Water Authority and numerous other county support programs.