

Residential Move Prompts Pellisier Resignation from MID Board

Merced, California. January 10, 2005. Division 2 Director Tim Pellisier has resigned his position as a member of the Merced Irrigation District Board of Directors effective January 4, 2005. Mr. Pellisier, owner of Pellisier Farms, and his wife, Linda, recently built a new house close to the center of his farming operation. The new location fell outside his current division boundaries, triggering the need for his resignation. State law requires that directors of public agencies reside within the district that they represent.

MID Board Vice President Jack Hooper said that, "Tim has been a great asset to the Board and his insights and experience as an area farmer have helped guide the District over the past 14 years." Mr. Hooper stated that Mr. Pellisier was very active in the District's recovery from the 1980's-90's drought and that his work on the District's Parks Committee resulted in new marina facilities, improvement of concessionaire operations, and improved relations with the houseboat association. "Tim was an early supporter of the electric service division," Mr. Hooper noted.

Mr. Pellisier was first elected to the Board in 1991 and was reelected in three consecutive elections by District 2 voters. In commenting about the change, Mr. Pellisier said, "We moved off the ranch 20 years ago and it was always our dream to move back. Unfortunately, it meant having to leave the Board." Mr. Pellisier stated that he was pleased with the many accomplishments of the Board over the past 14 years. "We automated and upgraded the system making it more efficient. I am especially pleased about the success of the electric services division," he said.

"He has been an excellent ambassador for his constituents to the District," said Garith Krause, General Manager of the District. "He will be missed." Mr. Krause said that the Board will appoint a successor to Mr. Pellisier. Letters of application are being accepted through February 4, 2005 from interested and qualified persons who would like to serve out the portion of the un-expired term, which expires following the general election in 2007. To be eligible, interested persons must be registered voters residing within the boundaries of Division 2. A map of Division 2 boundaries is available at the District office at 744 W. 20th Street in Merced.

"Applicants should apply by letter indicating why they are interested in serving as a Director of the District," said Krause. "They should describe their qualifications for the position." Applicants may be asked to meet with the Board of Directors to review their interest. Interested parties should submit letter applications to "Board Member Vacancy, Garith W. Krause, General Manager, Merced Irrigation District, PO Box 2288, Merced, CA 95344." Questions regarding the position or eligibility should be directed to Mr. Garith Krause at the District Office, 209 722-5761. The election for a full four-year term for Division 2 will be in November 2007.

The Board of Directors held its annually election on January 4, 2005 and elected Tom Reta as President, Jack Hooper, Vice President and Billy Pimentel as Secretary.