



# Paradise Irrigation District

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## AGENDA

### SPECIAL MEETING PARADISE IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS PID BOARD ROOM

6332 CLARK ROAD, PARADISE, CA 95969

**MONDAY, MAY 08, 2023 – 5:30 PM**

- ❖ *The Board of Directors is committed to making its meetings accessible to all citizens. Any person requiring a special accommodation to participate, is requested to contact the District Secretary at (530) 876-2039 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.*

- ❖ *The following options are available for members of the public interested in participating in the meeting remotely:*

*Via Zoom Meeting:* <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88192841237>

*Telephone:* +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

*Meeting ID:* 881 9284 1237

*To improve participation during the meeting, we will be accepting public comments from Zoom Meeting participants during the meeting. The Board cannot take action on any matter not on the agenda. Public comments specific to an agenda item will be read directly after the agenda item and before the Board votes on an item.*

*Via Email or Telephone: Public comment will be accepted by email with the subject line PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM NO. \_\_\_\_ to [gborrayo@paradiseirrigation.com](mailto:gborrayo@paradiseirrigation.com) or telephone (530) 876-2039 prior to 4:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting.*

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**1. OPENING:**

- a. Call to Order
- b. Public & Board Members; please silence your cell phones
- c. Reflection and Pledge of Allegiance
- d. Roll Call

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Individuals will be given an opportunity to address the Board regarding matters not scheduled on the agenda, although the Board cannot take action on any matter not on the agenda. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker. Opportunity for public comment on agenda items will be provided at the time they are discussed by the Board with comments limited to 3 minutes per agenda item.

**3. CLOSED SESSION:**

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6)  
Agency Designated Representative: Tom Lando, District Manager  
Employee Organization: Management Unit represented by Teamsters Local 137

**4. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**5. DIRECTOR VACANCY, DIVISION 2. Action may be taken.**

- a. Candidate Letters of Interest: Consider candidates for appointment to fill the Division 2 vacancy on the Board of Directors until the next general election in November 2024, and thereafter until the person elected to fill the vacancy assumes office in December 2024 to serve the remainder of the original term – until December 4, 2026.
- b. Oath of Office: Upon action by the Board of Directors to fill the Division 2 Director vacancy, the newly appointed member will take the Oath of Office administered by the Secretary.

**6. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS: Information Item Only.**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**



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DATE: May 5, 2023  
TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: Tom Lando, District Manager  
Georgeanna Borrayo, Secretary  
SUBJECT: Director Vacancy, Division 2 – Candidate Letters of Interest  
(Effective Date of Vacancy – 03/14/23 – Succeeding Alan Hinman)  
05/08/2023 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

## Background:

Following the resignation of former Board member Alan Hinman effective March 14, 2023, the District issued a Press Release announcing a vacancy exists in the Office of Director, Division 2, of the Paradise Irrigation District.

The District has received communications expressing interest from three eligible candidates. All are a resident of division 2 and a registered voter within the District (Water Code, § 21100, subdivision (a)).

- Stephen Feher
- Rachelle McCann
- Elliott Prest

Deliberations of the Board in connection with the candidate to be selected for appointment, as well as any interviews or communications the Board wants to have with the candidate in its official capacity must occur in open session. The Board must affirm an appointment by majority vote in open session.

If, for any reason, the Board does not fill the vacancy or call an election within 60 days of the vacancy (May 13, 2023), the Butte County Board of Supervisors shall have the authority to fill the vacancy by appointment. The obligation to call an election becomes mandatory if the seat remains vacant for 90 days, which would be June 12, 2023.

To affirm an appointment by majority vote in open session, the suggested form of motion is:

"I move to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the Division 2 vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Paradise Irrigation District to serve until the next general district election in November 2024."



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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: STEPHEN L. FEHR (Please Print)

### MAILING & EMAIL ADDRESS:

Street: EDWARDS LN  
City & Zip: PARADISE CA 95969  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Home: ---  
Business: ---  
Mobile: ---

### WORK / VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Organization	Date
PRESIDENT / EXEC. DIRECTOR	SINCE JAN 15, 2001
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE	
650 EDWARDS LN. PARADISE CA, 95969	
BOARD MEMBER - B.C. FIRE SAFETY COUNCIL	
6505 CLARK RD. SUITE 240, PARADISE CA.	

### STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Please provide a brief statement indicating why you are interested in being considered for appointment to fill the director vacancy on the Paradise Irrigation District Board of Directors and why you are qualified for the appointment; (e.g., prior board or commission experience).

SEE ATTACHED CV

### CERTIFICATION

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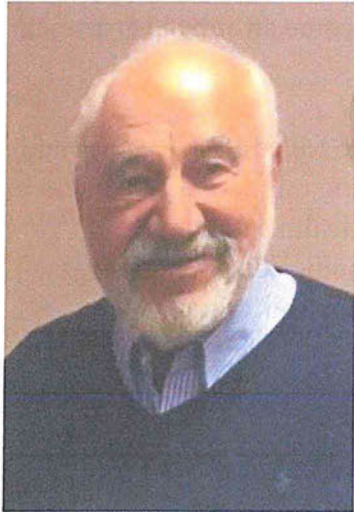
I certify that this information is true and correct, and I authorize the verification of the information in this application in the event I am nominated for the appointment.

J. I. Felner  
Signature

4/5/23  
Date



**Stephen I. Feher**  
**Brief Bio & Professional Resume**



Stephen I. Feher is a retired engineer with 60+ years of broad experience, from aerospace to construction management and community development, worldwide. He is the founder and Executive Director of the Sustainable Community Development Institute, a nonprofit (501-c-3) organization based in Paradise, California (Dormant). He taught Materials Science for Engineers, as Associate Faculty at Butte College in Oroville, California. He also served as Technical Director of two consecutive EPA-P3 Grant Project focusing on biochar production and applications. Currently, he is a Member of the Board of Directors of the Butte County Fire Safe Council. He and his wife, Elisabeth, reside in Paradise, California. Their hobbies are gardening and back country hiking.

After emigrating as a refugee from Hungary following the 1956 Hungarian Revolution against the Soviet Communist rule, Mr. Feher attended West Virginia University on a World University Service scholarship. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Aerospace Engineering in 1961 and took his first job at the Boeing Aircraft Company in Seattle, Washington, as an aircraft design engineer. In 1962 he moved to San Diego, California, where he worked as a research engineer at Whitaker R&D, while attending the newly formed Aerospace Engineering Graduate School at the University of California at San Diego, as a PhD candidate, while working full time. He graduated in 1967 with a Masters Degree in Engineering Sciences, by which time he was leading a research team at Whitaker R&D in the development of the first nuclear hardened reentry heat-shield for the US Air Force Minuteman Ballistic Missile.

In 1970, he co-founded Material Systems Corporation (MSC) and was its Executive Vice President of Engineering, and later its CEO. At MSC he managed the development and manufacturing of a prefabricated modular housing system using fiberglass reinforced composites based on aerospace technology. In 1971, MSC was awarded an Operation Breakthrough R&D contract by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under which MSC constructed of 240 single and multi-family housing units throughout the United States and later, established manufacturing facilities and constructed housing units in France, Senegal, Iran and Saudi Arabia.

In 1985, Mr. Feher joined John A. Roberts, PhD Associates in Sacramento, California, as an environmental and planning consultant. Mr. Feher participated in the preparation of the Environmental Impact Reports for the Snow Creek Development in Mammoth Lakes, California and participated in preparation of the City of Folsom Redevelopment Plan. He received the Outstanding Planner Award from the State of California in 1987.

In 1989, Mr. Feher joined Esperanza International, as its Executive Director. Esperanza is a nonprofit (501-c-3) charitable organization, based in Solana Beach, California, working mostly in Tijuana, Mexico, helping local low-income residents build self-help housing. In 1993, under Mr. Feher's direction, Esperanza initiated the development of a low-income affordable apartment project in Encinitas, California, to house migrant farmworkers.

In 1995, Mr. Feher formed a nonprofit company in Del Mar, California, called RANCHO (Rural Area Nonprofit Community Housing Organization), dedicated to helping migrant farmworkers to obtain affordable housing. Under a grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services, RANCHO developed a housing project utilizing surplus shipping containers. The prototype unit, housing 12 workers, was erected on a farm in Oceanside, California.

In 1997, Mr. Feher joined Fluor Daniel Construction International to manage the construction of housing for mine workers in Indonesia for a new mining project. He and his wife spent four years on the project. After the completion of the housing construction, Mr. Feher was hired by the mining company to develop the company's community development program.

Upon their return to Paradise, California, in January of 2001, Mr. and Mrs. Feher formed the Sustainable Community Development Institute (SCDI). In the following years, SCDI worked in Peru, Guatemala, Panama, New Caledonia, Australia and most recently in Vietnam. Mr. Feher managed the design and construction of new communities for native residents displaced by mining and oil projects. In his last overseas project in Vietnam, from 2010-13, he oversaw the relocation of over 10,000 native villagers into a modern new community, which consisted of single family housing with home gardens, new schools, a hospital, and a farmer's market.

Mr. Feher retired from his overseas consulting activities in 2013, due to health reasons. He continued teaching part time at Butte College, Material Science for Engineers and mentored student interns in hands-on, applied research and development projects. He served as Technical Director of two consecutive EPA grant projects from 2012 through 2021. These projects focused on the conversion of waste biomass to biochar. The research had special emphasis on biochar production on-site as a cost-effective disposal of biomass residues left over from the Camp Fire, which in 2018 destroyed his home in Paradise, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Feher have rebuilt their home and moved back to Paradise in June 2021. Currently, Mr. Feher actively participates in the safe and sustainable re-development of the community and fire safe maintenance of the surrounding forest. Mr. Feher is a member of the Butte County Fire Safety Council and Chairs its Climate Response Committee, where he is advocating the on-site conversion of waste biomass into biochar, as an effective response to climate change through reducing future carbon dioxide and methane emissions from waste biomass decomposition.

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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Rachelle  
NAME: Rachelle McAnn (Please Print)

### MAILING & EMAIL ADDRESS:

Street: Acorn Ridge Dr  
City & Zip: Paradise CA 95969  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Home: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

### WORK / VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Organization	Date
International Cultural Exchange	6/22 - present
Office Administrator	7/21 - 1/23
Office Supervisor / u.s. Census	9/19 - 6/20
Dental Office Manager	2017 - 2019
Dental Assistant	1991 - 2017



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Please provide a brief statement indicating why you are interested in being considered for appointment to fill the director vacancy on the Paradise Irrigation District Board of Directors and why you are qualified for the appointment; (e.g., prior board or commission experience).

I am qualified because I do fit the perimeters of the Application.

I also am the acting president of the Paradise Parade of Flags.

I truly believe that I would be a good fit for the board because I love this town and really care about the people and everything involved to bring people back to the Ridge.

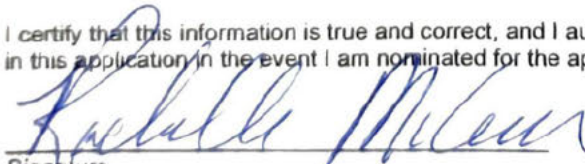
I appreciate the time and effort that you all have put into Paradise and would love to be a part of this.

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Signature

5-1-23  
Date



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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

(Please Print)

NAME: Elliott Prest

#### MAILING & EMAIL ADDRESS:

Street: ████ Sky Oaks Drive

City & Zip: Paradise, 95969

E-Mail: ████████████████████

#### TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Home: ████████████████

Business: N/A

Mobile: ████████████████

### WORK / VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

#### Organization

#### Date

City of San Jose 09-2015 to 12-2022

Environmental Services Division

Regional Wastewater Facility

Instrument Technician IV

Please refer to the attached resume



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To whom it may concern. My name is Elliott Pest. Thank you in advance for your consideration for the PID Division 2 Board of Director vacancy. I am a recent returnee following the 2018 fire in addition to being a recent retiree from public service employment with the City of San Jose. I consider myself extremely fortunate to be a Paradise resident. In conjunction with my previous employment history I feel contributing input to the PID Board as a division 2 resident and Paradise citizen would really be a rewarding and worthwhile experience. I have a great fondness for Butte County and the local communities. I grew up in Oroville and am a proud Las Plumas High School graduate. My previous employment has provided a very thorough understanding of the paramount importance of any and all personnel interaction with the public (rate payers), news media, and inter-office communication. I am a very capable "Rule Follower" with regards to behavior and communication.

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Elliott C Pest  
Signature

04-26-2023  
Date



Elliott Prest  
[REDACTED] Sky Oaks Drive  
Paradise, CA 95969  
[REDACTED]

**Credentials:** CA State Licensed General Electrician  
ISA CCST Level 1 Certified Control Systems Technician

**Education:** Multiple junior college AC/DC Circuit Analysis class room and Lab courses  
Multiple junior college Technical math and Geometrical Dimensioning & Tolerance courses

### **Employment History**

#### **09-2015 to 12-2022 (Retired)**

City of San Jose, Environmental Services Division **ESD** Regional Wastewater Facility. 7 year employment assigned to the Energy and Automation work group. Active participant in multiple City of San Jose Capital Improvement Projects serving as a technical subject matter expert (SME).

Hands on control system retrofit of 2 municipal power Cooper Bessemer 16 cylinder/2.5 Megawatt engine generators. Performed all of the control cabinet teardown, rewiring, and integration for the new controls involving the engine, generator, and switch gear.

SCADA system installation, retrofit/upgrade, and maintenance of ABB S800 modular distributive control I/O components and integration of the field sensors. Hands on field experience diagnose and repair SCADA and network and equipment issues.

Rockwell studio logics and Siemens 505 PLC diagnostic and troubleshooting experience.

Wastewater flowmeter startup, repair, and maintenance experience with with Tosiba, ABB, Krohne Mag meters. Coriolis mass flow meters Endress Hauser, Yokogawa, Siemens, Foxboro.

#### **March 2003 to January 2015 International Process Solutions Field Service Manager.**

Performed no fewer than 15 large scale commercial pharmaceutical manufacturing process equipment start-up and commissioning's, many solo and requiring extensive travel. During my 12 year career working as a field service technician I calibrated, maintained, & repaired many different gas detection systems such as Draeger or MSA. Fike explosion protection and automated fire suppression systems. Process analyzers such as UV-Vis Spectrophotometers by a multitude of manufactures such as Thermofisher & Smhidzu. Over 12 years of experience with the calibration, maintenance, & repair of pneumatic solenoids, control valves, and pneumatic logic. Fischer Porter, Fairchild, SMC. I am extremely proficient with pneumatic solenoids, control valves, and pneumatic logic

**1994 to 2003 Calibration Technician for TE Connectivity (Raychem)**

I would routinely perform PCB level repair to restore Fluke, H.P. Keithly, Tektronix, etc. to proper operation and to meet calibration accuracy requirements. I would perform diagnostic tests, disassemble the unit under test, de-solder/determinate failed components, replace failed components, solder, reassemble, test, calibrate, and recertify the unit. This was a high volume ISO 9000 accredited calibration lab processing as many as 1200 instruments per month. My circuit analysis and soldering skills are excellent.

**References Available Upon Request**