

**Special District Risk Management Authority
Board of Directors
Candidate's Statement of Qualifications**

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Candidate* Steven Ruetters

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*The name or nickname and any designations (i.e. CPA, SDA, etc.) you enter here will be printed on the official ballot, exactly as submitted.

Why do you want to serve on the SDRMA Board of Directors? (Response Required)

To serve the needs of the SDRMA members consistent with SDRMA's mission statement: to provide excellent risk financing and risk management services through a financially sound pool to California public agencies, delivered in a timely and responsive cost-efficient manner.

I recently retired from the Kern County Water Agency, and desire to continue to contribute to the needs of special districts as I have in the past. This opportunity matches well with my experience, education, and dedication.

What Board or committee experience do you have that would help you to be an effective Board Member? (SDRMA or any other organization) (Response Required)

Served 22 years on the Audit-Finance Committee of the ACWA JPIA* (see below), which provided financial oversight to the organization and its programs (Liability, Property, Workers Compensation, Health Insurance, and pass through insurance).

Served 1 year on the Property Committee of the ACWA JPIA* (see below) before I was asked to serve on the Audit-Finance Committee.

Kern Mosquito & Vector Control District (current Board Member)

North of the River Sanitary District (current Board Member with 17 years experience)

North of the River Recreation & Park District (past Board Member with 22 years experience)

* ACWA JPIA (Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority) is a collection of risk pools similar to SDRMA serving nearly 400 California water districts, which has similar member services available and a captive insurance entity.

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**What special skills, talents, or experience (including volunteer experience) do you have?
(Response Required)**

Oregon State University, BS Finance, Minor Economics
California State University, Bakersfield, MBA
Business Manager, Kern County Water Agency, 33 years

What is your overall vision for SDRMA? (Response Required)

To remain consistent with the vision of the SDRMA as outlined in its mission statement. The goals of cost-effectiveness, stability, and reliability in the current insurance/risk market is difficult, though worth pursuing in earnest for all SDRMA members.

I certify that I meet the candidate qualifications as outlined in the SDRMA election policy. I further certify that I am willing to serve as a director on SDRMA's Board of Directors. I will commit the time and effort necessary to serve. Please consider my application for nomination/candidacy to the Board of Directors.

Candidate Signature Shannon Rutzger Date May 14, 2025