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Chris Moore Appointed to Fill Zone 7 Board Vacancy

Pleasanton Resident Unanimously Selected by Board

Pleasanton resident Chris Moore was appointed Wednesday night to fill the unexpired term of Zone 7 Water Agency Board member Dale Myers. Myers resigned from his post in April, citing time constraints.

The Zone 7 Board unanimously approved appointing Moore to fill the remaining three years of Myers' four-year term. Board members said they are impressed with Moore's administrative background and abilities, and his extensive knowledge of water issues. They said Moore was the logical choice since he finished fourth among eight candidates vying for three seats in last year's Board elections.

In addition, Moore, an avid follower of state and local water issues, in 2006 was selected by the Zone 7 Board among 17 candidates to fill the last six months of a seat left vacant after Board member John Marchand left for the Livermore City Council.

Zone 7 wholesales treated drinking water to 200,000 people in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin, supplies agricultural water to farms and vineyards, and provides flood protection to all of eastern Alameda County. It is governed by a seven-member elected Board.

A Pleasanton resident for the past 22 years, Moore is a deputy police chief with the San Jose Police Department and is an attorney licensed to practice in California. He was selected in 1999 to be a White House Fellow, among staff members providing counsel to then- U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno. Moore has a master's degree in public administration.

"I appreciate the confidence placed in me by the Board in my selection," Moore said. "I look forward to working with all of them and with all of our retailers in the Valley to assure a reliable, safe drinking water supply."

Moore said he hopes to be a strong voice on behalf of Zone 7 and its constituents in statewide discussions over future management of the ecologically fragile Delta, which conveys 80 percent of Zone 7's water supply. He also hopes to be involved in short- and long-term planning for the Chain of Lakes project, which involves a series of mined-out gravel quarries between Livermore and Pleasanton that hold a key to groundwater recharge and floodwater detention. Moore said a successful Chain of Lakes plan will require close cooperation with area cities and parks and recreation districts.

"The Chain of Lakes is a gem for the Valley -- both as a potential recreational amenity and as an effective water-resource management tool," Moore said. "It's a unique opportunity we have."

Moore will serve on the Board's Finance Committee.

Zone 7's enabling legislation provides that Zone 7 Board vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by a majority of remaining Board members. Moore's appointment will be valid until Myers' term expires in 2012. Elections for four other Board seats will be held in 2010.

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Zone 7 Water Agency is one of the 10 active zones of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. The District was established by the State Legislature in October 1949 to solve problems of flooding, drainage, channel erosion and water supply and conservation in Alameda County. In 1957, by popular vote, Zone 7 became a special district governed by a seven-member board of directors. Along with flood protection, Zone 7 supplies water to all of eastern Alameda County and a population of more than 190,000. Treated water is sold wholesale to local retailers, including the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton, the Dublin San Ramon Services District, and the California Water Service Company. Zone 7 also distributes untreated water to local agriculture operations and golf courses.