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Mike Hogue Appointed Director of Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District

Sunnyside— September 16, 2003 — The Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District (SVID) Board of Directors and Board of Yakima County Commissioners have approved the appointment of Mike Hogue as Director Division No. 4. He will serve as director until a director is elected at the next annual election. Mr. Hogue will represent Division 4, which consists of the SVID service area east of Euclid Road from Yakima River to Grandview and east of Wilson Highway north of Grandview.

The position became vacant when Doug Vining, SVID Director serving Division #4 resigned effective September 2, 2003. Mr. Vining has served on the Board for twenty-two years since he was appointed in January of 1981.

Background

The SVID Board consists of five directors, each representing landowners in a different geographic area of the district. The Directors' term of office is three years, beginning on the first Tuesday of January following their election to the SVID Board. Each director candidate must be nominated via petition signed by at least ten qualified electors/landowners. The election is held on the second Tuesday of December. If only one candidate is nominated for a director position, no election is held for that director division but said candidate will be declared elected to the Board of Directors.

The Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District was organized on January 22, 1917. SVID provides irrigation service to roughly 88,500 acres with mostly senior, non-proratable rights. Water is delivered to landowners in the counties of Yakima and Benton as well as to the cities of

Zillah, Sunnyside, Grandview, Granger, Mabton and Prosser where it is used for irrigation of residential and urban lands.

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