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The Boyles Fire was devastating to residents in Clearlake. According to data and records provided by Highlands Water, 16 fire hydrants do not work and 7 in 10 do not meet typical minimum standards. We are concerned.

To view Highlands's most recent hydrant testing report, see ReformHighlandsWater.com.

VOTE FOR REFORM. VOTE FOR A BETTER CLEARLAKE.



Henry Bornstein Henry Bornstein has lived in Clearlake's Highlands Harbor area for 17 years, where he is a longtime customer and shareholder of Highlands Mutual Water. A retired attorney, Henry is now a certified California Naturalist and docent for California State Parks. He's passionate about improving water service to support Clearlake's growth and development and to do everything possible to secure grant funding to cut what residents have to pay.



Dennis Darling Dennis owned Foods Etc in Clearlake for over two decades and still owns property served by Highlands Water. His commitment to community service includes supporting schools, law enforcement, and local charities. Dennis has earned many awards for philanthropy and leadership and brings experience and dedication to the Highlands Board, with a focus on transparency, public safety during wildfires and ability to support growth.



Thomas DeWalt Thomas has lived in Clearlake and been a shareholder of Highlands Water for nearly three decades. As manager of Lake County's P.E.G. TV, he is strongly dedicated to community service. Thomas feels transparency about decision making, finances and expert reports is essential. He brings experience in advocacy and will tirelessly work to ensure water rates are as affordable as possible and fix the water system to handle growth.



Denise Loustalot Denise is a long-time Clearlake resident, business owner, and former mayor. She brings leadership experience in fire protection due to her current role on the Lake Co Fire Protection District Board and other community service organizations. Denise is passionate about public safety and keeping Clearlake safe during wildfires, finding solutions to support growth and securing all available grants possible.



Raymond A. Silva Ray has lived in Clearlake for nearly 50 years and brings over four decades of experience as a general engineering/ building contractor. He is a current Measure V **Oversight Committee** member and is dedicated to improving water service and fostering collaboration between Highlands Water and the City, with a focus on supporting growth and securing all available grant money possible.



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A VOTE FOR THE HIGHLANDS WATER REFORM BOARD IS A VOTE FOR



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protecting lives and property during wildfires



shareholders who work for your interests



a thriving, growing Clearlake

Dear Highlands Water Shareholder,

Like you, we are Highlands Mutual Water shareholders. For too long, the current board of directors has failed to meet the needs of our growing city. It's time for new leadership that will prioritize safe, reliable water and ensure transparency in all decisions that impact you and your pocketbook.

For a second time, a judge ordered Highlands Water to conduct a new election, one that is legal, meets the requirements of California corporation law and their own bylaws. Highlands Water continues to offer the same board of directors that serves them today. This worrying situation is compounded by closed door meetings, questionable decision making and little to no transparency.

We bring proven leadership, independence, a long record of professional experience and community service and a promise to make Highlands Water work for you and openly share all information with you, a Highlands shareholder. Let's build a better water system together. Please vote for our reform slate of directors today.

-Highlands Water Reform Slate Members

OUR PROMISE TO HIGHLANDS WATER CUSTOMERS

The five independent community members running for Highlands Water Board bring years of dedication and experience and commit to:

- 1. Be 100% open and transparent. No more hidden meetings or documents. With a transparent, accountable board, you'll know how decisions are made, where your money goes, and what's happening with your water.
- 2. Reduce or stop the need to boil drinking water. Say goodbye to boil water notices and unreliable water service. Our board will focus on fixing water pressure issues and ensuring safe, drinkable water every day.
- **3. Ensure water rates are as low as possible.** We will fight to have cost-effective and affordable water rates by securing state and federal grant funding. That way, fixing pipelines and water tanks to make sure customers personally pay as little as possible
- **4. Fix failing water system to support a better future.** Your water system should keep you safe from wildfires, consistently provide safe drinking water and be able to handle new commercial and housing hookups. That is not happening now and Clearlake is unable to grow due to Highlands fragile, deteriorating system.
- **5. Repair Highlands system to work properly during wildfires.** Assess all hydrants and begin repairing them quickly after that to make sure a failing fire protection system does not cause major damage in the Highlands area. According to Highlands' own hydrant testing report, 7 in 10 hydrants don't work correctly, and 16 don't work at all.