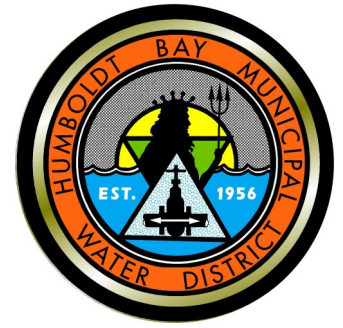


## Are You “Into” Community Service?

# HBMWD Board of Directors has a Vacancy!



**What:** The Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD) Board of Directors will appoint someone to fill a vacancy on the District Board, Division 1, until the term ends on December 6, 2024. (The election for the next term will be on November 5, 2024.) The HBMWD manages infrastructure and our Mad River (Baduwa't) watershed to provide drinking and industrial water for 2/3 of Humboldt County.

**Who: Maybe You!** You must live within Division 1, which is approximately the west side of Eureka and the Samoa peninsula (see the Division 1 map below). Contact the Humboldt County Elections Office (707-445-7481) to confirm your residency within Division 1.

**Where:** District decisions affect much of Humboldt County. Monthly meetings occur at the HBMWD Board Room at 828 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Eureka. One annual meeting occurs at Ruth Lake.

**When:** NOW! The official deadline to apply is July 8, 2024 at 5 pm.

**How:** Please submit a letter of interest and resume by July 8, 2024 at 5 pm to:

[office@hbmwd.co](mailto:office@hbmwd.co) (email)

PO Box 95, Eureka, CA 95502 (mail)

828 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Eureka CA (in person)

**Additional information:** Please see our [website](http://www.hbmwd.com) ([www.hbmwd.com](http://www.hbmwd.com)) for general information about the District, and Frequently Asked Questions about the Director Vacancy!



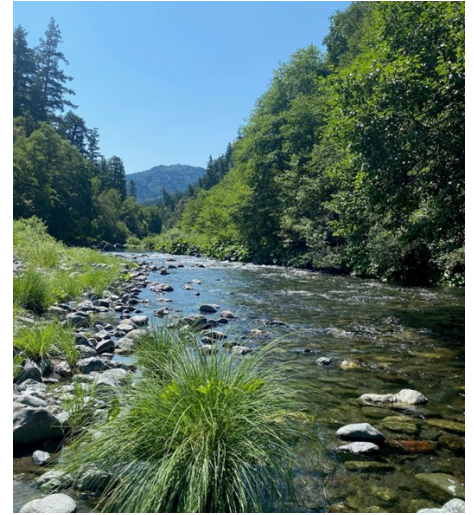
The light purple indicates HBMWD Division 1 boundaries in west Eureka and the Samoa peninsula.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### Why serve on the HBMWD Board of Directors?

The HBMWD provides high quality drinking water to approximately 92,000 people in Humboldt County. The Board adopts ordinances, resolutions, and policies that impact water quality, water rates, water rights, and watershed health in relation to the Mad River (Baduwa't) and our District's infrastructure. Directors are motivated by the spirit of public service.



### What are the duties and responsibilities of a Director?

Directors meet monthly on the second Thursday of each month, with occasional special meetings called for specific purposes. Monthly meetings are generally from 9 am to 4 pm. Directors represent the entire District on regional matters, and their constituents living within their specific Division. Other important duties include approving the annual budget, developing and approving long-range plans that ensure reliable operation of our infrastructure and the District, and serving on committees as assigned. Directors have the responsibility to learn technical information to the extent that informed decisions can be made.

### What other committees and organizations do HBMWD Directors serve on?

Internal committees include the Audit Committee, the Local Sales and Transport Committee, and the Instream Flow Dedication Committee. The HBMWD Board appoints a representative to external organizations, including the Redwood Coast Energy Authority, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 1, and the Redwood Region Economic Development Commission.

### Do Board Directors receive compensation?

Directors are paid \$80 for meetings lasting 4 hours or fewer, and \$160 for meetings lasting longer than 4 hours. Directors receive vision and dental insurance through the District, but not health insurance. For meetings that require travel and/or overnight stays, Directors are reimbursed for travel, food, and lodging expenses.

### What is the hardest part of being a Board Director?

Attending a nearly all-day meeting every month requires advance preparation and employment circumstances that allow this. Occasionally, policy decisions can be controversial, and members of the public can be upset or angry.

### What is the best part of being a Board Director?

The best part of being a Board Director is the feeling of making a difference in Humboldt County. Preserving water quality is essential for maintaining public health, and environmental stewardship is essential for District resilience and community sustainability. The District's service area includes local cities and community services districts, industrial customers, and tribes.

### Am I qualified to serve as a Board Director?

The Board is comprised of community representatives who come from diverse educational and professional backgrounds, with a range of life experiences. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to apply but one must reside within the Director's division boundaries. Directors bring their unique perspectives, along with an interest in and ability to understand special district governance and our primarily wholesale water delivery operation to serve the District's mission and the community.



### What is the Director appointment process?

First, confirm that you reside in Division 1 by asking the Humboldt County Elections Division (707-445-7481). If you do, please submit a letter of interest and resume to the District by the date and time listed in the Vacancy Announcement. The Board will determine which candidates to interview, and afterwards, will notify candidates of their decision.

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