

Thomas Allen Barandas

Semi-Retired from 20 years of farming in the Natomas Basin, in addition to being Assistant General Manager for Natomas Mutual Water Company and Operations Manager for Reclamation District No. 108

Candidate statement:

I am a third generation Natomas resident whose family has worked with Reclamation District No. 1000 for over 60 years. In 1986, I watched my father, who was on the Board of Trustees, as the District worked to prevent flooding and repair the levee during the most significant high water event in the District's 100 year history. I want to join the District's Board of Trustees to provide guidance and perspective of a life-long resident, an advocate for agriculture and the experience of someone who has worked with for the reclamation districts for many years.

Reclamation District No. 1000 is transitioning from a largely agricultural land base, to an urban district with major infrastructure features like the international airport and several major freeways. But even though a significant portion of the district land has been converted to urban uses, agriculture and endangered species habitat will remain important constituents for the foreseeable future. I believe my experience in agriculture and with a reclamation district will be a benefit to Reclamation District No. 1000 in making decisions to guide the district in its decision making.

I have served on many board and organizations, including:

Board of Directors of the California Tomato Growers Association

Board of Directors of the Sacramento County Farm Bureau

Board of Directors of the California Farm Bureau Commodity Committee

Board of Directors of the Natomas Central Mutual Water Company

Member of the Sacramento County Water Forum

Member of the Natomas Historical Society

Member of the Facility Planning Committee for the Natomas Unified School District

Member of the City of Sacramento Traffic Calming Committee for the Del Verde neighborhood.

On a personal note, I live with my wife Peggy and I, along with many of my cousins, have planned and executed reunions of decedents of Portuguese family members who were raised in the Natomas area, in addition to launching the Portuguesecousins.com web site and Portuguese Cousins Facebook Page.

I hope you will vote for me and help elect me to the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No. 1000