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**WESTLANDS ACCEPTING BOARD OF
DIRECTORS DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDACY**

Westlands Water District will be accepting Declarations of Candidacy from May 4 to May 29, 2009, for the all-mail ballot election scheduled for August 25, 2009, to fill four positions on the Board of Directors.

Any person over the age of 18 and either owning land, the legal representative (a corporate official or guardian, executor or administrator) of a landowner, or a representative designated in writing by a landowner within the District is eligible to run for a position on the Board. Candidates must declare their eligibility by filing a Declaration of Candidacy form with the District Secretary by 5 p.m. on May 29, 2009.

Declarations of Candidacy will be accepted for four positions, with terms of offices of four years, currently held by Jean Sagouspe, Daniel Errotabere, Gary Esajian and Don Peracchi.

Persons interested in submitting a Declaration of Candidacy or needing additional information should contact District Secretary Dave Ciapponi at (559) 241-6202.