

## MODESTO BEE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

**What is your full, legal name?**

Christopher H. Barth

**What name do you prefer be used in print?**

Chris Barth

**What office do you seek?**

TID Board Dist. 1

**What is the primary reason you are running for this office?**

I am concerned with the ongoing struggle for water, renewable and affordable energy rates and I feel very strong that we need t continue to provide efficient, reliable and high quality service at the best rates possible.

**What will be your single most important priority if you get elected?**

Energy and water independence should always be an important strategic objective of TID. If elected the interest of both the residential and business consumer as well as the farmer who needs water will be my highest priority. I will work at keeping affordable electrical rates an abundant water supply for everyone. Protect our water and our power for the future, the water supply outlook right now is good, not only for irrigation supplies this year and next, but also the fishery, power generation and reservoir recreation for all.

**What sets you apart from the other candidates?** Experience, leadership, understanding the many challenges facing our utility company and the economy today, committed to getting the job done. A small business and farm owner and a long time residence of Hughson with a passion because I care, I care about you and this community. Past President Stanislaus County Farm Bureau, Stanislaus County Planning Commission,( leadership during the General Plan Update, passage of the Right to Farm and Fruit Stand ordinance), State Water Quality Control Board. Just to list a few experiences that has given me an understanding of the issues facing the community and TID today.

**Where do you work and what is your job title? (If retired, list position before retirement and name of former employer)**

Owner of Barth Ranch (an almond ranch in Hughson) and Golf USA of Turlock

**What date were you born and where?**

NA

**What is your spouse's name, if any?**

Sarah

**What are the names and ages of your children, if any?**

My wife and I have 5 grown children

**Please list the schools and colleges you attended, the degrees you attained and when.**

Hughson Schools and Brigham Young University, Graduate of the California Agricultural Leadership Program and the recipient of the Profiles on Leadership from the Agricultural Education Foundation.

**Have you ever held an elected or appointed public office? (Include dates and office title)**

Yes – Hughson School Board, Stanislaus County Farm Bureau (past president), Governor Wilson to serve as his Chairman of the Agricultural Committee for the Central Valley Economic Summit, Governor Davis to serve on the State Water Quality Control Board.

**Have you run before for an elected public office? (Include dates and exact office title)**

Yes see above

**Approximately how much money do you expect to spend on your campaign?**

Enough

**Have you ever been convicted or charged with a crime other than a minor traffic violation? If so, please explain and include dates and locations.**

NO

**Have you or a business you owned or had principal interest in ever filed bankruptcy? If so, please include dates and the location the bankruptcy was filed.**

NO

**Do any of your immediate family members work for the organization/agency your are running to represent?**

NO

## **PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Campaign Web site address, Facebook page, Twitter account:**

None

**Please list the campaign contact information you want made available to the general public in print and online, including a phone number, address and e-mail:**

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