



SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN
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**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT SWEARS IN
NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER**

On June 25, 2019, the South San Joaquin Irrigation District Board of Directors appointed Mike Weststeyn of Ripon, CA as the new Division 4 director, replacing the late Dale Kuil who passed away in May 2019. This appointment was the culmination of a publicly advertised candidate search and formal interview process.

Weststeyn is a 29-year almond farmer in San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties. As a native of Ripon, CA, he graduated from Ripon Christian High School and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Agribusiness from Fresno State. Weststeyn's family includes his wife of 23 years, Amy, and children Elizabeth, Erik, and Megan. In addition to his farming business, he enjoys time with his family boating, camping, and attending his children's sporting events.

Weststeyn was officially seated on the board at SSJID's board meeting on July 9, 2019.

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The South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID) was established in 1909 and is headquartered in Manteca, CA. SSJID provides agricultural irrigation water to about 56,000 acres surrounding Escalon, Ripon and Manteca, and wholesale drinking water to over 193,000 residents in Manteca, Lathrop, Tracy, and in the future, Escalon. SSJID, along with Oakdale Irrigation District, owns and operates the Tri-Dam Project, a series of storage reservoirs and generation facilities that produce zero-carbon hydropower in the Stanislaus River watershed. Learn more at www.ssjid.com.