

The CBWA Board response to the 9 members requesting an increase in the number of Directors from 3 to 7

This letter is in response to the email received by the Cougar Bay Water Association on April 1, 2026.

The Board welcomes the newfound interest in participating in the Board of Directors by some members. It is also sympathetic to the desire to see the number of Board members increase to keep pace with the growing size of membership; however, its view is that the request to increase from its current three-person Board to seven seems to be an excessive amount given the total size of membership in the Association.

Case in point – over the past decade, every annual meeting has provided opportunity for members in good standing in the Association to apply for open Board positions. In every year, except for 2025 [where there was one individual], there were no applicants other than the Board members whose 3-year terms were finished and who, out of sheer necessity, were forced to put their names up for re-election. In other words, there was no interest in serving expressed by the members at large.

Furthermore, when a former Board member, Rod Stach, stepped down from the Board last summer for personal reasons, the President of the Board personally approached one of the individuals whose name is listed among the nine members requesting an increase in the size of the Board of Directors. This individual declined to serve when given the opportunity and yet here he is as a signatory to a request to increase the number of directors. The Board finds this rather odd to say the least.

Lastly, the nine members who are requesting an increase in the number of directors for the Water Association Board, constitute an extremely small percentage of the current 121 members. The current Board therefore believes that this decision is best left to the annual meeting this coming September when membership at large can be given an opportunity to weigh in on this.

The Board will most certainly make this request an agenda item for this year's annual meeting which is scheduled for September although we believe that an increase to five (5) directors is much more likely to succeed rather than the cumbersome seven-person request. The current Board could potentially support an increase to five (5) directors and would recommend this for consideration to membership at large ahead of the 2026 annual

meeting where such a matter is to be conducted based on the Bylaws of the Water Association.

Two sections of the Bylaws specifically state that the election of Directors to the Board shall be done at the annual meeting.

Section 6.1 Annual Meeting – “The purpose of the meeting shall be to elect Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.”

Section 8.2 Election of Board of Directors – “Directors are elected at the annual meeting. Nominations for election to the Water Board may be made at the floor of the annual meeting of the Water Association.”