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An open response to EID Director George Wheeldon pertaining to his "welcoming message" to Alan Day yesterday:

Mr. Wheeldon, The Mountain Democrat posted a most kind "spin" on your "welcoming message" to Alan Day yesterday in his first board meeting as EID Director yesterday. As self-appointed "chief attack dog" for certain of your EID board colleagues, you at great length, and with malicious prior-prepared comments, chastised new Director Day citing a need for him to recognize that "he has to recognize he now is speaking for the El Dorado Irrigation District". Then, you proceeded to viciously and pompously lambaste Mr. Day in front of the public, the Press... and, worst of all, in front of some twenty EID employees. While most in the audience squirmed uncomfortably with embarrassment as you gave your long winded tirade, certain of your EID Board colleagues prepared for their turn in sniping at their brand new, duly elected colleague. Mr. Wheeldon, you are a hypocrite. You criticized Mr. Day for comments he may or may not have made as a citizen but you, yourself, most certainly spoke as self-appointed representative of EID. Further, you and your fellow Board members "need to get over it". Alan Day won the EID Director 5 election 61% to 39%. Alan Day received an overwhelming mandate from El Dorado Hills voters that they are fed up with double digit rate increases each year. EID's 28% residential water rate increase for 2012 will produce a compounded rate increase of 74% over just three years. And the 11% increase already in General Manager Abercrombie's Draft Water Model for 2013 will result in 93% of compounded rate increases for four years. Mr. Wheeldon, you ought to recognize that, through EID's redistricting, more than one-third of the voters that elected Mr. Day now are in EID Division 4... the Division you represent. If you continue to ignore the call of your constituents for newfound EID fiscal responsibility, be forewarned that you risk being the second EID Director to be unceremoniously "dumped" by your constituents.