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Dear President Hecathorn and Directors of the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District:

I'm writing to let you know that my job is moving to Sacramento. I will need to move out of the District before my current term is over (my term ends Dec 2016) and will be stepping down from my position in March 2016.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my last eleven years serving on the board of the HBMWD. Thank you for making my stint as an elected official so great! I learned so much from each of you and I am proud of all the work we accomplished together over the last decade. I will miss the teamwork as well as the challenging discussions. We always kept it civil and respectful and I can say with certainty that we always kept the best interests of the District and our community at the fore. That's not the case for many a political body made up of electeds from very different worldviews. I look back on all the problem-solving we have been able to do when we put our heads together and I feel very proud of us. And we had a lot of joking and laughter in there too!

My last official meeting with the District will be March 10, 2016 (or whenever the March 2016 meeting is scheduled). I am sorry to have to leave before my term is up, but I'm glad that it will only be a few months before a regular District election. I have every confidence that the Board will choose a capable replacement for me to serve during those interim months.

I look forward to doing everything I can between now and March to leave my current projects and endeavors with the District in good shape. Please let me know if there are any additional meetings that will be needed or if there is anything else I can do to be of service to the District.

Sincerely,



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Director  
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cc: Paul Helliker, Sheri Sobol