

## **Schell-Vista Fire Board Expansion: Feb 19, 2012**

The Schell- Vista Fire Protection District was formed in 1955 with three Directors. Over that time, fourteen Directors have served on the Board: Carson Mitchell, CW Stevenson, Lloyd Tyler, Wes Haire, Jim Millerick, John Amaral, Towle Bundschu, Ernest Camporelli, Grant Fletcher, Henry Cabaud, Fred Unsworth, Joe Petersen, Bob McLean and Dan Weber.

It has become clear to the current Board and staff that there are difficulties with a three- member board. Compliance with California's Brown Act prevents a quorum of Board members (any two) from discussing District business without the conversation taking place in a publicly noticed meeting. Succession and transition between old and new Board members is difficult.

For these reasons, voters in the District will be asked to approve an increase of Board membership from three to five. This measure will be placed on the June ballot. At the same time, voters will be asked to select two new Directors from candidates on the ballot. Normal terms for these positions are four years. However, to stagger terms, one position will be for a term of four years, and the second position for a term of two years.