

Journal Endorsements For AMAFCA Ballot

Two questions on the Nov. 2 ballot involve the Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority.

One is a \$20 million bond issue, which will not increase taxes because old bonds are retiring. The agency says the funding is needed to repair arroyos and construct new flood-control projects across its jurisdiction, which includes most of the developed parts of Bernalillo County. The flood and storm water quality projects also include ensuring compliance with Environmental Protection Act standards.

The other ballot question involves the southeast seat on AMAFCA's board. Democrat Bruce Thomson has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and master's and doctorate degrees in environmental engineering. He points out he has "spent a career working on water issues," and his resume bears that out. The civil engineering professor and director of the University of New Mexico's Water Resources Program serves on the New Mexico Petroleum Storage Tank Committee, the New Mexico Wastewater Technical Advisory Committee, the Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority Water Protection Advisory Board and the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly Board of Directors.

The Journal recommends voters approve the AMAFCA bonds and put Bruce Thomson on the board of directors.