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District Attorney Lisa S. Green announced today that felony charges have been filed against Richard E. Williford for unlawful appropriation of public funds and conflicts of interest based on Mr. Williford's receiving more than \$140,000 from Mountain Meadows Community Services District (Mountain Meadows CSD) while he was a Board Member of the public district based in Tehachapi.

The Kern County District Attorney's Office Public Integrity Unit independently investigated the case. Mr. Williford is charged with eighteen (18) felony counts of unlawful appropriation of public funds (Penal Code § 424(a)(1)) and six (6) felony counts of entering into contracts with Mountain Meadows CSD in which he had a personal financial interest (Government Code § 1090). No arraignment date has been set.