

Tom Orvis, a fifth-generation Stanislaus County resident living in Oakdale, was appointed to the Oakdale Irrigation District Board by the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors on October 4, 2022, and previously in 2017. He was elected to the Board in 2017 and has served as its President since December 5 of that year.

Tom is actively involved in agriculture, working in his family's cattle operation and farming almonds with his wife. He is the Governmental Affairs Director for the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau and serves on the Stanislaus County Agricultural Advisory Board and the Stanislaus County Water Advisory Committee, where he currently serves as Vice Chair. He previously served on the Stanislaus County Planning Commission.

Tom has been engaged in water issues for many years. From 2005 to 2008, he represented local farmers in San Joaquin County on the Groundwater Basin Authority. Since the formation of the Stanislaus County Water Advisory Committee in 2014, he has played an integral role in its efforts—initially focused on creating a Groundwater Ordinance to protect local water supplies, and now on ensuring SGMA (Sustainable Groundwater Management Act) compliance. With deep knowledge of water infrastructure in both Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties, Tom also maintains strong working relationships with local water leaders and organizations and is well-versed in regional water rights and policy.