

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF  
**SUREWEST COMMUNICATIONS**

To Be Held On:  
May 25, 2011 at 10:00 am PDT  
8150 Industrial Avenue, Building A, Roseville, CA

**NOTICE OF INTERNET AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIAL:**

The Notice of Meeting, proxy statement and annual report  
are available at <http://www.surw.com/proxy>

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your proxy card in the  
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PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. PLEASE MARK YOUR VOTE IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS SHOWN HERE

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the following:

1. Election of Directors:

FOR ALL NOMINEES

WITHHOLD AUTHORITY  
FOR ALL NOMINEES

FOR ALL EXCEPT  
(See instructions below)

**NOMINEES:**

- Kirk C. Doyle
- Guy R. Gibson
- Robert D. Kittredge
- Steven C. Oldham
- John R. Roberts III
- Timothy D. Taron
- Roger J. Valine

**INSTRUCTIONS:** To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee(s), mark "FOR ALL EXCEPT"  
and fill in the circle next to each nominee you wish to withhold, as shown here: ●

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR Items 2 and 3, and every 2 YRS for Item 4.

2. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2011. FOR  AGAINST  ABSTAIN

3. To approve an advisory vote on the compensation of the named executive officers. FOR  AGAINST  ABSTAIN

4. To conduct an advisory vote on the frequency of holding future advisory votes on executive compensation. 1 year  2 years  3 years  ABSTAIN

5. Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any and all adjournments thereof.

To change the address on your account, please check the box at right and indicate your new address in the address space above. Please note that changes to the registered name(s) on the account may not be submitted via this method.

Signature of Shareholder \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Shareholder \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Please sign exactly as your name or names appear on this Proxy. When shares are held jointly, each holder should sign. When signing as executor, administrator, attorney, trustee or guardian, please give full title as such. If the signer is a corporation, please sign full corporate name by duly authorized officer, giving full title as such. If signer is a partnership, please sign in partnership name by authorized person.