



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 568-2240

**Department Name:** CEO  
**Department No.:** 012  
**For Agenda Of:** 11/6/18  
**Placement:** Set Hearing for  
11/13/2018  
**Estimated Tme:** 15 Min.  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Director(s) Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer  
Contact Info: Michael Allen, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
568-2240

**SUBJECT:** Cachuma Resource Conservation District Board of Directors Appointments in Lieu of Election

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors on November 6, 2018:

- a) Confirm that the Clerk of the Board or designee posted on October 25, 2018, a notice of vacancy of the Board of Directors of the Cachuma Resource Conservation District; and
- b) Set a hearing for November 13, 2018 on the Departmental Agenda to consider the appointment of Directors to the Board of Directors of the Cachuma Resource Conservation District in lieu of election pursuant to California Public Resources Code section 9314, as follows;
- i) Appoint five Directors to the Board of the Cachuma Resource Conservatoin District in lieu of election, with terms expiring on November 25, 2022 from the list of qualified candidates:
  1. Sharyne Merritt;
  2. Richard Russell;
  3. LeRoy Scolari;
  4. Johannah Bradley;
  5. James Wegis;

6. Ron Labastida; or
  7. Any other qualified candidate that submits an application on or before November 9, 2018, or that presents themselves at the hearing on November 13, 2018; and
- ii) Determine that the appointment of the Directors to the Board of Directors of the Cachuma Resource Conservation District does not constitute a project subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), as the actions are organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Summary Text:**

The term of office of the Directors of the Cachuma Resource Conservation District is four years. The expiration of the term of any Director does not constitute a vacancy, and the Director shall hold office until his or her successor has qualified. Pursuant to Section 9314 of the California Public Resources Code, staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors appoint five of the qualified applicants listed below as Directors for the Cachuma Resource Conservation District. Each of the applicants has met all qualifications for appointment to the Cachuma Resource Conservation District Board of Directors.

**Background:**

In 1986, Section 9314 of the California Public Resources Code was amended to allow Resource Conservation Districts to request by resolution that the Board of Supervisors appoint directors to the governing board of their district.

The Board of Directors of the Cachuma Resources Conservation District adopted a resolution requesting that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara appoint the District's directors as provided for in California Public Resources Code Section 9314. Pursuant to Section 9314, the resolution shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Board of Directors of the Cachuma Resource Conservation District, or until a petition requesting the rescission is received by the elections official. The resolution has not been rescinded and remains in effect.

Pursuant to Section 9314 of the California Public Resources Code, we recommend that the Board of Supervisors appoint for the specified terms five qualified applicants from the list below as Directors for the Cachuma Resource Conservation District. Copies of each Application for each of the applicants have been included for your consideration (see Attachment A):

**Term Ending 11/25/2022**

Sharyne Merritt  
Richard Russell  
LeRoy Scolari  
James Wegis  
Johannah Bradley  
Ron Labastida

A notice of election is not required since the Directors are to be appointed. On October 25, 2018, the Clerk posted a Notice of Vacancy (Attachment B) in the office of the Clerk of the Board of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, the public library with the largest service population within the County of Santa Barbara, and in other places as directed by the Board.

**Special Instructions:** Please Direct the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the minute order to the Cachuma Resource Conservation District, Attn: Anna Olsen. Thank you.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A – Applications

Attachment B – Notice of Vacancy

**Authored by:** Mike Allen, 568-2240

**cc:** Joe Holland  
Renee Bischof