

# ATTACHMENT A



## Cachuma Resource Conservation District

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Santa Barbara County  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Room 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

In accordance with Division 9 of the Public Resources Code, Section 9314, the Board of Supervisors is notified of a vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Cachuma Resource Conservation District (CRCD). The Board of Supervisors shall appoint a director for the remainder of the unexpired term (Section 9316). Under direction of the regulation, Section 9314.c, the board of supervisors are to "appoint only applicants who are determined by the board of supervisors to have demonstrated interest in soil and water conservation."

Resource Conservation Districts, formerly Soil Conservation Districts, have had a long standing tradition in Santa Barbara County, with the first established in 1944. The Cachuma Resource Conservation District helps to identify conservation needs and support local land managers in implementing solutions on a voluntary basis. A key area of our work is creating quality conservation programs that suit the needs of agriculture, rural residents and urban constituents. Resource management involves a wide variety of stakeholders including farmers, ranchers, local agencies and non-profits, scientists, schools, and consultants. The RCD often serves as a critical liaison between these groups, aiming for win-win solutions in our service to the community.

Through the authority provided to me by Cachuma Resource Conservation District Resolution 2018-02, on behalf of the Board of Directors and the CRCD, it is recommended that the vacancy be filled by LeRoy Scolari. Mr. Scolari has been on the Board of Directors for over 20 year and over the past 4 years Mr. Scolari has a 93% attendance rate. Additionally, Mr. Scolari attends all regional and state meetings and conferences and has actively participated as Central Coast Area RCD Chair for many years. Clearly, Mr. Scolari has demonstrated his interest in soil and water conservation in accordance with regulations spelled out in Division 9 of the Public Resources Code.

In addition to demonstrating interest, to qualify to serve as an RCD director, candidates must:

1. Be a registered voter in California;
2. Reside within the district;
3. **Meet one of the below requirements:**
  - a. Own land in the district;
  - b. Have served as an associate director for two years.

Regardless of the measures for qualification, throughout California and in particular for Santa Barbara County, precedent dictates that after a minimum of one year as an Associate Board Member, a person



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can be appointed as a full voting Board Member. This long-standing history strongly encourages anyone wanting to be a voting Board Member first to become an actively participating Associate Board Member in order to fully understand and appreciate the mission and goals of CRCD. The CRCD Board of Directors take their voting seats very seriously; there have only been a handful of times over the past six years that we have not had a quorum at a monthly meeting and it is our aim to uphold a high Board Member participation rate. Becoming an Associate Board Member helps to set an example of a person's dedication to the CRCD.

Furthermore, it is prudent that applicants consider attending one, if not several, Board meetings before deciding if they want to become a full voting member. Again, meeting attendance is vital to understand the mission and goals of CRCD and to allow for full comprehension on what our agency does. CRCD welcomes those interested in becoming Associate Board Members to attend our monthly meetings.

At this time there have been no other interested parties indicating a desire to sit on the Board of Directors for the CRCD either by attending meetings or becoming an Associate Board Member, and current Associate Board Members have not expressed interest in becoming a voting member.

Again, under guidance of Division 9 of the Public Resources Code and with full support of the current CRCD Board of Directors, it is recommended that LeRoy Scolari be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Russell".

Richard Russell  
President, Board of Directors  
Cachuma Resource Conservation District