



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: County Executive Office
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: February 7, 2023
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director(s) Contact Info: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
Terri Nisich, Assistant County Executive Officer

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SUBJECT: Cachuma Resource Conservation District (CRCD) Board of Director
Appointments

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Consider the appointment of Directors to the Cachuma Resource Conservation District (CRCD) pursuant to California Public Resources Code sections 9314 and 9316, as follows:
 - i) Re-appoint Johannah Bradley, Ron Labastida and Jim Wegis to the Board of the CRCD to four-year terms ending on November 27, 2026; and
 - ii) Appoint Russell Chamberlin to the Board of the CRCD to a four-year term ending on November 27, 2026; and
- b) Determine that the appointments of Directors to the Board of Directors of the CRCD 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:

In a letter to the Board of Supervisors dated October 28, 2022 (Attachment A), the Cachuma Resource Conservation District (CRCD) Board of Directors notified the Board of Supervisors of vacancies pursuant to Section 9314 of the Public Resources Code. The CRCD has requested that the Board of Supervisors make the appointments pursuant to Section 9314(c): *“It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage districts to opt for the selection of directors by election, but where directors are appointed pursuant to subdivision (b), it is the intent of the Legislature that the board of supervisors solicit recommendations from within the district, including public, private, and nonprofit entities, and appoint only applicants who are determined by the board of supervisors to have a demonstrated interest in soil and water conservation. In selecting directors pursuant to subdivision (b), the board of supervisors shall endeavor to achieve balanced representation on the board of directors. To avoid undue financial burdens to districts and to thereby promote the objectives of this division, the Legislature hereby encourages counties to waive or minimize the charges for costs of elections conducted pursuant to this division.”*

The term of office for the Directors of the CRCD is four years. The expiration of the term of any Director does not constitute a vacancy, and the Director shall hold office until re-appointment or until his or her successor has qualified. A notice of election is not required since the Directors are to be appointed. On November 14, 2022, the Clerk of the Board posted a notice of vacancy in the County of Santa Barbara, the principal county of the CRCD. Parts of Kern and San Luis Obispo Counties are contained within the CRCD. Therefore, to ensure consultation with those Boards of Supervisors per Public Resources Code section 9314(b)(1), on November 14, 2022, Kern and San Luis Obispo counties were also notified and a notice of vacancy was posted within each of their jurisdictions. Appointments pursuant to these vacancy notices may be made on or after November 29, 2022.

Pursuant to Section 9316 of the California Public Resources Code, staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors re-appoint Johannah Bradley, Ron Labastida and Jim Wegis and appoint one qualified applicant, Russell Chamberlin, to serve as Directors for the Cachuma Resource Conservation District.

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.

Special Instructions:

Send a copy of the minute order to the Cachuma Resource Conservation District, Attn: Anna Olsen.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Cachuma Resource Conservation District Letter Dated October 28, 2022

Attachment B – Applications