

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 10/19/05
Department Name: Clerk, Recorder and Assessor
Department No.: 062
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Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time: 30 Minutes on Nov. 15
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Joseph E. Holland
Clerk, Recorder and Assessor & Registrar of Voters

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

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Set a hearing for November 15, 2005 to consider the appointment of the four most qualified candidates to the Cachuma Resource Conservation District Board of Directors no later than December 1, 2005.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with actions required by law or routine business necessity.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

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

At the June 21, 2005 meeting, the County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution from the Cachuma Resource Conservation District requesting that your Board appoint its directors as provided for in Public Resources Code Section 9314.

On August 12, 2005, the close of the candidate filing period, the number of candidates filing a Declaration of Candidacy for the Cachuma Resource Conservation Board exceeded the number of positions to be filled. Five candidates filed Declarations of Candidacy with the Santa Barbara County Elections Offices to fill the four expiring terms. Copies of each Declaration have been included for your consideration (*see Attachment A*). Each of the following candidates has met all qualifications for appointment to the Cachuma Resource Conservation District Board of Directors:

Tim Campbell
Incumbent
1440 Dove Meadow Rd
Solvang, CA 93463

Ernest E. Righetti, II
Incumbent
3056 Highway 1
Santa Maria, CA 93455

Richard L. Russell
Incumbent
P.O. Box 160
New Cuyama, CA 93254

LeRoy Scolari
Incumbent
423 N. G Street
Lompoc, CA 93436

S. David Schwartz
8448 Vereda del Padre
Goleta, CA 93117

On September 6, 2005 the Santa Barbara elections office mailed a letter to each candidate requesting a statement of qualifications to assist the Board of Supervisors in making their appointments. That letter is represented in *Attachment B*.

The following candidates have submitted statements of qualifications:

1. Tim Campbell
2. Ernest E. Righetti, II
3. Richard L. Russell
4. S. David Schwartz
5. LeRoy Scolari

We have attached these statements for your review. (*See Attachment C*)

Pursuant to Section 9314 of the Public Resources Code and the agreement by the Board of Supervisors to appoint the candidates, we recommend that the Board of Supervisors appoint the four most qualified candidates as directors for the Cachuma Resource Conservation District from the list of applicants.

Mandates and Service Levels:

No change in programs or service level.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None

Special Instructions:

Elections Division of the Clerk, Recorder and Assessor, Elections Division will issue oaths of office.

Concurrence: