



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: CEO
Department No.:
For Agenda Of: 02/07/2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: Yes
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
Director(s)
Contact Info: Terri Nisich, Assistant County Executive Officer
SUBJECT: **Appointment of Members to Special District Boards of Directors in Lieu of Election**

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County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes
Other Concurrence: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

The Board of Supervisors:

- a) Appoint in lieu of election the following qualified applicants to the Cuyama Community Services District and the Cuyama Valley Recreation District, pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10515(b):

Charlene Cooper and Juan Gonzalez for terms ending December 6, 2024, and Malcolm Victor Ricci for a term ending December 4, 2026, to the Cuyama Community Services District;

Kim Marie Eichert, Laura Edith Price, and Maria Medina to the Cuyama Valley Recreation District, for terms ending December 6, 2024; and
- b) Determine that the above action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), because it consists of organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

On November 22, 2022 staff brought forward an item for the Board of Supervisors to appoint individuals in lieu of election to various special district boards. At that meeting, appointments to the

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Cuyama Community Services District and Cuyama Valley Recreation District were continued to a future date to allow further recruitment to occur. Additional recruitment was successful in bringing forth more applicants for the seats on the Cuyama Community Services District, however, no new applicants have been identified for the Cuyama Valley Recreation District. In coordination with the Districts, it has been decided to move forward with the appointments that can be made at this date.

The full list of applicants for the Cuyama Community Services District are as follows:

- Malcolm Victor Ricci
- Jacob Evans Eddy
- Juan Gonzalez
- Charlene Cooper

The full list of applicants for the Cuyama Valley Recreation District are as follows:

- Kim Marie Eichert
- Laura Edith Price
- Maria Medina

One other applicant for the Cuyama Community Services District applied before the deadline, Karen, Adams, however, she withdrew her application.

Pursuant to California Elections Code § 10515(b) if no person has filed a declaration of candidacy for any office, the supervising authority shall appoint any person to the office who is qualified on the date when the election would have been held. In all districts referenced no person filed a declaration of candidacy. The persons appointed shall qualify and take office and serve exactly as if elected at a general district election for the office.

Background:

On September 20, 2022, the Board of Supervisors received the Certificate of Facts by the County Clerk, Recorder, Assessor regarding appointment in lieu procedures for special district offices where no candidate has filed, listing the special districts that have one or more offices where no candidates filed a declaration of candidacy (Attachment A).

On November 22, 2022, the CEO's office brought forth applicants recruited up until that point for a majority of the special districts. At that hearing the Board of Supervisors requested further recruitment for three of the special districts: Cuyama Community Services District, Cuyama Valley Recreation District, and Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District (District 5). Additional recruitment was successful in bringing forth more applicants for the seats on the Cuyama Community Services District, however, no new applicants have been identified for the Cuyama Valley Recreation District or the Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District (District 5). In coordination with Cuyama Community Services District, the Cuyama Valley Recreation District and Santa Barbara County First District Supervisor Das Williams, who represents the Cuyama Valley, it has been decided to bring forth the appointments that can be made to the Cuyama Community Services District and Cuyama Valley Recreation District.

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Staff has included applications from the qualified individuals for the seats for these two special districts. (Attachment B).

Special Instructions:

Please send a copy of the minute order to the Elections Division, Attn: County of Santa Barbara Elections Division.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Certificate of Facts by County Clerk, Recorder, and Assessor

Attachment B – Applications from Qualified Applicants