




BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 0115
For Agenda Of: 06/03/2014
Placement: Set Hearing
Estimated Time: 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 
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

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors on June 3, 2014:

- (A) Set a hearing for June 17, 2014 on the Administrative 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; and
- (B) Direct the Clerk of the Board or designee to post on June 3, 2014 a notice of vacancy of the Board of Directors of the Cachuma Resource Conservation District pursuant to California Government Code section 54974.

On June 17, 2014, your Board's actions should include the following:

- (1) Appoint Gary Cavaletto, Lee Bettencourt, Lon Fletcher, and William Pata as Directors to the Board of Directors of the Cachuma Resource Conservation District in lieu of election pursuant to California Public Resources Code section 9314 with terms expiring on November 1, 2015; and
- (2) Appoint Richard Russell, Sharyne Merritt, Leroy Scolari, James Wegis, and Timothy O'Keefe as Directors to the Board of Directors of the Cachuma Resource Conservation District in lieu of election pursuant to California Public Resources Code section 9314 with terms expiring on November 1, 2017; and

- (3) 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, and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (Attachment B).

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, we recommend that the Board of Supervisors appoint the nine 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 the nine qualified applicants listed below as Directors for the Cachuma Resource Conservation District. Copies of each Application for each of the nine Directors requested to be appointed have been included for your consideration (see Attachment A):

Term Ending 11/1/2015:

- Gary Cavaletto;
- Lee Bettencourt;
- Lon Fletcher; and
- William Pata.

Term Ending 11/1/2017:

- Richard Russell;
- Sharyne Merritt;
- LeRoy Scolari;
- James Wegis; and
- Timothy O'Keefe.

A notice of election is not required since the Directors are to be appointed; however, a notice of vacancy is required to be posted pursuant to California Government Code section 54974. Section 54974 requires that a vacancy notice be posted 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 send a copy of the minute order to the Cachuma Resource Conservation District, Attn: Anne Coates. Thank you.

Attachments:

Attachment A (Applications)

Attachment B (CEQA Notice of Exemption)

cc: Joe Holland
Renee Bischof