



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: 11/13/2018
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 10 MIN.
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s) Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
Contact Info: Michael Allen, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board 568-2240
SUBJECT: Appointment of Members to Special District Boards of Directors in Lieu of Election

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Consider the Appointment in Lieu of Election, of qualified individuals to Special District Boards of Directors.

Background:

On October 2, 2018, the Board of Supervisors was asked by the County Elections Official to appoint in lieu of election those Special District Board Members who had filed the required nomination papers and qualified for the positions. The Board acted on this request and appointed 31 individuals to Special District Boards throughout the County. This hearing was conducted pursuant to Section 10515 of the Elections Code.

Subsequent to that action, staff was informed by the County Elections Office of four special district boards that have one or more vacancies where no candidates have filed nomination papers. Consistent with past practice, staff initiated outreach efforts in order to locate qualified individuals interested in serving on these special district boards that included the following:

- a) Contacted and worked with the individual special districts in order to determine if currently serving district board members or district staff were aware of any qualified individuals who would be interested in serving;

- b) Coordinated outreach with the appropriate Board Office(s) to identify individuals who may be interested in serving; and
- c) Published display advertising in local papers of General Circulation appropriate to the geographic area of the Special Districts and posted Notices of Vacancy.

The list of vacancies is included as Attachment A. As reflected below, staff has received 7 applications for the 5 vacant special district positions. The applications are included as Attachments B, C and D. Santa Barbara County Elections has confirmed that all of the applicants are qualified electors in their corresponding special districts and eligible to serve.

Cuyama Valley Recreation District – Two Vacancies, 4 year terms ending December 2, 2022

One applicant:

Susie Welker

Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District – One Vacancy, 4 year term ending December 2, 2022

Two applicant:

Suzanne Schneider
Lisa Guravitz

Carpinteria Valley Water District – One Vacancy, 4 year term ending December 2, 2022

Four applicants:

Victor Schaff
Korey Capozza
Steven Nicolaides
Kathleen Reddington

Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District – Division 5 – One Vacancy, 4 year term ending December 2, 2022

No applicants.

Given the importance of the services provided by local special districts, a critical concern is the availability of a voting quorum for each district. All of the special districts listed above will continue to have a working quorum.

The appointed candidates will take office on December 2, 2018; therefore, these appointments must be finalized prior to that date. As such, staff is recommending that the Board approve appointments to Special Districts Boards as reflected in Attachment A from the list of qualified applicants.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

N/A

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

Please send a copy of the minute order to the County Elections Office, Attn: Hector Gonzalez-Loera

Attachments:

Attachment A – List of Vacancies

Attachment B – Applications for Cuyama Valley Recreation District

Attachment C – Applications for Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District

Attachment D – Applications for Carpinteria Valley Water District

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