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March 14, 2023

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County of Ventura  
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**Subject:** Appoint Directors to the Pleasant Valley County Water District, Oxnard Drainage District 1, and Oxnard Drainage District 2 In Lieu of the Landowner General District Elections of May 2, 2023.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that your Board appoint those persons listed on the attached Certificates of Appointment (Exhibits 1 through 3) to serve as directors on the governing boards of the following districts: Pleasant Valley County Water District, Oxnard Drainage District 1, and Oxnard Drainage District 2.

**Fiscal/Mandates Impact:**

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Mandatory:                   | Yes {X} Elections Code Section 10515 |
| Source of Funding:           | None                                 |
| Funding Match Required:      | Not Applicable                       |
| Impact on Other Departments: | None                                 |

**Discussion:**

The "appointment in lieu of election" process is primarily governed by the Elections Code (Section 10515). The role of the Elections Division with respect to the appointment in lieu of election process is to ensure that the provisions of the Elections Code are complied with fully and that any election/appointment in lieu process is fairly conducted in a consistent and impartial manner.

To that end, the Elections Division publishes a notice of election concerning any offices to be filled to comply with the requirements of the Elections Code. The Elections Division also provides information requested by candidates seeking election to any of these offices. However, in order to ensure that the Elections Division remains neutral with respect to all offices and candidates, the Elections Division intentionally does not actively solicit candidates or otherwise advertise for any office that needs to be filled regardless of the number of candidates who have demonstrated an interest in that office.

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Section 10515 provides that when, on the 83rd day prior to the election, only one person has filed a declaration of candidacy for any elective office to be filled at such election or, in the case of district directors elected at large, the number of persons who have filed a declaration of candidacy does not exceed the number of such offices to be filled at that election, your Board, as the supervising authority, must appoint those persons who have filed declarations unless the smaller of 50 voters or 10 percent of the voters in any such district have filed a petition requesting a general election for such directors. Those persons appointed in lieu of election by your Board shall take office and serve exactly as if they were elected at the general election.

For the May 2, 2023, at-large elections for the districts mentioned in the Recommendation above, the number of candidates who filed declarations of candidacy by the 83rd day prior to the election, which was February 8, 2023, did not exceed the number of open positions for any such election. No petitions were filed requesting that any of these elections be held regardless of the number of candidates. Pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 10515, your Board is therefore required to appoint the candidates listed in the attached exhibits to the respective offices of the districts listed therein. Those candidates will serve exactly as if they had been elected on May 2, 2023.

For candidates appointed to the Pleasant Valley County Water District, their terms of office will start on December 1, 2023 and expire on December 3, 2027. For candidates appointed to Oxnard Drainage Districts 1 and 2, their terms of office will start on November 24, 2023 and expire on November 26, 2027.

This letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, Auditor-Controller's Office and County Counsel.

If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact me at 654-2266.



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Clerk-Recorder & Registrar of Voters

Attachments:

Exhibit 1: Certificate of Appointment – Pleasant Valley County Water District

Exhibit 2: Certificate of Appointment – Oxnard Drainage District 1

Exhibit 3: Certificate of Appointment – Oxnard Drainage District 2