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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
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**Subject: Approve Appointments to Ventura County Resource Conservation
District Board of Directors – Appointment in Lieu of Election**

Recommendations:

- 1) Receive the recommendation of the Review Panel and appoint the following five individuals to the Ventura County Resource Conservation District's Board of Directors in lieu of election. Recommendations are as follows:
 1. **Division 1 (Upper Ojai Valley)**
 - Mark Mooring – Scheduled Vacancy
 2. **Division 2 (Ventura River/Santa Clara Valley)**
 - Douglas Nelson (i) – Scheduled Vacancy
 - Mike Richardson (i) – Scheduled Vacancy
 3. **Division 3 (South Ventura County)**
 - Steven Murata – Unscheduled Vacancy
 - Kevin Cannon (i) – Scheduled Vacancy

(i) = Incumbent
- 2) Direct staff to maintain an open recruitment for the remaining open seat in Division 1.

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory: No
Source of Funding: N/A
Funding Match Required: N/A
Impact on Other Departments: None

Discussion:

The Ventura County Resource Conservation District (RCD) is governed by a nine member board of directors with three directors for each of the three divisions. The RCD's district boundaries encompass unincorporated land throughout the County and exclude incorporated cities. Terms for the RCD Board of Directors are four years in length, commencing on the last Friday of November in even-numbered calendar years. These terms are staggered so that appointments (or elections) are made every two years. Four directors are appointed (or elected) in one election cycle and the remaining five directors are appointed (or elected) two years thereafter. At the request of the RCD, your Board has been making appointments to their Board of Directors since the mid-1990s.

Applicants eligible for appointment to the RCD Board of Directors are those who meet the qualification requirements established by Public Resources Code sections 9352 and 9975 which require that RCD's Directors must be a registered voter and either:

1. Own real property within the division of the district in which they are applying, or
2. Reside in the division for which they are applying and serve as a designated agent of a resident landowner in the same division.

There are five scheduled vacancies and one unscheduled vacancy due for appointment. The current vacancies are as follows:

Division	Area	Number of Vacancies
1	Upper Ojai Valley	2
2	Ventura River/Santa Clara Valley	2
3	South Ventura County/Somis	2

A three-member Review Panel was established to evaluate the applications and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The Review Panel consists of a representative from the Ventura County Watershed Protection District (WPD), the

Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County (WCVC) and an active Board member of the RCD. The panel is made up of the following members:

1. Michael Mobley, RCD Board of Directors (Division 2)
2. Sue Hughes, Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County
3. Gerard Kapuscik, Watershed Protection District

A press release was sent to several media outlets in the County. These include the Ventura County Star, The Acorn, Ojai Valley News, The Los Angeles Times, and others. The applicants attended the most recent RCD Director's meeting on November 28th, 2012. The Review Panel also attended this meeting to meet the applicants. Shortly thereafter the Review Panel deliberated and determined the recommendations before you today.

These recommended appointments will result in eight of the nine available seats on the RCD Board of Directors being occupied. The remaining open seat is in Division 1. Staff will continue to work with stakeholder groups and RCD staff to encourage qualified applicants to apply for that vacancy.

This letter has been reviewed by County Counsel. If there are questions related to this matter, please contact Scott Powers, Management Analyst at 677-8761.



Michael Powers
County Executive Officer

- Exhibit 1 – Current RCD Board of Directors
- Exhibit 2 – List of RCD Applicants
- Exhibit 3 – Review Panel Participants
- Exhibit 4 – RCD Boundary Map

cc: Ventura County Resources Conservation District
Ventura County Watershed Protection District
Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County