

December 11, 2022

The Honorable Matt LeVere
Chair, Ventura County Board of Supervisors
Hall of Administration
800 S. Victoria Ave
Ventura, CA 93009

Subject: **Board Agenda item #46. Recommendation of Supervisor Parks to Reappoint Dr. Sean Anderson to the Ventura County Resource Conservation District's Board of Directors for a Term Ending November 27, 2026.**

Dear Board Chair and Members of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors:

Respectfully, I ask that you please continue this matter referenced above until the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors on January 10, 2023. I make this request for two reasons:

1. Continuing this matter would give me some time to meet with and interview the nominee. The nominee may be entirely suitable and qualified but because this is an appointment for a term of 4 years – the length of the term upon which I am about to enter as 2nd District Supervisor - I would appreciate the opportunity to evaluate the 2nd District nominee to this important Board.
2. Continuing this matter will give me and the new Board the opportunity to discuss, on the record, the process officially adopted by the Board of Supervisors on 9/18/2018. On this date, the Board approved a rotating process for appointments to the VCRCD to be done in January of odd numbered years. It was agreed that Districts 3, 4 and 5 would make the reappointments/appointments in January 2023 for the three (3) VCRCD seats that expired in November. Then, Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 will make appointments in January 2025. The Board unanimously approved this process in 2018 expressly to address the election cycle issues would arise, and Board item #46 would clearly violate the adopted process.

I understand the tight timeline that exists to make new appointments to VCRCD and that these nominations must be done with some urgency, so I can understand and appreciate why Supervisor Linda Parks would place the appointment on the agenda. Nevertheless, given the process adopted in 2018 by the Board and my desire to evaluate the nominee, I would ask that the Board continue this action until early next year.

Very Respectfully,



Jeff Gorell
Supervisor-Elect, 2nd District
Ventura County Board of Supervisors