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January 24, 2023

Board of Supervisors  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

**Subject: Appointment of Two Directors to the Ventura County Resource Conservation District Board of Directors with Terms Expiring November 27, 2026**

**Recommendation:**

Appoint the following individuals to the Ventura County Resource Conservation District Board of Directors. The term of office for each appointment is four years and will expire on November 27, 2026.

- Mark Mooring (By Supervisorial District 3)
- Roy Tally (By Supervisorial District 4)

**Fiscal/Mandates Impact:**

Mandatory: Yes; Pub. Resources Code § 9314, subd. (b)  
Source of Funding: N/A  
Funding Match Required: N/A  
Impact on Other Departments: None

**Discussion:**

The Ventura County Resource Conservation District (RCD) is a special district created by statute and governed by a board of seven directors. RCD is legally and organizationally separate from the County. RCD boundaries include only unincorporated land throughout the County. The mission of RCD is to support both public and private parties within the County in development and advancement of resource conservation practices. These practices include farm, range, open space, wildlife, recreation, watershed, and water quality, among others. In particular, RCD provides assistance in regard to water and soil conservation, runoff and soil erosion prevention and control, and erosion stabilization. RCD is funded primarily by grants; however, it also administers some fee-for-service programs.

From 1994 through 2015, your Board appointed members to the RCD Board. In 2015, the RCD Board rescinded its former resolution authorizing such appointments and opted to have its members elected by district voters. On June 20, 2018, the RCD Board adopted and timely filed with the Clerk of the Board a resolution requesting your Board to once again appoint RCD Board members in lieu of the elections that would otherwise have been held last November and every two years thereafter. Under the provisions of the Public Resources Code, your Board therefore "shall appoint directors ... from those candidates who have filed an application with [your Board], as prescribed by [your Board]." (Pub. Resources Code, § 9314, subd. (b)(1).)

RCD Board members' terms of office are for four years, staggered to fall on even numbered (election) years, with the terms of office for three seats having expired on November 26, 2022, and four seats expiring on November 30, 2024. For the three terms of office that expired last year, the window of opportunity for your Board to fill those seats is 60 days, expiring January 25, 2023.

To be eligible for appointment to the RCD Board, nominees must meet qualifications required by subdivisions (a) and (b) of Public Resources Code section 9352. These sections require that a director:

- a) Be a registered voter in the state;  
*and*
- b) 1. Reside within the district *and* either own real property in the district *or* have served for at least two years as an associate director providing advisory or other assistance to the RCD Board;  
*or*  
2. Be a designated agent of a resident landowner within the district.

On September 18, 2018 your Board approved an appointment process that starts with District #1 and moves sequentially through all five supervisorial districts as the RCD seats expire.

| Election/Expiration Year (Nov) | 2018 | 2020 | 2022 | 2024 | 2026 | 2028 | 2030 |
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| BOS Appointment Year (Jan)     | 2019 | 2021 | 2023 | 2025 | 2027 | 2029 | 2031 |
| Supervisorial District 1       | X    | X    |      | X    | X    | X    |      |
| Supervisorial District 2       | X    | X    |      | X    | X    |      | X    |
| Supervisorial District 3       | X    |      | X    | X    |      | X    | X    |
| Supervisorial District 4       |      | X    | X    | X    |      | X    | X    |
| Supervisorial District 5       |      | X    | X    |      | X    | X    |      |

The recommended appointments are as follows:

Supervisorial District 3 – Mark Mooring  
Supervisorial District 4 – Roy Tally

The Supervisorial District 5 appointment, Dr. Sean Anderson, was approved by your Board at the December 13, 2022 Regular Meeting.

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This letter was reviewed by County Counsel, the Auditor-Controller's Office and the County Executive Office. If you have any questions, please contact James Importante, Program Management Analyst in the CEO Budget and Finance Division at (805) 654-5088.

Sincerely,

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James Importante  
Program Management Analyst

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Sevet Johnson, PsyD  
County Executive Officer