



# Napa County

## Board Agenda Letter

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Board of Supervisors

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Minh C. Tran - County Executive Officer  
**REPORT BY:** Neha Hoskins - Board Clerk II  
**SUBJECT:** Reappointments to the Board of Directors of the Napa County Resource Conservation District

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

County Executive Officer requests adoption of a resolution, pursuant to Section 9314 of the Public Resources Code, to reappoint Ashley Anderson Bennett, Rainer Hoenicke, Jon Kanagy, and Thomas "Bill" Pramuk the Napa County Resource Conservation District (RCD) Board of Directors in lieu of holding an election, with the terms of office to commence on November 27, 2020, and expire at noon on November 29, 2024 (Resolution attached)

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Napa County Resource Conservation District (RCD) is an independent special district managed by a Board of Directors who serve specified terms of office. The terms of three of those Directors expire at noon on November 27, 2020. RCD advertised the openings and submitted a letter to the Board of Supervisors of Solano County (which comprises a small portion of the District) regarding the open positions and appointment process. The County Executive Office received reappointment requests from Ashley Anderson Bennett, Rainer Hoenicke, Jon Kanagy, and Thomas "Bill" Pramuk. The RCD's Board of Directors, lacking funds to pay for a public election, adopted Resolution 2020-05 on November 12, 2020 which requests the Board of Supervisors appoint the three Directors in lieu of an election, permitted by Public Resources Code Section 9314.

### **FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	No
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:	Effective and Open Government

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

Four of the seven Director positions on the Napa County Resource Conservation District (RCD) Board have expired and are up for election. Applicants for appointment to the governing board of the RCD should demonstrate an interest in soil and water conservation pursuant to the requirements of Public Resources Code section 9314. Such applicants must also be registered voters in the State, reside within the RCD and either own real property in the RCD or, alternatively, have either served pursuant to the RCD's rules for two years or more as an Associate Director providing advisory or other assistance to the Board of Directors, or be a designated agent of a resident land owner within the RCD. Public Resources Code section 9314 recommends that the Board of Supervisors select applicants who have demonstrated interest in soil and water conservation issues. The RCD Board of Directors recommends (RCD Resolution attached) the reappointment of and staff recommends adoption of the resolution reappointing Ashley Anderson Bennett, Rainer Hoenicke, Jon Kanagy, and Thomas "Bill" Pramuk to the RCD Board of Directors in lieu of holding an election, pursuant to Section 9314 of the Public Resources Code. All four applicants meet the requirements for appointment to the governing board of the RCD.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**