



Contra  
Costa  
County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: INTERNAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
Date: January 16, 2018

Subject: APPOINTMENTS TO THE EAST CONTRA COSTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPOINT Susanna Thompson (Clayton) and Mark Whitlock (Bethel Island) to the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District Board of Directors effective February 5, 2018 and until such time that elected successors assume office.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

None to the County.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The East Contra Costa Fire Protection District ("District") is currently governed by a nine-member appointed Board of Directors. Four members of the Board of Directors were appointed by the Brentwood City Council, three members were appointed by the Oakley City Council, and two members were appointed by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors. California law allowed voters to change an appointed fire protection district board of directors to a board of directors whose members are elected by the voters. The

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **01/16/2018** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

### **VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

ABSENT: Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: January 16, 2018

, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Stacey M. Boyd, Deputy

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District Board of Directors adopted a resolution asking voters to decide whether to change the District governing board “from an appointed Board of Directors of nine members to a Board of Directors of nine members, elected at-large.” A majority of voters in the November 2016 election supported changing the governing board to an elected board. The District Board subsequently passed a resolution, attached hereto, establishing even-year elections and requesting to consolidate the first of these elections with the November 2018 general election.

**BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)**

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Additionally, on November 6, 2017, the District Board of Directors adopted a resolution to conduct an all mail ballot election on March 6, 2018 to transition from a nine-person elected board to a five-person elected board and to designate the seats "at large" rather than representative of wards. Under either the prospective 9-member or 5-member elected board, the members of the District Board of Directors will be elected at the next general District election in November 2018, and the elected officers will likely take office on December 7, 2018.

The terms of office for the two Board of Supervisors-appointed Directors, Robert Kenny and Cheryl Morgan, will expire on February 4, 2018, leaving vacancies that will not be filled until successors are elected in November 2018 and assume office. On October 13, 2017, staff opened a recruitment (see attached media release) with an application deadline of November 20. The recruitment garnered seven applications.

The Internal Operations Committee interviewed five candidates on December 11 and one candidate on December 19. Candidate Anthony Bargiacchi could not attend his scheduled interview but was considered on the basis of his application. As a result of the interviews

<b>Name</b>	<b>Resident of</b>	<b>Current Employment</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Current Volunteering Work</b>	<b>Also Applied for</b>
Anthony Bargiacchi	Brentwood	Engineer/Firefighter, Novato Fire Protection District; Adjunct Faculty, EMT-First Responder, Los Medanos College	BS, Columbia Southern Univ; criminal justice coursework at San Jose State Univ	Not specified	Not specified
Lito Calimlim	Clayton	Real Estate Broker	BA, Econ & Psychology, UCLA	Comstock Gardens HOA Board President	Not specified
Karin Schnaider	Brentwood	City of Tracy Finance Director	MBA, Public Policy Administration, San Diego State Univ.; BA, Public Policy Administration, CSU Long Beach	Not specified	Byron-Brentwood-Knightsen Union Cemetery District Board
Sandra Strobel	Knightsen	Real Estate Broker; Project Manager/Admin	GED, community college coursework, real estate license	Knightsen Neighborhood Watch Chairperson	Not specified
Stephen F. Smith	Brentwood	Retired. Formerly, IT programmer analyst for banking institutions.	MS, BS, UC Berkeley	ECCFPD Board member since 2011	Not specified
Susanna Thompson	Clayton	Co-owner, electrical contracting business; equine transportation services	GED, junior college and university coursework in History	Not specified	Not specified

Mark Whitlock	Bethel Island	Owner, carpet cleaning business since 1978	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified
<u>CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:</u>  The terms of office of the current Board of Supervisors-appointed Directors, Robert Kenny and Cheryl Morgan, will expire on February 4, 2018. Unless new directors are appointed by the County, the vacancies will not be filled until successors are elected in November 2018 and assume office.					
<u>ATTACHMENTS</u>					
ECCFPD Recruitment Media Release					
ECCFPD Governance Resolution - Appointed to Elected_2009					
ECCFPD Election Resolution to Reduce to 5 Members_Nov 2017					
Candidate Application_Anthony Bargiacchi_ECCFPD Board of Directors					
Candidate Application_Lito Calimlim_ECCFPD Board of Directors					
Candidate Application_Karin Schnaider_ECCFPD Board of Directors					
Candidate Application_Stephen F. Smith_ECCFPD Board of Directors					
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