



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: INTERNAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
Date: November 17, 2020

Subject: RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE CONTRA COSTA RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RECOMMENDATION(S):

REAPPOINT Lorena Castillo of Martinez to the Director 1 seat, Renee Fernandez-Lipp of Pittsburg to the Director 3 seat, and Igor Skaredoff of Martinez to the Director 4 seat on the Contra Costa Resource Conservation District Board of Directors to new four-year terms expiring on November 30, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No County cost.

BACKGROUND:

Contra Costa Resource Conservation District (RCD) director recruitment is conducted by the County pursuant to a 1998 RCD resolution ordering that all future directors shall be appointed by the County Board of Supervisors in lieu of election (Public Resources Code Section 9314). The RCD is a state legislated special district whose mission is to carry out natural resources conservation projects through voluntary and cooperative efforts. The RCD is a non-regulatory agency that works with individuals, growers, ranchers, public agencies, non-profit organizations and corporations to accomplish its mission. The USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service provides technical support for the RCD's programs.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **11/17/2020** ☒ 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
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V 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: November 17, 2020

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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By: Stacey M. Boyd, Deputy

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

On November 30, 2020, the terms of office for three of the five RCD Director seats will expire: Directors 1, 3 and 4. Customarily, the RCD Board makes recommendations to the IOC to fill its member vacancies. However, with three pending vacancies, the RCD Board will lack a quorum and may not tender recommendations to fill its vacant seats. When this occurs, the IOC conducts a recruitment and interviews candidates to fill the vacancies pursuant to a resolution passed by the RCD opting for County appointment in lieu of election.

IOC staff opened a recruitment on September 25 (see attached announcement). Following a five-week recruitment, five applications were received. However, two applicants later withdrew their candidacy, indicating instead their interest in non-voting Associate Director positions, which are appointed by the RCD board. Consequently, only the three incumbents remained as candidates.

At its November 9, 2020 meeting, the Board's Internal Operations Committee reviewed and approved the reappointment of the incumbents.

ATTACHMENTS

Press Release_Resource Conservation District Board Vacancies

Candidate Application_Lorena Castillo_CCRCD

Candidate Application_Igor Skaredoff_CCRCD

Candidate Application_Renee Fernandez-Lipp_CCRCD