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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Leanne Link for Nancy Watt - County Executive Officer  
County Executive Office

**REPORT BY:** Nadine Willoughby, Administrative Support Technician - 253-4595

**SUBJECT:** Appointments 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 and 9316 of the Public Resources Code, appointing three (3) Directors from five (5) applications received during the recruitment period to the Napa County Resource Conservation District (RCD) Board of Directors, as requested by the RCD Board of Directors, in lieu of holding an election, for positions whose terms of office commence immediately and expire at noon on November 30, 2018.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 9314 and 9316, the Napa County Resource Conservation District (RCD) adopted Resolution 2014-04 requesting the Board of Supervisors appoint Jim Lincoln, Beth Painter and Gretchen Stranzl McCann to RCD's Board of Directors, in lieu of holding an election.

The County Executive Office advertised three (3) Director positions and received three (3) reappointment request applications from the incumbents and two (2) new applications received from C. Evangeline James and Vic Nienu.

### **Applicants (Residing District):**

C. Evangeline James (2)  
Jim Lincoln\* (1)  
Gretchen Stranzl McCann\* (5)  
Vic Nienu (5)  
Beth Painter (1)\*

*\*Incumbents*

**PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. Staff Reports
2. Public comments
3. Motion, second, discussion and vote on the item

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?                      No

**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**

On May 8, 2014, the Napa County Resource Conservation District (RCD) Board of Directors adopted Resolution 2014-04 requesting the Board of Supervisors appoint three (3) Directors to the RCD's Board of Directors in lieu of a public election as permitted by Public Resources Code sections 9314 and 9316. As noted in Resolution 2014-04, the Board of Directors of the Napa County Resource Conservation District lacks funds to pay for a public election and desires the Board of Supervisors to appoint in lieu of election. As of 2011, the action by the Board of Supervisors to appoint RCD's Board of Directors is conducted through an adoption of a Resolution.

The County Executive Office recruited for the openings and submitted a letter on July 7, 2014 to the Board of Supervisors of Solano County (which comprises a small portion of the District) regarding the open positions and appointment process. As of the closing date of the July 7 - August 4, 2014 recruitment period, no applications were received from Solano County residents.

There are seven (7) Directors on RCD's Board. Applicants for appointment to the governing board of the Napa County Resource Conservation District should demonstrate an interest in soil and water conservation pursuant to the requirements of Section 9314 of the Public Resources Code. 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 (2) 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.

The County Executive Office received three (3) reappointment applications from the incumbents, Jim Lincoln, Beth Painter and Gretchen Stranzl McCann and two (2) new applications from C. Evangeline James and Victor Nienu. The Napa County Resource Conservation District (RCD) requests the Board of Supervisors appoint Jim Lincoln, Beth Painter and Gretchen Stranzl McCann to RCD's Board of Directors, in lieu of holding an election. The incumbents are current members of the RCD Board of Directors and meet all of the statutory requirements for the Director positions.

The County Executive Officer requests adoption of a resolution appointing three (3) Directors to the Napa County Resource Conservation District with the terms of office to commence immediately and expire at noon on November 30, 2018. By taking this action today, Napa County Resource Conservation District will have a complete Board of Directors.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

- A . C. Evangeline James Application
- B . Jim Lincoln Application
- C . Vic Nieneu Application
- D . Beth Painter Application
- E . Gretchen Stranzl McCann Application
- F . Resource Conservation District Resolution 2014-04
- G . Board of Supervisors Resolution

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi