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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Britt Ferguson for Nancy Watt - County Executive Officer  
County Executive Office  
**REPORT BY:** Patricia Grisham, Administrative Secretary I, 253-4424  
**SUBJECT:** Appointments to the Independent Hearing Panel for Solid Waste Issues

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

County Executive Officer requests the appointment/reappointment of Robert Swift and Kathleen Harrison to the Independent Hearing Panel for Solid Waste Issues with the term of office to commence immediately and expire August 1, 2010.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

County Executive Officer requests the appointment/reappointment of two members to the Independent Hearing Panel for Solid Waste Issues with the term of office to commence immediately and expire August 1, 2010.

### **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**

There are currently two openings on the Independent Hearing Panel for Solid Waste Issues. The County Executive Office advertised in the local media and received one application from Robert Allen Swift for the "Technical Expert"

opening. Mr. Swift is a technical expert with knowledge of solid waste management methods and technologies. Ms. Kathleen Harrison, current "Public at Large" representative is seeking reappointment.

The Independent Hearing Panel for Solid Waste Issues consists of three members - a member of the Board of Supervisors (currently Brad Wagenknecht), a person who is a technical expert with knowledge of solid waste management methods and technologies, and a public at large representative. The term of office is four years and members may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, the Local Governing Body of the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) shall maintain an independent hearing panel for permit, enforcement and appeal purposes, when in the jurisdiction of the LEA there exists a publicly operated solid waste facility or disposal site. The purpose of the Hearing Panel is to hear appeals to the issuance of solid waste facility permits, condition of those permits or Enforcement Orders issued by the LEA. The Panel will only consider appeals regarding publicly owned or operated solid waste facilities.

The Technical Expert should have knowledge of solid waste management methods and technologies. This individual need not reside within Napa County.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A . Applications

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Maiko Klieman