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# NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

**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: Reappointments to the Napa County Winegrape Pest and Disease Control District

## **RECOMMENDATION**

County Executive Officer requests three (3) reappointments of Larry Bettinelli, James Frisinger and Laurence Hyde to serve on the Napa County Winegrape Pest and Disease Control District Board of Directors with the terms of office to commence immediately and expire March 26, 2019.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

County Executive Officer requests three (3) reappointments to the Napa County Winegrape Pest and Disease Control District Board of Directors.

#### **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 three (3) openings due to expiration of terms on the Board of Directors for the Winegrape Pest and Disease Control District. The County Executive Office recruited for the openings and received three (3) reappointment request applications from the incumbents, Larry Bettinelli, James Frisinger, and Laurence Hyde, to serve another three (3) year term. The incumbents have served as members on the Winegrape Pest and Disease Control District board since 2010, 2007 and 2008 respectively.

On January 2, 2002, the Napa County Winegrape Pest and Disease Control District Law (Food and Agricultural Code sections 6292 et seq.) was enacted. The purpose of this law is to make available a procedure for creating the Napa County Winegrape Pest and Disease Control District to assist in the funding of inspection, detection, prevention, and education of Pierce's Disease as stated in the Napa County Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter Work Plan, as approved by the California Department of Food and Agriculture, and accepted by the Napa County Board of Supervisors, to prevent the spread of Pierce's Disease by the glassy-winged sharpshooter.

On February 19, 2002, the Napa County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 02-26 establishing the Napa County Winegrape Pest and Disease Control District.

In 2006, Napa County growers voted to expand the scope of the District to include programs to detect and control a recent introduction into Napa County, the Vine Mealy bug. The District collects annual assessments of \$5.60 per acre for both Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter and Vine Mealy bug control programs.

The District is administered by a five (5) member Board of Directors. Applicants must meet the following qualifications to serve on the District Board:

- a) They must be a citizen of the United States and resident of California;
- b) They must own lands included in the District devoted, in whole or in part, to the growing of winegrapes; and
- c) They must have demonstrated an interest in the control of winegrape pests and diseases.

By taking this action today, the Napa County Winegrape Pest and Disease Control District Board of Directors will have a full and complete board.

#### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

- A . Larry Bettinelli Reappointment Application
- B. James Frisinger Reappointment Application
- C. Laurence Hyde Reappointment Application

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan