



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
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Item Number: 4.6

MEETING DATE: 12/13/2022

DEPARTMENT: CLERK OF THE BOARD

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Vanessa Delgado

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Vanessa Delgado

SUBJECT:

CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - V. DELGADO

Approve appointments of Martha Skelley and Elizabeth Reikowski as Directors of the San Benito County Resource Conservation District for the term of November 26, 2022 through November 27, 2026, and reappoint Cameron Wright as Director of the San Benito County Resource Conservation District for the term of November 26, 2022 through November 27, 2026.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 575

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

The San Benito Resource Conservation District is an independent locally governed special district established in accordance with Division 9 of the Public Resources Code (sections 9151 - 9757) that is a legal subdivision of the State of California established for the following purposes:

(1) To provide the means by which the state may cooperate with the United States and with resource conservation districts organized pursuant to this division in securing the adoption in this state of conservation practices, including, but not limited to, farm, range, open space, urban development, wildlife, recreation, watershed, water quality, and woodland, best adapted to save the basic resources, soil, water, and air of the state from unreasonable and economically preventable waste and destruction.

(2) To provide for the organization and operation of resource conservation districts for the purposes of soil and water conservation, the control of runoff, the prevention and control of soil erosion, and erosion stabilization, including, but not limited to, these purposes in open areas, agricultural areas, urban development, wildlife areas, recreational developments, watershed management, the protection

of water quality and water reclamation, the development of storage and distribution of water, and the treatment of each acre of land according to its needs.

The San Benito RCD (information at <https://rcdsanbenito.org/>) is one of 96 such districts in the State of California (<https://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/RCD/Pages/CaliforniaRCDs.aspx>). Districts are governed by locally elected or appointed board members who must be registered voters, reside in the district, own land or have served at least two years as an associate providing advisor or other assistance to be board or be a designated agent of a resident landowner. (PRC sec. 9352.)

The San Benito Resource Conservation District (SBRCD) originated as multiple local Soil Conservation Districts dating back to the 1930s, that were consolidated into a single district in 1961, and renamed Resource Conservation District to reflect broader responsibility for multiple natural resources. In accordance with PRC 9314 (b), the SBRCD adopted Resolution 2006-1 (attached) requesting the San Benito County Board of Supervisors to appoint directors, rather than have the district bare the cost of elections because of its limited financial resources. The SBRCD is eligible for funding from state and federal grants and other funds available to resource conservation districts.

The SBRCD has undertaken the task of soliciting qualified applicants by publication on its website and posting in other newsletters and online publications as well as direct personal recruitment to serve as directors and presents the persons identified for appointment by the Board of Supervisors.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT AND RFP HISTORY:

N/A

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

N/A

STATE IF THIS IS A NEW CONTRACT/ HOW MANY PAST AMENDED CONTRACTS/ OR N/A:

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

Yes

BUDGETED:

N/A

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

No

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

N/A

CURRENT FY COST:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the appointments of Martha Skelley and Elizabeth Reikowski as Directors of the San Benito County Resource Conservation District for the term of November 26, 2022 through November 27, 2026, and reappoint Cameron Wright as Director of the San Benito County Resource Conservation District for the term of November 26, 2022 through November 27, 2026..

ATTACHMENTS:

[SBRCD Resolution No. 2006-1](#)

[Memo ReAppoint C.Wright 11.29.22](#)

[Memo to Appoint E.Reikowski 11.29.22](#)

[Memo to Appoint M.Skelley 11.29.22](#)

[SBRCD Director Application M.Skelley 10.20.22](#)

[SBRCD Director Application E.Reikowski 10.29.22](#)

[SBRCD Vacancy Posting Information eMail](#)