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**Purpose**

To provide a procedure for the Board of Supervisors to make appointments to Resource Conservation District boards of directors. There are three Resource Conservation Districts in San Diego County: The Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County; Upper San Luis Rey Resource Conservation District; and Mission Resource Conservation District. These districts work in conjunction with the Soil Conservation Service to provide erosion control information to local landowners.

**Background**

Public Resources Code Section 9314 allows, as an alternative to the election of directors, that the board of directors of a Resource Conservation District may, by a resolution presented to the Board of Supervisors, request the Board to appoint directors. On January 22, 1986 (#11), the Board of Supervisors accepted resolutions submitted by the boards of directors of all of the Resource Conservation Districts within San Diego County indicating their desire that all future members of their boards of directors be appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

The Resource Conservation Districts chose to have members of their boards of directors appointed by the Board of Supervisors to avoid election costs.

Since 1986, candidates for the boards of directors of the Resource Conservation Districts have submitted their applications through the Registrar of Voters office. Since no elections are ever held for these districts, it is more practical and efficient, and less confusing for the applicants, if this process is managed by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors along with its other appointment responsibilities.

**Policy**

It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that:

1. No election shall be held to fill vacancies on Resource Conservation District boards of directors when the district has on file an effective resolution requesting all vacancies be filled by appointment by the Board of Supervisors.
2. In-lieu of elections, the Board of Supervisors shall make appointments from a list of qualified applicants established by the Resource Conservation District where the vacancy has occurred.

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3. Upon receipt of a list of applicants from the board of directors of a Resource Conservation District, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall timely submit such list to the Board of Supervisors. This list shall include the name of the district affected, the seat/term vacant, the number of vacancies to be filled, the names of the applicants. The Clerk of the Board shall further notify the member or members of the Board whose supervisorial district or districts encompass the district and advise such member or members that a request to fill vacancies as herein prescribed will be presented to the Board.

4. Interim vacancies may be filled by the board of directors of the Resource Conservation Districts pursuant to Government Code Section 1780.

**Sunset Date**

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 12-31-27.

**Board Action**

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**CAO Reference**

1. Clerk of the Board