

**ORDINANCE NO. 662  
(AS AMENDED THROUGH 662.2)  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.  
662 AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS TO RESOURCE  
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES  
CODE SECTION 9314**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside Ordains as Follows:

**Section 1. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY.** In accordance with Section 9314 of Public Resources Code, the application for appointment as a director of a Resource Conservation District shall be the Declaration of Candidacy form prescribed in Elections Code Section 10511, as provided by Registrar of Voters. Completed applications are to be filed with the Registrar of Voters by the applicable filing deadline date.

**Section 2. DEFINITIONS.** For the purposes of this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

- a. **Vacancy.** As it applies to expiration of a director's regular term of office shall occur on the last Friday in the month of November.
- b. **Application.** The application required to be filed by candidates shall be the Declaration of Candidacy form prescribed in Elections Code paragraph 23512.2, as provided by the Registrar of Voters. Completed applications are to be filed with the Registrar of Voters by the applicable filing deadline date.
- c. **Director.**
  - (1) A Director shall be a registered voter in the state.
  - (2) A Director shall:
    - (a) reside within the District **and either** own real property in the District **or** alternatively have served for two years or more as an associate director providing advisory or other assistance to the Board of Directors, or
    - (b) be a designated agent of a resident landowner within the District.
  - (3) If the Board of Directors has provided for selection of Directors by division, these residency requirements shall apply to the division the Director represents, rather than to the District as a whole.

**Section 3. TERM OF OFFICE.** The term of office for all Directors appointed pursuant to this ordinance, shall run for the same period as if such Director had been elected, rather than appointed to office, subject only to the date of vacancy being as defined in Section 2., above.

**Section 4. REQUEST TO APPOINT.** As an alternative to the election of Directors, the Board of Directors may, by a resolution presented to the Board of Supervisors, request the Board of Supervisors to appoint Directors. Such a resolution shall remain in effect

until rescinded by the Board of Directors, or until a petition requesting the rescission is received by the elections official. The petition shall be signed by 5 percent of the registered voters and shall be received no later than the 120th day before the election. Upon verification by the elections official that the petition contains the requisite number of signatures, the resolution shall be rescinded.

**Section 5. MULTI-COUNTY DISTRICT.** In those cases where a district is located in more than one county and Riverside County, as principal county, has been requested to appoint a Director(s), such appointment will be made after consultation with the Board of Supervisors of any other county containing any part of the district pursuant to this ordinance.

**Section 6. NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT.** Where a request for appointment has been made, by resolution, a notice of election shall not be published, but a notice of vacancy shall be posted pursuant to Section 54974 of the Government Code.

**Section 7. FAILURE TO APPOINT.** If the Board of Supervisors does not conduct interviews of potential candidates or make an appointment within sixty (60) days after the expiration of a Directors term, the Board of Directors may make the appointment.

**Section 8. SEVERABILITY.** If any provision, clause, sentence or paragraph of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person, establishment or circumstances, shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or application of the provisions of this ordinance, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

**Section 9. SECTION HEADINGS.** The section headings herein are for convenience only, and shall not be deemed to govern, limit, modify or in any manner affect the scope, meaning or intent of the provisions or language of this ordinance.

**Section 10. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Pursuant to Government Code paragraph 25123(a), this Ordinance shall take effect immediately as one calling or otherwise relating to an election.

**Adopted:** 662 Item 3.7 of 09/06/1988 (Eff: 10/06/1988)

**Amended:** 662.1 Item 3.42 of 11/01/1994 (Eff: IMMEDIATELY)

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662.2 Item 3.10 of 03/14/2000 (Eff: 4/13/2000) (Amded Sec. 4)