



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 1/10/2023

File #: 22-1685

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Clerk of the Board

Agenda Section: Departmental

SUBJECT:

Consider the At-Large Appointments to the Resource Conservation District Board

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Consider the reappointment of Zach Cahill and Daniel Cohoon; and
2. Consider the new appointment of Jim Cotton to the existing vacancy.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund (1100)

DISCUSSION:

The Humboldt County Resources Conservation District (HCRCDD) is a special district established under Division 9 of the California Resource code to work with private landowners to conserve and protect natural resources on private land in the county. Under Division Section 9317, seven members of the HCRCDD Board are appointed by the Board of Supervisors to staggering four-year terms.

On Nov. 25, 2022, there were three members that had a term expiration. They were Zach Cahill, Daniel Cohoon and Ryan Rice. A notice of vacancy was posted per the Board of Supervisors protocol. Also note that there was an additional vacancy that has been available since February 2022.

Executive Director Jill Demers has sent a letter recommending the reappointment of Zach Cahill and Daniel Cohoon. Ryan Rice is not seeking reappointment and a new vacancy will be posted under a different agenda item. Mr. Cahill and Mr. Cohoon have also sent letters seeking reappointment approval.

There is currently one application on file for Jim Cotton for the vacant seat. Executive Director Demers has also sent a letter of support for the appointment of Mr. Cotton.

These are At-Large appointments, and it is Board discretion on appointments.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact for making appointments.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by managing our resources to ensure sustainability of services and providing community-appropriate levels of service.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose to postpone the appointment to obtain more applications however this not recommended as the recruitment period has been open for the past ten months. Delaying the appointment could lead to quorum issues for the HCRC.

ATTACHMENTS:

Letter dated 10/26/22 from Daniel Cohoon

Letter dated 10/26/22 from Zach Cahill

Letter dated 10/31/22 from the Executive Director Jill Demers

Redacted Application from Jim Cotton received November 03, 2022.

Letter dated 12/09/22 from the Executive Director Jill Demers.

Current Roster showing recommended appointments.

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: 2/15/22, 11/29/22

File No.: 22-158, 22-1480