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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: Appointments to the Board of Directors of the Watershed Information Center and Conservancy of Napa County (WICC)

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer requests one (1) appointment representing the Public At Large from the applicants listed below and re-appointment of Gretchen Stranzl-McCann, nominated by the Napa County Resource Conservation District Board of Directors to represent the District on the Watershed Information Center and Conservancy on August 14, 2014, with the terms of office to commence immediately and expire August 2018.

Applicants (Choose One (1) to represent the Public At Large)

Lisa Godfrey
C. Evangeline James
Jason Lauritsen*
Gary Margadant
*Incumbent

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

There is currently one (1) vacancy for a Public At Large member and one (1) vacancy for the Napa County Resource Conservation District member on the Watershed Information Center and Conservancy (WICC) Board of Directors due to term expirations. The County Executive Office recruited for the vacancy and received four (4) applications for consideration for the Public At Large member seat. The Napa County Resource Conservation District Board of Directors, at their August 14, 2014 meeting, nominated Gretchen Stranzl-McCann for re-appointment to another four (4) year term.

PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Staff reports
2. Public comments
3. Motion, second, discussion and vote on the item

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

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The WICC is charged with guiding and supporting community efforts to maintain and improve the health of Napa County's watershed lands by: coordinating and facilitating partnerships among the individuals, agencies, and organizations involved in improving watershed health and restoration; supporting watershed research activities; and, providing watershed information and education through an interactive website. The WICC considers itself a part of the solution to watershed issues and concerns guided by a set of adopted principles that embrace political neutrality, information collection and dissemination, collaboration, cooperation, and funding development.

The Board of Directors of the Watershed Information Center and Conservancy of Napa County (WICC) consists of seventeen (17) regular members and one (1) alternate member representing the following areas:

1. One (1) member nominated by the Napa County Land Trust from among the Land Trust's board of directors;
2. One (1) director or associate director nominated by the Napa County Resource Conservation District;
3. One (1) representative from the Natural Resource Conservation Service;
4. Two (2) members and one (1) alternate member of the Napa County Board of Supervisors;
5. One (1) member of the Napa County Conservation, Development and Planning Commission;
6. Five (5) members consisting of one representative from each city or town in Napa County nominated by their respective city or town council (American Canyon, Calistoga, Napa, St. Helena, and Yountville); and,
7. Six (6) Napa County residents from the public at large representing environmental, agricultural, development and community interests.

Appointments made today by the Board of Supervisors will make a full and complete Watershed Information Center and Conservancy Board of Directors.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . Lisa Godfrey Application
- B . C. Evangeline James Application
- C . Jason Lauritsen Application
- D . Gary Margadant Application
- E . Resource Conservation District WICC Nomination

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi