



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
**DISTRICT 3**  
**File #:** 22-270

Board Meeting Date: 4/19/2022

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**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** President Don Horsley, District 3  
**Subject:** Appointment to the Resource Conservation District Board of Directors

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation for the appointment of Steve Stielstra to the Resource Conservation District Board of Directors, for an initial partial term ending December 31, 2024.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Resource Conservation District (RCD) is a non-regulatory public benefit district that helps people protect, conserve, and restore natural resources through information, education, and technical assistance programs. The duties of the district are to use very diverse means to further resource conservation in the district. They act as a focal point for local conservation efforts to collaborate with land owners and managers, technical advisors, area jurisdictions, government agencies, and others to protect, conserve and restore natural resources. The district provides services in four program areas: (1) conservation and watershed planning, (2) conservation project implementation, (3) education, and (4) permitting.

**DISCUSSION:**

Steve Stielstra is being recommended to serve an initial partial term for a seat vacated by Jim Reynolds. Upon approval, this partial term will be through December 31, 2024.

Steve Stielstra is a Coastside resident who has held senior leadership positions as a consultant in the field of environmental management, giving him a professional insight into the issues that face the Resource Conservation District. His expertise includes strategy development, planning, negotiation and conflict resolution, contract oversight, and multi-party collaboration. He has also garnered experience as an Associate Director on the Resource Conservation District itself, so he is very familiar with the projects and challenges related to the RCD. He has been involved in RCD specific topics ranging from contracts, finance and a community wildfire program. His residence on the Coastside, along with his professional occupation in environmental consulting, and awareness of the RCD, will bring a valuable perspective to the Resource Conservation District Board of Directors.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.