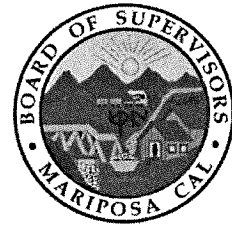




MARIPOSA COUNTY

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors • (209) 966-3222



RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-439

MEETING: August 19, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rene LaRoche, Clerk of the Board

RE: Appoint Kathleen Armstrong as a Director to the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Appoint Kathleen Armstrong, Effective August 19, 2014, as a Director of the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD) to Fill an Unexpired Term that Expires at Noon on November 28, 2014.

On June 25, 2014, the MCRCD reported to the Clerk of the Board that former director, Emery Ross, had resigned his position effective June 4, 2014. Mr. Ross' term runs until Noon on November 28, 2014, and his resignation leaves the MCRCD with a special vacancy. On June 26, 2014, the Clerk of the Board prepared, distributed, and posted a Notice of Special Vacancy pursuant to the Maddy Act.

On August 6, 2014, the MCRCD Board took action to recommend Kathleen Armstrong for the position and is now requesting that the Board of Supervisors appoint her to the unexpired term as soon as possible.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Under California Public Resources Code Section 9314(b), a resource conservation district may elect to have a board of supervisors fill vacancies in lieu of elections. Historically, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors has made other appointments to the RCD board, but the arrangement was not finalized until 2013 when the MCRCD formally requested, via RCD resolution 4-13, that the Board of Supervisors make the appointments. That request was approved by your board with Resolution 2013-355 on August 20, 2013.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the Board of Supervisors elects not to fill the positions, it will leave the MCRCD Board of Directors with vacancies which may result in a lack of a quorum. However, after sixty days from the expiration of the unfilled term, the MCRCD Board of Directors could opt to make appointments pursuant to PRC §9314(b)(4) which reads, "If the board of supervisors does not conduct interviews of potential candidates or make an appointment within 60 days after the expiration of the term, the board of directors may make the appointment."


ATTACHMENTS:

MCRCD Letter Requesting Appointment of Kathleen Armstrong and Draft Minutes (PDF)

Notice of Special Vacancy - RCD 2014 (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION

Requested Action Recommended


Rick Benson, County Administrator/Office

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

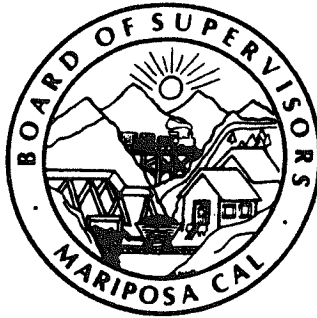
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

SECONDER: Janet Bibby, District III Supervisor

AYES: Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier

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August 19, 2014

Glenn P. Franklin, President
P. O. Box 746
Mariposa, CA 95338

Dear Mr. Franklin,

At the August 19, 2014 meeting of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, Kathleen Armstrong was appointed to serve as Director to fill the vacancy on the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (MCRCS).

Resolution of the August 19, 2014 meeting is attached, showing Board approval.

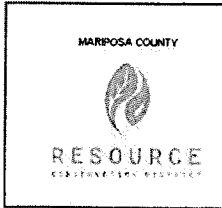
Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rene LaRoche".

Rene' LaRoche
Clerk of the Board

RL/tg

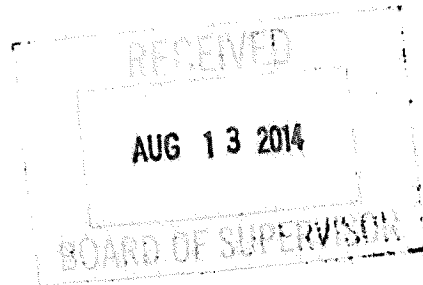


MARIPOSA COUNTY
RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

P.O. Box 746, Mariposa, CA 95338
Office: (209) 966-3431 Fax: (209) 742-7508

August 6, 2014

René LaRoche, Clerk
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors
5100 Bullion Street
P.O. Box 784
Mariposa, CA 95338



RE: Recommendation to appoint Board member

At its August 6, 2014 meeting the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD) Board of Directors approved a recommendation to appoint Kathleen Armstrong as a Director to fill the vacancy recently created by the resignation of Director Emery Ross. Ms. Armstrong has fulfilled all prerequisites for becoming a Director, as per the MCRCD's adopted policy, and is prepared to serve.

The MCRCD Board of Directors recommends that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors approve this appointment.

Minutes of the August 6, 2014 meeting are attached, as required, showing unanimous approval of the motion to appoint Ms. Armstrong.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn P. Franklin".

Glenn P. Franklin, President
Board of Directors
Mariposa County Resource Conservation District

GPF/lgf

Attachment

MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (MCRCD)
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, August 6, 2014 5pm
Location: Ag Building Conference Room, 5009 Fairgrounds Road, Mariposa, CA 95338

Directors present: Glenn Franklin, David Mecchi, Len McKenzie, Jerry Progner
Directors absent: N/A

Associate directors present: Kathleen Armstrong, John Schroeder

Associate Directors absent: Brenda Ostrom

Staff present: Rosalyn Allison, Lauren Hubert

Guests: Melissa Odell-Point Blue, Rosemarie Smallcombe, Steve Smallcombe, Jay Johnson, Frank Milazzo, Chris Geis

Call to order: 5:00pm by MCRCD Board President Glenn Franklin.

Public communication: N/A

Glenn asked that Chis and Frank introduce themselves as they have expressed interest in MCRCD.

Special Guests: Rosemarie provided a PowerPoint presentation on the current efforts to bring a biomass facility to Mariposa County. www.mariposabiomassproject.org August, 13, 2014 will be the groups next meeting. Steve and Jay helped with technical questions during the presentation.

Minutes: (M) Mecchi to approve the July regular meeting minutes (S) Progner. No discussion followed. Ayes: Franklin, Mecchi, McKenzie and Progner.

(M) Progner to approve the July Special meeting minutes (S) McKenzie. No discussion followed. Ayes: Franklin, Mecchi, McKenzie and Progner.

Financial reports: The June financial reports were reviewed by Len. The June listing of warrants was provided and approved by consensus.

Correspondence: 1) Received by mail: SDRMA safety topic: Real Life-Back Safety. 2) Received by mail: Thank you card from Mariposa County Fire Safe Council for attending their Fire Safe Rally and hosting a booth. 3) Received by email: SFCC Meeting to be held August 7, 2014 in Oakhurst.

Subcommittee Reports:

Planning Committee: N/A

Ag Advisory Committee: Glenn reported attending the Ag Advisory Committee meeting.

Finance Committee: Glenn reported the committee meeting and finalizing the FY 14 budget. He also reported meeting Rick Benson, the Mariposa County Chief Administrative Officer along with Len and Rosalyn.

Plant Sale Committee: N/A

County Partnership Committee: N/A

Personnel Committee: N/A

Fire Ready Committee: Written report submitted by John Schroeder.

Policy Committee: Will provide a report at the September meeting.

Conference Committee: Glenn reported meeting and gave an overview for the guests as to what the duties for MCRCD are. The host 2015 site is Tenaya Lodge. The committee is hoping to take a tour of the site before the next MCRCD board meeting.

Future Agenda Items-Directors Reports:

Glenn: Attended the State Forestry Committee meeting and the Ag Advisory Committee meeting.

Len, David: N/A

Jerry: Reported Kathleen and he had met and worked on the "white paper". They will meet again soon.

Possible projects for CAL FIRE grant application: Next month should yield more information.

Possible projects for YS-RC&D/ fuels reduction grants: Glenn reported that the deadline is fast approaching so he suggested that the Fire Ready Committee take a look at the grant and report back.

Unfinished Business:

Demonstration garden maintenance: Glenn gave an explanation of the beginning of the Demo Garden for the benefit of the guests and the need to clean up around the propane tank as mandated by CAL OSHA.

Action Items:

5th Director position: (M) Progner to respectfully recommend to the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors that Kathleen Armstrong fill the vacant director term as soon as possible (S) McKenzie. Discussion followed. Ayes: Franklin, McKenzie, Mecchi, Progner.

Finance Committee Recommendations: (M) Mecchi to approve the finance committees proposed FY 14 budget change recommendations (S) Progner. Discussion followed. Ayes: Franklin, McKenzie, Mecchi, Progner.

CARCD Annual Conference attendance: (M) Progner to approve in concept, pending funding, for two MCRCDD directors and one staff member to attend the 2014 CARCD Conference with Glenn being the delegate and Kathleen being the alternate (S) Mecchi. Discussion followed. Ayes: Franklin, McKenzie, Mecchi, Progner.

Staff reports:

IRWMP: Written report submitted by Pat. Glenn delivered the verbal progress report.

POINT BLUE: Written report submitted by Melissa.

NRCS: Lauren reported she will be starting her new job with Sierra Foothill Conservancy August 18th but will be able to train the replacement Farm Bill Assistant intermittently. She reported 1 rangeland beginning farmer was funded, almost all drought applications were funded. Locally led had 8 forestland applications funded and 2 rangeland applications were funded. Approximately 12 applications have been received for the 2015 funding year. Glenn reported that CARCD and NRCS would like to honor the Mariposa RCD for its successful working relationship.

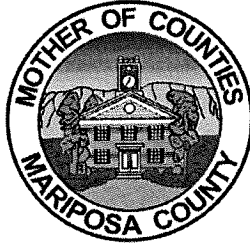
MCRCDD: Written report submitted by Rosalyn.

Adjournment: (M) Mecchi to adjourn (S) Progner . No further discussion. Ayes: Franklin, McKenzie, Mecchi, Progner. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Submitted by: _____ Rosalyn Allison _____ Date Approved: _____

Recorded minutes of this meeting are available in the RCD office for a two-year period.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication or assistance should contact our office at the above number, at least 5 days prior to the event. An equal opportunity provider and employer.



SPECIAL VACANCY NOTICE

Member, Board of Directors
MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Current vacancies:
One (1) unexpired terms

There is currently one (1) vacancy for an unexpired term on the MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS to be filled by appointment of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors. The vacancy is for a Director, which is appointed at-large for a four-year term, and who will serve without compensation. The term expires on November 28, 2014.

Qualifications:

1. Must be a registered California voter;
2. Must:
 - a. Reside within the district and either own real property in the district or, alternatively, have served, pursuant to the district's rules, 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.

To apply:

Individuals interested in serving on the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District Board of Directors should submit an application to the Clerk of the Board, Post Office Box 784, Mariposa, California 95338 or contact your Supervisor.

Posted: 6/26/14 at County Clerk's Office, Library and on mariposacounty.org

cc: Mariposa County Resource Conservation District