

# Memo

**To:** Members Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Supervisor Richard Gordon and Supervisor Jerry Hill  
**Date:** 03/06/01  
**Re:** Appointments to the Resource Conservation District

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## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Barbara Kossy of Moss Beach and Chuck Gust of Pescadero be appointed to fill two vacancies on the Resource Conservation District. Ms Kossy and Mr Gust would be filling terms which expire on November 30, 2004.

## BACKGROUND

The Resource Conservation District (RCD) is an independent special district. Normally directors of special districts are elected by voters in the district. State law allows for a Resource Conservation District to request that the County Board of Supervisors make appointments when there are vacancies on the RCD Board. Such appointments are in lieu of an election. The San Mateo County Resource Conservation District does not have enough tax income to pay for elections and for this reason has requested that the Board of Supervisors fill vacancies.

Two vacancies were created on the Resource Conservation District Board on November 30, 2000 when Tom Pacheco of Half Moon Bay and Ronald Bongard of Half Moon Bay completed their current four-year terms. Neither Mr Pacheco nor Mr Bongard sought re-appointment.

The vacancies were advertised and three candidates were initially interviewed by an interview panel consisting of Supervisors Gordon and Hill and Louie Figone, President of the Resource Conservation District Board. The interview committee desired to consider additional candidates and the vacancies were re-advertised. An additional four candidates were interviewed. Of the seven candidates interviewed, two eventually withdrew their applications. The interview committee selected the two finalists from the remaining applicants.

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors confirm the action of the interview committee and appoint Barbara Kossy and Chuck Gust to the Resource Conservation District. The applications of Ms Kossy and Mr Gust are attached.