REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY AND RECORD OF ACTION

January 28, 2025

FROM

JOANI FINWALL, Registrar of Voters

SUBJECT

Resolution for Appointment of Candidates in Lieu of Election

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Adopt **Resolution No. 2025-51** appointing candidates to serve as members of Board of Directors, in lieu of election for certain contests in the November 5, 2024, General Election, where no person filed a Declaration of Candidacy.

(Presenter: Joani Finwall, Registrar of Voters, 387-2100)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Operate in a Fiscally-Responsible and Business-Like Manner.

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies and Stakeholders.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of these actions will not result in the use of additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost) as the adoption of Resolutions for Appointments in Lieu of Election is non-financial in nature.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Adoption of this Resolution will appoint candidates, in lieu of election, to fill certain offices that were up for election in various special districts in the November 5, 2024, General Election.

California Elections Code section 10515 requires that when the number of candidates who file for an office is less than or equal to the number of offices to be filled, the Board of Supervisors (Board) shall appoint those candidates to the office. When no person files for an office, the Board shall appoint a qualified person to fill that office. All persons appointed in lieu of election by the Board shall serve to the end of the term.

On December 3, 2024 (Item No. 48), the Board adopted Resolution No. 2024-170 appointing 79 candidates, in lieu of election, as members of the Board of Directors for 34 independent special districts for two-year and four-year terms that began on December 6, 2024. This action did not complete the appointments in lieu of election for the November 5, 2024, General Election. Sixteen offices remained unfilled for the Board to appoint eligible voters.

Adoption of this Resolution will appoint nine eligible voters in lieu of election, as members of the Board of Directors for six independent special districts. All nine of these offices were up for election in the November 5, 2024, General Election. The Chair of the Board recommended these candidates for Board approval:

Name	District Office	Term
Daryl Schendel	Barstow Heights Community Services District,	4 Year

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Name	District Office	Term
	Member, Board of Directors	
Gene Low	Barstow Heights Community Services District, Member, Board of Directors	4 Year
Ronald Stradling	Barstow Heights Community Services District, Member, Board of Directors	4 Year
Larry Hunt	Big River Community Services District, Member, Board of Directors	4 Year
Robert Robertson	Daggett Community Services District, Member, Board of Directors	2 Year
Jeremy Follweiler	Rim of the World Recreation and Park, Member, Board of Directors, Division 2	4 Year
Liz Greeban	Rim of the World Recreation and Park, Member, Board of Directors, Division 4	4 Year
Michael T. Terry	Running Springs Water District, Member, Board of Directors	4 Year
James Lawrence Bowden	Twentynine Palms Water District, Member, Board of Directors	4 Year

Seven offices will remain unfilled for the Board to appoint eligible voters in the First and Third Supervisorial Districts.

Recommended appointments to fill the following vacant offices as members for Board of Directors will be presented to the Board for approval at a future meeting:

No. of Appointments	District Office	Term	Board District
2	Apple Valley Foothill County Water District, Member, Board of Directors	4-year	1
1	Hi-Desert Memorial Health Care District, Member, Board of Directors, Division 3	4-year	3
1	Juniper-Riviera County Water District, Member, Board of Directors	4-year	1
2	Thunderbird County Water District, Member, Board of Directors	4-year	1
1	Yucca Valley Airport District, Member, Board of Directors	2-year	3

Pursuant to Elections Code section 10507, the current officeholders continue to serve as members of the Board of Directors until a successor is appointed by the Board and takes office.

PROCUREMENT

N/A

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Jolena Grider, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on December 20, 2024; Finance (Elias Duenas, Administrative Analyst, 387-4052) on January 3, 2025; and County Finance and Administration (Valerie Clay, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on January 6, 2025.

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APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Moved: Curt Hagman Seconded: Joe Baca, Jr. Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

DATED: January 28, 2025

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