



County of Santa Cruz

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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FIFTH DISTRICT

AGENDA: 10/17/00

October 10, 2000

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: APPOINTMENT TO SANTA CRUZ COUNTY RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Members of the Board:

I recommend the appointment of the following person to the Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District Board of Directors for a term to expire November 26, 2004:

John Ricker
1058 Happy Valley Road
Santa Cruz, CA 95065
454-2750 (B)

Sincerely,


JANET K. BEAUTZ, Supervisor
First District

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cc: John Ricker
Resource Conservation District
Elections

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO A COUNTY ADVISORY BODY

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INSTRUCTIONS

If you are interested in serving on a County Advisory Body please complete the following application and return it to the Board of Supervisors, 701 Ocean St., Room 500, Santa Cruz, California. If you are interested in being considered for more than one advisory body a separate application should be submitted for each appointment you are seeking.

Upon receipt, your application for appointment will be routed to each Board member and then filed for further consideration by Board members when there is a vacancy on the advisory body. If a Supervisor is interested in nominating you for appointment, the Supervisor will contact you and discuss the appointment, the appointment process, and requirements for the advisory body in question.

Please specify below the Commission/Committee or Board to which you are seeking appointment and provide the requested information.

Thank you for your interest in County Government.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE or BOARD Resource Conservation District

Name John Ricker

Address 1058 Happy Valley Rd
Santa Cruz, Ca 95065

Phone (Home) _____
(Business) (831) 454-2750

Supervisory District 2nd 1st

Length of Residence in Area 26 yrs

Age (Optional) Circle one: Under 21
21-30
31-40
Over 40

PREVIOUS COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE SERVED (Please specify)

<u>Advisory Body</u>	<u>Term</u>
<u>Santa Cruz City Watershed</u>	
<u>Mgt Advisory Committee</u>	<u>2000 - 2001</u>
<u>Environmental</u>	

EDUCATION

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Year</u>
UCSC	Biology / Env. Studies	BA	1975
San Jose State	Hydrology / Fisheries	None	

WORK/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year</u>
Santa Cruz County Watershed Mgt		Analyst	'74-7)
Santa Cruz Co. Planning Dept		Sr Planner	77-81
Consulting Hydrologist			82-84
S.C. Co Env Health		Prog Manager	85-00
Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Specialist			

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

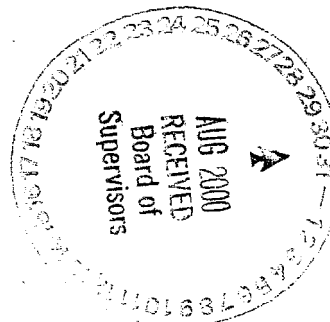
Please attach a brief statement indicating why you are interested in serving on the advisory body in question and why you are qualified for the appointment.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above information is true and correct and I authorize the verification of the information in the application in the event I am a finalist for the appointment.

John A. Ricci
Signature

7/29/00
date



~~0108~~**Statement of Qualifications and Interest in the Resource Conservation District - John Ricker**

The Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District is playing an increasingly important role in watershed management and water quality protection in Santa Cruz County. As a non-regulatory entity, the District has the confidence of many members of the public and is in a good position to provide public education and technical assistance for erosion control, road restoration and manure management, among other areas. The District has recently sought out and received many grants for watershed restoration and management. It is important that these efforts be well directed.

I believe the current Board of the RCD is doing a good job. However, if there are vacancies on the Board, I would offer my services. I believe my long history in the county, experience in watershed management, and long term role as a program manager at the County would help to guide the District in its current activities. In addition to my professional experience I also am an owner of agricultural land, timber land, and several horses. I have direct personal and practical experience and involvement in many of the issues that the RCD is involved in.

Santa Cruz County

Resource Conservation District

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October 11, 2000

Santa Cruz County
Board of Supervisors
701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Dear Members of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors:

We would like to forward the names of those applicants to the Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District Board whom we recommend for appointment. We are a Subcommittee of the District Board of Directors charged with this task by the Board and are Directors not presently coming to the ends of our terms. Two of us have long-term perspectives of the work of the District and one of us is a first-term appointee. Our own diverse resource conservation backgrounds and experiences-qualify us to recognize in applicants criteria which are called for in the District's goals and work plan: representation of (1) various geographic parts of the County and (2) various resource conservation and management backgrounds and technical skills. This is particularly important in a District such as ours, where many conditions and resource management needs are present.

Another consideration is familiarity with the role, goals, and programs of the District. It can take a full two-year term for a person unfamiliar with the District to achieve adequate understanding of the District and its work. This is very important to the Directors' continued guidance and oversight of the District – to move forward with effective natural resource conservation through program identification, funding, implementation, and management – activities largely carried out by District Staff.

There are various areas of expertise and interest which can work together to provide a balance of resource conservation needs. In our District, we have a broad range of landuse conditions, activities, and needs. These include agriculture, development, recreation, silviculture, and animal husbandry. Activities that degrade water quality and stream and riparian habitat are of concern to all of us. There are also serious matters of protection for species of animals and plants faced with the possibility of at-least local extinction.

The District's mission and goals are to provide outreach, education, and technical assistance in varlous areas of natural resource conservation to, with, and for landowners, individuals, land-use groups, interest groups, and agencies. Included are presentation of workshops, informative literature, on-the-ground technical assistance, and other activities. Many grant-funded programs are now part of this work and projects range from short- to long-term. The District's programs and staff are expanding; this gives the District more opportunity to assist with natural resource conservation in Santa Cruz County and we welcome the opportunity. The District does not advocate particular political (or related) approaches and it has no enforcement role. We believe it is critical that the District not become involved in these issues – in order to serve natural resource conservation in Santa Cruz County best.

We have reviewed the qualifications of the applicants for District Directorship. These candidates are recommended because (1) they are well qualified, (2) they represent the technical background needed on the Board and (3) they have familiarity with the District and its programs. We recommend for new appointment to the Board John Ricker and Michael Manfre, and for reappointment Steven Butler and Howard Liebenberg.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sharon Corkrean, District Manager, at 464-2950. Thank you for the opportunity to present these names and our reasons for recommending **these** people to you for appointment as Directors of the Board of the Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District.

Sincerely,

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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

*Sharon Corkrean
for*

James G. McKenna, President / Roberta K. Smith, Ph.D., Director / Frank Remde, Director

Should you wish to see the Board's composition, we give the following information. Present and remaining Board Chair James McKenna is a licensed landscape contractor certified in erosion and drainage control, and an apple grower in Mid-County, with many years experience with the District. Director Roberta K. Smith is a state-licensed geologist who practices land-use geology, with an emphasis on recognition and mitigation of "accelerated" (i.e., human-caused) erosion; she belongs to many environmental and land-use groups and organizations, is from the North Coast and has been involved with the District for many years. Director Frank Remde is a farmer and businessperson from the Watsonville area; he benefited from the District's technical programs, became interested in the District's work, and is completing his first term as Director.

Director and Director-Applciant Steven Butler is a licensed forester, practicing with a local firm. Steve is active in watershed management in the San Lorenzo Valley, and has been involved with the District and the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts for several years. He has provided extensive technical assistance to District programs and trainings. In addition, he has facilitated resource management cost-share programs to landowners.

Director and Director-Applciant Howard Liebenberg is an engineering contractor who designs, builds and repairs roads and projects involving grading and other activities. He has practical experience allowing him to know what is physically possible and appropriate to construct; he has taken and taught District workshops to further his and others' knowledge for many years and been a Director for several years.

Director-Applciant John Ricker has been a County employee for many years, with extensive experience working for Environmental Health and Planning. His knowledge of watershed management, sedimentation, and water quality issues will be an invaluable resource. He lives in rural Mid-County where he is involved in local land management and cooperative private road maintenance; John has worked with the District and its programs for many years.

Director-Applciant Michael Manfre is a long-time native South County farmer who has become familiar with the District through his involvement in the District's Watsonville Sloughs program, a component of the Central Monterey Bay Wetlands Project. As the District's programs expand in the agricultural areas of South County there is an increased need for representation of production agriculture on the Board of Directors.