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# Marin Resource Conservation District Director Information for RCD Director Applicants

The Marin Resource Conservation District (RCD) is seeking interested parties to fill a vacancy for Director. Pursuant to Government Code 1780 (e) (1) & (2) the RCD must appoint a person to the Board within 60 days of the effective date of vacancy. If a candidate is selected for Director, the term of office is to fulfill the term of the vacancy which expires upon the oath of office of the winner of the November 2018 election. An election will be held in November 2018 to fill the next four year term. This is a volunteer organization, and Directors are not financially compensated for service.

**Applications are due by Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, 5 p.m.** via hand, email or mail delivery to the Marin RCD office at 80 Fourth Street Suite 203, PO Box 1146, CA 94956 (call for directions). Applications are available online at Marin RCD's website, marinrcd.org, or Marin RCD can mail applications upon request.

# Marin Resource Conservation District Mission Statement:

The mission of the Marin RCD is to conserve and enhance Marin's natural resources, including its soil, water, vegetation and wildlife. It is our belief that the health of the county's natural landscape is dependent upon a robust agricultural economy and the active preservation of our agricultural heritage. In addition, it is our firm conviction that the agricultural productivity of the county is dependent upon the diligent application of practices which conserve and enhance our natural resources.

Our district was formed to serve its landowners at their request, with no thought of domination or interference in their affairs, but to assist them in their attempts to make the most efficient use of their farms and ranches. We believe that this grassroots approach is in line with the best of American traditions, and that gradually but surely excellent conservation accomplishments will be made through education, friendly persuasion and cooperative action. Benefits of our program will extend from individual landowners, to their immediate community and to the public at large.

#### Application for Director includes:

- 1) Personal Information about the candidate as requested in the application
- 2) Nomination Signatures: Pursuant to Section 9358 of the Public Resources Code, each candidate must have nomination signatures from no less than five (5) landowners of the district. *Complete information from each landowner must be provided, and must be legible for verification purposes.*

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#### Candidate Requirements for Director include:

- 1. Must be a registered voter in the State of California.
- 2. There are two ways to meet the next requirement: Option A: Must reside within the District AND
  - Own property in the District, <u>OR</u>
  - Have two or more years' experience as an associate director of the RCD.

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Option B: If the candidate does not reside within the District they must be a designated agent of a resident landowner within the District by providing a letter of nomination.

# Additional responsibilities:

- Candidate should possess demonstrated interest or expertise in natural resources and/or agriculture.
- Candidate should determine the District's Mission, set policies for its operation, and establish its general yearly course and its long-term plan;
- Build local, state, and national partnerships to support district activities, both technically and financially;
- Establish fiscal policy and boundaries, including budgets and financial controls.
- Ensure that the provisions of the district's charter (Division IX California Resources Code) are being followed.
- Candidates must be willing to attend regularly scheduled District Board meetings (currently the second Wednesday of each month, 9:00 a.m. 12 p.m.) and be involved in other ongoing District activities.
- Adherence to state conflict-of-interest and ethics laws governing elected/appointed candidates including the filing of a Form 700 each year and receiving 2-hour ethics training every 2 years.

# After the Application Submission Deadline:

After the application filing period has closed, applicant eligibility will be verified. The applications of eligible applicants will then be forwarded to the Marin Resource Conservation District Board of Directors; the Directors may coordinate interviews with the applicants.

#### Contact Information:

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