

RESOLUTION NO. 202512 17

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EXCELSIOR-KINGS RIVER RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGARDING DIRECTOR TERM EXPIRATIONS, STAGGERING OF TERMS, AND NOTICE TO THE COUNTY CLERK**

WHEREAS, the Excelsior-Kings River Resource Conservation District ("District") is governed by a five-member Board of Directors appointed pursuant to Division 9 of the California Public Resources Code; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Resources Code requires Resource Conservation District directors to serve four-year staggered terms so that no more than three directors' terms expire in any given two-year cycle; and,

WHEREAS, the District has reviewed director term histories and determined that several positions have expired, and that the current distribution of term expirations does not meet the statutory intent for staggered terms; and,

WHEREAS, the following director terms have expired:

- Ed Esajian — Term expired February 2024
- Paul Newton — Term expired October 2022
- Michael Miya — Term expired August 2022
- Tony DeGroot — Term expired February 2024

WHEREAS, the Board desires to: (a) formally acknowledge these expirations, (b) maintain continuity of governance through permitted holdover service, (c) re-establish proper staggered terms consistent with state law, and (d) direct District staff to notify the Kings County Clerk so the Kings County Board of Supervisors may take the necessary appointment actions.

**1. Acknowledgment of Term Expirations.**

The Board hereby acknowledges that the terms of Directors Esajian, Newton, Miya, and DeGroot have expired on the dates listed above.

**2. Holdover Status.**

Each director with an expired term shall continue to serve in a holdover capacity until reappointed or replaced by the Kings County Board of Supervisors, as permitted by law.

**3. Restoration of Proper Staggering.**

To restore statutory staggering once the Board of Supervisors makes its appointments:

- Two director positions shall receive four-year terms expiring in 2028.
- Two director positions shall receive four-year terms expiring in 2026.

This restores the required two-and-three stagger. The Board recommends the Board of Supervisors assign terms consistent with this structure.

4. Direction to Staff – Notice to County Clerk.

District staff is directed to notify the Kings County Clerk of:

- (a) the expired terms,
- (b) the holdover status of current directors, and
- (c) the recommended staggering structure.

Staff shall request that the Board of Supervisors make the appropriate appointments and assign terms accordingly.

5. Administrative Follow-Up.

District staff shall monitor progress with the County Clerk and report back to the Board until all appointments are completed.

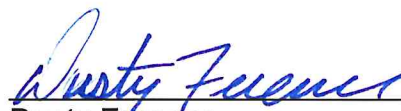
6. Effective Date.

This Resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025, by the Board of Directors of the Excelsior–Kings River Resource Conservation District.

  
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Michael Miya  
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

  
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Dusty Ference  
General Manager

Board members present: J. Barba, T. DeGroot E. Esajian, M. Miya,  
Others present: B. Bain, M. Burks, M. Hebert, I. Vietti, T. Flores, D. Ference

1. **Call to Order:** 1:34 PM
2. **Public Comments:** N/A
3. **Scheduled Study Session**
  - a. Ian Vietti presented Small Surface Water and Ground Storage Water Projects grant Program.
4. **Financial Report**
  - a. A motion was made by Tony DeGroot, seconded by Jerred Barba, and passed without opposition, approving the November 2025 Financial Report and Invoice as presented.
5. **Meeting Minutes:**
  - a. A motion was made by Ed Esajian, seconded by Tony Degroot, and passed without opposition, approving the November regular meeting minutes as presented.
6. **Bountiful Agricultural**
  - a. I. Vietti presented the monthly grant and funding report
7. **NRCS Report**
  - a. M. Burks provided an update.
8. **Old Business:**
  - a. Grants
    - i. CDFA Healthy Soils Program (HSP)
      1. D. Ference provided an update.
    - ii. CDFA Water Efficiency Technical Assistance (WETA)
      1. D. Ference provided an update.
    - iii. NRCS Capacity Grant – No available update.
  - b. SGMA
    - i. D. Ference provided updates.
9. **New Business**
  - a. Small Surface Water and Ground Storage Water Projects Grant Program
    - i. Item discussed. No action was taken.
  - b. BOD Election Resolution
    - i. A motion was made by Tony DeGroot, seconded by Ed Esajian, and passed without opposition, approving Resolution No. 20251217 as presented.
10. **Adjournment:** 3:22 PM