WRAC Membership Vision – for At-Large Members

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WRAC bylaws state: Agricultural At-Large member – engaged in production agriculture

- Combined with Farm Bureau member, the agricultural members and alternates should ideally represent the current major agricultural sectors (cattle, wine grapes, and row crops/orchards) in SLO County.

WRAC bylaws state: Environmental At-Large member – record of membership in one or more environmental groups and/or independent environmental activism.

- Both inland and coastal water resources should be represented.
- Coastal representative would ideally live in the coastal area, have knowledge of creeks, streams, and watersheds, and be engaged in coastal environmental issues.

WRAC bylaws state: Development At-Large member – engaged in the building or construction industry. Preference given to applicants that have written support from one or more organizations that represent the home or commercial building industry.

Most important attributes for at-large members:

- Expertise in the area they are representing is essential.
- High level of interest in water issues is essential.
- Interest in being very involved in the WRAC is essential, even with water issues outside their home area.
- Technical/scientific background is preferable.
- Must speak for, and be in communication with, agriculturalists, environmentalists, or people in the building/construction industry, not for a specific organization. (At-large representatives must be able to make statements without seeking prior approval from an organization.)

Other factors:

- History of volunteerism and/or previous service on advisory bodies
- Letters of recommendation from local agricultural/environmental/building industry groups, as appropriate

We propose that the positions be advertised via the five Supervisors. In addition, notices should be sent to interested organizations, for example:

- California Association of Winegrape Growers (CAWG)
- California Polytechnic State University
- Central Coast Salmon Enhancement
- Central Coast Vineyard Team (CCVT)
- Central Coast Winegrowers Association
- Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District
- Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo County (ECOSLO)
- Home Builders Association
- Independent Grape Growers of the Paso Robles Area (IGGPRA)
- Marine Interests Group
- Morro Bay National Estuary Program (MBNEP)
- Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance (PRWCA)
- Port San Luis Harbor District
- San Luis Obispo County Cattlemen's Association
- San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau
- San Luis Obispo Vintners Association (SLOVA)
- Sierra Club
- SLO County Builders Exchange
- SLO GreenBuild
- Surfrider Foundation
- Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District