

Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District

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August 29, 2012

County Clerk Recorder
1055 Monterey St., Room D120
San Luis Obispo, Ca 93408

Attention: Tommy Gong, Assistant Clerk Recorder

Re: Appointment requests for Board Members and Board Member Resignation.

Dear Mr. Gong,

As the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors are well aware of, the Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District's (US-LT RCD) Board has four appointments that will be ending in November of this year. Three of the current directors are requesting reappointment, one director has resigned, and one Associate Director is requesting appointment to the Board.

Enclosed in this envelope:

- Letters requesting reappointment: Charles Pritchard, Tom Mora, and John DeRosier
- Letter of resignation: Jeffrey W. Pipes
- Letter requesting appointment: Robert Hartzell
- Letter of recommendation from the US-LT RCD Board of Directors

Please note, all requirements of Public Resources Code 9314(b)(1) have been met.

Thank you for the continued support and if you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Cortney Newby

Conservation Planning Assistant
Upper Salinas - Las Tablas Resource Conservation District

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Re: Request for appointment to the US-LT RCD Board.

Dear County Clerk Recorder,

I respectfully request to be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District.

It would be a privilege to continue assisting the US-LT RCD Board and Staff in their conservation efforts.

Sincerely,

Charles Pritchard
President - US/LT RCD

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Tom Mora

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Dear County Clerk Recorder,

I am requesting reappointment as a board member of the Upper Salinas Las Tablas Resource Conservation District. I have both enjoyed and appreciate the opportunity to serve the district and support the staff, and I look forward to continuing this service.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration,

John DeRosier

Jeffrey W. Pipes
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direct: 805-227-6385
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August 14, 2012

Chuck Prichard
President, US-LT RCD
65 Main St.
Templeton CA 93465

Dear Chuck and Members of the Board,

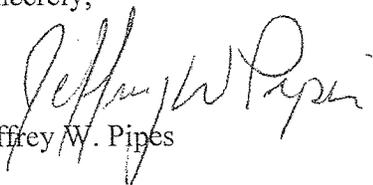
After much thought, I have decided to resign from the Board of the US-LT RCD. My appointment to the Board was already due to expire in September; however, please accept this letter as my official resignation, effective immediately. It is my understanding that this letter is sufficient, and that no Board action is required.

I've been a member of the Board for long enough that I can't actually remember for how long! During that time, the RCD has made a meaningful contribution to the community, and has hopefully made our area a slightly more verdant and sustainable place to live. With that said, I am resigning for really two major reasons. The first is personal. Over the last 2 years, I have had to spend an inordinate amount of time dealing with the organization's financial and personnel issues; both of which have taken me away from concentrating on my own business and family and have and drained my energy. I unfortunately, do not see an end to this situation.

Second, I believe the financial pressures of keeping the doors of the RCD open have become self-perpetuating and have strongly taken us away from our conservation goals. It's become clear that neither the County, the NRCS, nor the other local farm-related organizations nor even the local agricultural community can or are willing to support our mandate financially. Many of the services we are trying to provide, can and are (or could be) offered directly by these other organizations. They would not, of course, be focused on farmer/rancher sensitivities, but they are better funded and can get the job done.

I have enjoyed other parts of my time on the Board, and I wish both the RCD and the individual Board members and staff well. It is my hope, that there is some miracle funding opportunity that will propel the organization into the future; maybe with new blood on the Board, this might be a possibility. Good luck.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey W. Pipes

June 3 2012

Laura Edwards Executive Director
Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District
65 S Main Street Suite 107
Templeton CA 93465

Dear Laura,

Please accept this letter as my application for a position on the Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District Board of Directors.

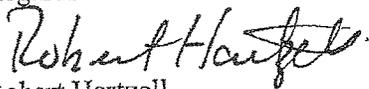
As a guest at the US-UTRCD board meeting I found the board members and other participants knowledgeable and courteous. The issues and opportunities are of interest to me and I feel that I can contribute to the organization. I also enjoyed the Oak Woodlands Management Workshop at the Bonnheim Ranch.

My qualifications are:

1. Resident and landowner in San Luis Obispo County. My wife and I purchased a parcel on Hwy 46 west where we built a home and now live.
2. Community involvement including past board member and president of Handley Rock Association (a land trust in San Mateo County), past board member and president of Emerald Hills Homeowners Association in unincorporated San Mateo County, and presently board member of North County Newcomers in San Luis Obispo County.
3. Interested in local land use and water issues. I have attended a number of the workshops in San Luis Obispo County on water and range management.
4. I worked as an engineer/engineering manager, most recently for OPNEXT in Fremont and Harmonic Lightwaves in Sunnyvale. I have a BSEE from the University of California at Berkeley and seminar work at Santa Clara University.

I look forward to hearing from you and contributing to US-LTRCD as a board member.

Regards


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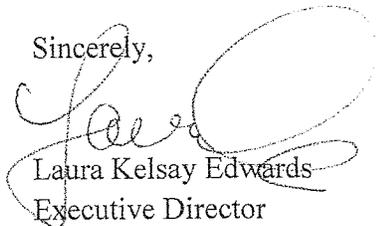
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Dear County Board of Supervisors,

The US-LT RCD Board of Directors would like to recommend the reappointment of Charles Pritchard, Tom Mora, John DeRosier, and the new appointment of Robert Hartzell. Robert Hartzell will be replacing Jeffery W. Pipes.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office from the information listed above.

Sincerely,



Laura Kelsay Edwards
Executive Director
Upper Salinas-Las Tablas
Resource Conservation District