

38. Approve appointment of Rae Spencer-Hill as the Alternate Director representing the County on the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency ()



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Board of Supervisors

Subject: Appointment of Alternate to the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Board of Directors

Meeting Date: January 28, 2025

Formal Title: Approve appointment of Rae Spencer-Hill as the Alternate Director representing the County on the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency

Recommended Actions

Approve the appointment of Rae Spencer-Hill as the Alternate representing the County on the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Board of Directors.

Executive Summary

The County has two seats on the Board of Directors of the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency. Pursuant to the Joint Power Agreement for this Agency, the County also has one Alternate that can serve on the board in the absence of one or both of the County board members. The prior Alternate, J.M. Brown, has stepped down from this position, therefore it is necessary to appoint a new Alternate.

Discussion

On May 23, 2017, our Board approved a Joint Powers Agreement JPA with the Scotts Valley Water District and San Lorenzo Valley Water District to form the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency. Our Board appointed the two Supervisors whose districts overlap the groundwater basin to serve on this Board of Directors--the District 1 Supervisor and the District 5 Supervisor. Pursuant to the JPA, the County also has one Alternate that can serve on the board in the absence of one or both of the County board members.

It is recommended that the Board appoint Rae Spencer-Hill as the Alternate representing the County on the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Board of Directors.

Financial Impact

The recommended action has no financial impact.

Strategic Initiatives

Climate Action - Water

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Recommended By:

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Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this agenda item.