

49. Approve appointment of Jillian Ritter as the Alternate Director representing the County on the Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Agency Board of Directors ()



## **County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors**

### **Agenda Item Submittal**

**From:** Board of Supervisors

**Subject:** Appointment of Alternate to the Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Agency Board of Directors

**Meeting Date:** June 10, 2025

**Formal Title:** Approve appointment of Jillian Ritter as the Alternate Director representing the County on the Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Agency Board of Directors

### **Recommended Actions**

Approve appointment of Jillian Ritter as the Alternate Director representing the County on the Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Agency Board of Directors.

### **Executive Summary**

The County has two seats on the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Mid-County 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, Shane Mckeithen, has stepped down from this position, therefore it is necessary to appoint a new Alternate.

### **Discussion**

On February 23, 2016, our Board approved a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Santa Cruz, Soquel Creek Water District, and Central Water District to form the Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Agency. Our Board appointed the two Supervisors whose districts overlap the groundwater basin to serve on the Board of Directors for this Agency—the District 1 Supervisor and the District 2 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 Jillian Ritter as the Alternate representing the County on the Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Agency Board of Directors.

### **Financial Impact**

The recommended action does not have a financial impact.

### **Strategic Initiatives**

Climate Action - Water

### **Submitted By:**

Felipe Hernandez, Chair

### **Recommended By:**

Carlos J. Palacios, County Executive Officer

### **Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:**

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

agenda item.