

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**FROM:** Supervisor John J. Benoit

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** January 6, 2015

**SUBJECT: COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS ACTION**

**Committee or Board:** Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** The Board of Supervisors reappoint members to the District:

**Type of Nomination:** District No. 4

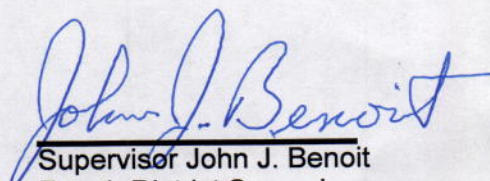
**Member:** Buford A. Crites  
72350 Chapel Hill Drive  
Palm Desert, CA 92260  
760-774-4830

Joseph P. Pradetto, II  
73155 Catalina Way  
Palm Desert, CA 92260  
951-275-1140

**Term of Appointment:** Remainder of terms ending November 28, 2018.

**BACKGROUND/APPOINTEE INFORMATION:**

The Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District (CVRCD) promotes the conservation and wise use of natural resources in the Coachella Valley. The CVRCD is a property tax-funded, independent state special district that works through public and private partnerships to assist farmers, homeowners, municipalities, golf course superintendents and other land users conserve soil, water, air, plant and animal resources.

  
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Fourth District Supervisor

California resource conservation districts (RCDs) are established, governed and authorized under Division 9 of the Public Resources Code. RCDs work to conduct:

- Watershed planning and management
- Water conservation, quality protection and enhancement
- Agricultural land conservation
- Wetland and wildlife conservation and habitat enhancement
- Recreational land restoration
- Conservation education

Two qualified candidates have applied to be reappointed: Buford Crites and Joseph Pradetto.

Buford Crites is the chairman of the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy, a board member of the Colorado River Regional Water Quality Control Board and a consultant for the South Coast Air Quality Management District. He is well respected within the community and dedicated to preserving our natural resources. He has made an excellent addition to the CVRCD Board of Directors, where he serves as vice president. I recommend his reappointment.

Joseph Pradetto serves as a board assistant on my staff. He also serves on the Desert Healthcare District's Program Committee and the City of Palm Desert's Audit and Finance Committee. In recognition of his work in the community, Palm Springs Life recently named him one of the "40 under 40" for 2014. He understands the role of the district, its governing laws and its importance to preserving the Coachella Valley's natural resources. His particular interest is in water conservation, and I recommend his reappointment. He currently serves as the CVRCD president.