

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



**FROM:** Supervisor John J. Benoit

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** March 3, 2015

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

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

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** The Board of Supervisors appoint new member to the District:

**Appointment Authority:** Public Resources Code 9314. (b)

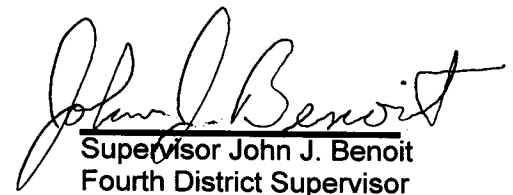
**Member:** Dr. Emily Nelson  
76343 Fairway Drive  
Indian Wells, CA 92210  
760-568-6107

**Replaces:** Ryan Bowen

**Term of Appointment:** Remainder of terms ending November 28, 2016.

**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.

  
Supervisor John J. Benoit  
Fourth District Supervisor

**Submittal of the Board of Supervisor, County of Riverside, State of California**  
**FORM 11: Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District**  
**DATE: March 3, 2014**

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

One qualified candidate has applied to fill the vacancy, Dr. Emily Nelson.

Dr. Nelson is a native of the Coachella Valley and graduate of Indio High School. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Biology from UCLA, a Master of Science from Duke University and her Doctorate in Environmental Science and Engineering from UCLA. Her focus in her studies was making the wise use of natural resources.

Dr. Nelson has served as the Coachella Valley Association of Government's science advisor to the Energy and Environment Resources Committee for twenty-seven years. She also chairs the Coachella Valley's PM10 Technical Working group, which helped the area move from serious nonattainment to attainment in the federal air quality standard. The effort required collaboration from the agriculture and building industries and numerous governmental agencies.