

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



FROM: Supervisor John J. Benoit

SUBMITTAL DATE: April 22, 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: Robert S. Wright
44330 Camino Lavanda
La Quinta, CA 92253
760-408-7488

Replaces: Phillip Bettencourt

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.


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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, Robert Wright.

Robert Wright has worked in the agricultural industry for more than 45 years. During the course of his business he has worked and developed extensive contacts with golf course superintendents, HOA managers, date and citrus growers, nursery managers and developers. He understands the importance of water conservation, soil and erosion control and habitat preservation. While water conservation has dominated news recently, he has been working with golf courses, HOAs and nurseries on conservation measures for years. Wright also serves on the La Quinta Planning Commission and as CEO of the Desert Sands Educational Foundation.