



# STAFF REPORT

## SAUSALITO CITY COUNCIL

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### AGENDA TITLE:

Make appointment to the vacant seat for Sausalito representation on the Marin/Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District board.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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### SUMMARY

#### *Marin/Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District – Vacant seat for Sausalito representative*

For the past few years, the Sausalito seat on the Marin/Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District has been vacant. From the limited information available, staff believes that the Sausalito seat used to be filled by a City Council member. It is believed that with the increase in the number of City boards and commissions and of regional boards and Joint Powers Authority groups, there were too many appointments for the Council members and this seat went unfilled.

It is perfectly acceptable to the MSMVCD to have the Sausalito representative be a qualified resident of Sausalito who is appointed by the City Council. In fact, the MSMVCD has approached resident Bill Ring about service on the board. Mr. Ring has submitted a letter, a copy of which is attached to this report, requesting that the City Council appoint him to this board on Sausalito's behalf. In his letter, Mr. Ring describes his qualifications with academic degrees in science and engineering and an MBA from UC Berkeley. It is acknowledged by staff and the Council that Mr. Ring has demonstrated a commitment to the best interests of this community through his service on the Sausalito Waste and Recycling Commission.

### ISSUES

It is always beneficial to our community to have representation on regional boards like the MSMVCD to ensure the best interests of the Sausalito citizenry. Since there has not been a Sausalito representative on this board for some years, it is especially important to re-establish Sausalito's presence on the MSMVCD.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** NA

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Appoint Bill Ring to the vacant seat on the Marin/Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District board.

Alternately, Council should give staff direction as to its desired action on this matter.

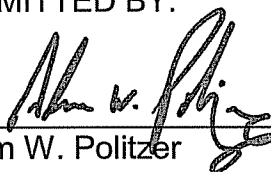
**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Letter from Bill Ring regarding his desire for appointment to the MSMVCD

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

It has come to my attention that the designated Sausalito seat on the Marin/Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District (MSMVCD) is currently unfilled. I am hereby applying for appointment to this seat on the MSMVCD.

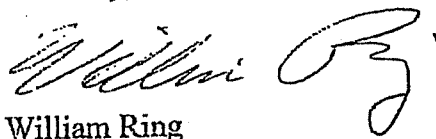
I believe that I am a well qualified candidate for this position. I am an active member of the Sausalito community and have considerable training and experience in the disciplines needed. Many of you know me from my service on the Sausalito Waste and Recycling Commission where I served as chair, webmaster and as the "Wizard of Waste". I have academic degrees in science and engineering and have an MBA from Berkeley.

My approach to situations involving MSMVCD would be to find the least toxic way to control the pests while balancing the potential danger from the vector with the potential danger on the population as a whole and to sensitive individuals in particular introduced by the control measures.

I believe that education and outreach can be the primary and most effective means for controlling the population of mosquitoes and I would work to achieve the goal of control by this means. If there are few places harboring mosquitoes and other vectors, there will be little or no need for toxic measures of any kind. When stronger measures are needed, I believe in starting with least toxic products – and making these easily available. Should there be a imminent public health hazard, I support strong measures while still searching for the least toxic that are effective.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



William Ring

