

North Santa Clara Resource Conservation District

(formerly the Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District)

An independent special district of the State of California

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Director Application

Please submit this application to NSCRCD using this [online form](#) or via email at gcrcd@gcrcd.org. For assistance with your application or to request reasonable accommodations to submit your application in an alternative format, please contact the NSCRCD office at 408-288-5888 or email Executive Director Stephanie Moreno at gcrcd@gcrcd.org.

Name: Stephen Pustelnik _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

1. *Describe your background and/or experience in agriculture, natural resource conservation, environmental sciences, and/or another related field.*

I have a degree in Environmental Science from San Jose State University, have been a local trail volunteer in Henry Coe Park, Santa Cruz Mountain (SCM) Trail Stewardship member and a SCM resident just inside the map border since 1998 (current residence since 2003).

2. *Describe your interest in serving on the North Santa Clara RCD Board of Directors.*

Am interested in the continued stewardship of our mountain community and the surrounding public and private property and how we keep it local. Am looking for another way to continue having an influence or stay involved in the issues that govern, mitigate and perpetuate this resource.

3. *Describe other applicable skills that you believe would help the District further its mission "to provide education and technical assistance to constituents and watershed stakeholders to sustainably manage soil, water and wildlife with the best available science".*

Am both an environmentalist and a realist when it comes to concerns for my neighborhood and the SCM community. We need to manage the forest correctly given our continued want to live among it but surely need to protect what is necessary for habitat and other environmental concerns (water, erosion, future climate conditions, etc.) while at the same time providing a balance to the landowners and concerns of all residents in the area covered by the district. This special district crosses many water and remote land areas that have a continued need to remain unpopulated but having a say in the future of these areas is also a concern for the community and to hear their needs and concerns.

Certification of Qualifications:

The qualifications for a Director are set forth in California Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 9352 as follows:

(a) Directors shall be registered voters in the state.

(b) Except as provided in subdivision (d), directors shall (1) reside within the district and either own real property in the district or alternatively have served, pursuant to the district's rules, for two years or more as an associate director providing advisory or other assistance to the board of directors, or (2) be a designated agent of a resident landowner within the district.

1. Please initial the following indicating compliance with PRC 9352(a):

I am a registered voter in California.

2. Please initial at least one of the following indicating compliance with PRC 9352(b):

I am a real property owner residing within District. Qualifying address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Los Gatos, Ca 95033

I have been a NSCRCD Associate Director for two years or more providing advisory or other assistance to the Board of Directors.

I am a designated agent of a resident landowner. (Attach letter from the resident landowner designating you as their agent; letter must include the qualifying property address.)

I hereby declare that I am an applicant and qualified candidate for the office of Director, and that I meet the qualifications set forth in Section 9352 of the Public Resources Code. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Print Name Stephen P Pustelnik II

Signed: *Stephen Pustelnik* Signature Date: 04/17/2024