

FROM: Skagit Conservation District

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RE: Appointed and Elected Conservation District Supervisor Positions

The Skagit Conservation District is accepting filings for one elected board position until Feb. 16 and applications for one appointed board position until March 31 for its Board of Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors, which has three publicly elected and two appointed members, oversees the District in its mission to provide voluntary incentive-based programs to support the land base while protecting and enhancing natural resources in Skagit County. Supervisors serve voluntarily. They serve three-year terms and must be registered Skagit County voters residing within the County.

Conservation District Boards oversee voluntary programs that conserve and improve water, help fish and wildlife prosper, and preserve and improve soil by offering local landowners solutions crafted by its technical staff. Candidates should have experience and interest in these areas in addition to identifying local conservation and agricultural needs; setting and tracking District goals; developing and maintaining non-regulatory programs; ensuring and evaluating the implementation of the District's plans; overseeing District staff, finances, and programs; approving and certifying conservation plans; and attending monthly meetings as well as other regional and statewide meetings and conferences.

The 2010 election will be held on Tuesday, March 16 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is open to the public. Candidates interested in the elected position must file a candidate information form with the District by Tuesday, February 16. To have his or her name on the ballot, a candidate must also get the signatures of at least 25 registered Skagit County voters on the nomination form and submit the form to the District by February 16. Candidates who submit an information form, but do not submit a nomination form will be a declared write-in candidate. To obtain the information and nomination forms, contact the District at 360-428-4313.

Appointed supervisors are appointed by the Washington State Conservation Commission Board. Applications must be received by the Commission by March 31. Applications are available by calling the District at 360-428-4313 or going to the Commission website www.scc.wa.gov or calling the Commission at 360-407-6200.

For more information about being a District supervisor, call the District at 360-428-4313 or visit the Commission website at www.scc.wa.gov.