



County of Orange

Memorandum

March 11, 2026

To: Chair Doug Chaffee, Supervisor, Fourth District

From: Veronica Kelley, Director, Health Care Agency

Subject: Recommended At Large Nomination to the Well Standards Advisory Board

Doug Chaffee

Veronica Kelley

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Pursuant to Board of Supervisors Rule of Procedure 16 amended on July 13, 2021, the Health Care Agency recommends the following at large appointment to the Well Standards Advisory Board for placement on the April 14, 2026 Board meeting agenda:

1. Reappoint the following five nominees to the Well Standards Advisory Board for a 3-year term, effective January 6, 2026 and ending January 1, 2029.
 - James Fortuna, Certified Wastewater Operator and Professional in Storm Water Quality
 - John Gregg, Certified Well Drilling Contractor
 - Michael Grisso, Certified Drinking Water and Wastewater Operator
 - Roy Herndon, Certified Hydrogeologist and Professional Geologist
 - Nabil Saba, Certified Drinking Water Operator and Civil Engineer
2. Find that the appointment of Michael Grisso serves the best interest of the County and approve waiver of residency requirements.

Information on the recommended at large nominations is contained in the attached Agenda Staff Report and candidate applications.

Please call me if you have questions.

Thank you.

Attachments

Cc: Clerk of the Board



AT-LARGE APPOINTMENT AGENDA STAFF REPORT

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MEETING DATE: 4/14/2026
LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAIR: Chair Chaffee
NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY (DEPT): Health Care Agency
DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S): Veronica Kelley (714) 834-7024
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SUBJECT: At-Large Nominations for Reappointments to the Well Standards Advisory Board

CEO CONCUR	COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	CLERK OF THE BOARD
N/A	N/A	Consent
		3 Votes Board Majority

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

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SUMMARY:

The approval of the reappointment of five members to the Well Standards Advisory Board, a technical advisory board, will ensure the availability of experts in water supply and hydrogeology to provide consultation in exceptional cases related to well construction and abandonment.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Orange County Well Ordinance 2607, Article 2, Section 4-5-16, requires the establishment of a five-member Well Standards Advisory Board (WSAB) to hear appeals from persons subject to enforcement actions and to advise the Health Officer regarding standards for well construction and abandonment. The WSAB meets on an as-needed basis, usually no more than once per year. The Well Ordinance requires WSAB members to possess specific qualifications in a particular segment of the water industry and be from designated County agencies. Historical

knowledge of issues specific to Orange County's unique hydrogeology is an asset, and members often serve multiple terms.

Because the positions are technical in nature and the scope of viable candidates is limited, the Health Care Agency (HCA) conducts targeted recruitment by sending WSAB service opportunity announcement letters to qualified candidates and complies with procedures, as directed by the Board, in nominating appointments for Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Summarized below are the recommended reappointments to the WSAB for the term of January 6, 2026, through January 1, 2029.

Reappointments

James Fortuna is a Senior Environmental Resources Specialist and North Orange County Stormwater Program Manager at Orange County Environmental Resources, Orange County Public Works. Mr. Fortuna fills the position of a person qualified in the field of water quality and fulfills the requirement that one member represent the Orange County Water Pollution Department (now a division of Orange County Public Works).

John Gregg is the founder and President of Gregg Marine, LLC, and a C-57 licensed well drilling contractor. Mr. Gregg fills the position of a person licensed in accordance with the provisions of the Contractors License Law, Chapter 9, Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California.

Michael Grisso is a Water Services Manager for the City of Tustin’s Public Works. Mr. Grisso fills the position of a person employed in a supervisory capacity by a water purveyor in Orange County whose system relies to a significant extent upon groundwater. Mr. Grisso has worked for water purveyors in Orange County (i.e., City of Tustin, City of Buena Park) for 11 years and possesses the level of specific technical knowledge required for this appointment.

Roy Herndon is a Chief Hydrogeologist at the Orange County Water District (OCWD). Mr. Herndon fills the position of a registered geologist under the laws of the State of California, qualified in the field of groundwater hydrology, and fulfills the requirement that one member represent the OCWD.

Nabil Saba is the Executive Director of the City of Santa Ana’s Public Works Agency and is a registered civil engineer. Mr. Saba fulfills the requirement that one member be a registered civil engineer under the laws of the State of California, experienced in sanitary engineering, and qualified in the field of water supply.

Name	OC Resident? (Y/N)	Registered Voter? (Y/N)	Employment Location	Category	Term
James Fortuna	Yes	Yes	Orange, CA	Qualified in the field of water quality; represents Orange County Public Works	1/6/2026 - 1/1/2029
John Gregg	Yes	Yes	Moss Landing, CA	C-57 Licensed Well Drilling Contractor	1/6/2026 - 1/1/2029
Michael Grisso	No (Chino Hills)	Yes	Tustin, CA	Supervisory capacity at a water purveyor in Orange County	1/6/2026 - 1/1/2029
Roy Herndon	Yes	Yes	Villa Park, CA	Registered geologist; represents Orange County Water District	1/6/2026 - 1/1/2029
Nabil Saba	Yes	Yes	San Dimas, CA	Registered civil engineer	1/6/2026 - 1/1/2029

HCA requests that the Board approve the reappointments to the WSAB as referenced in the Recommended Action.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

STAFFING IMPACT:

N/A

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Attachment A - James Fortuna Nomination Form, Application, and Resume
- Attachment B - John Gregg Nomination Form, Application, and Resume
- Attachment C - Michael Grisso Nomination Form, Application, and Resume
- Attachment D - Roy Herndon Nomination Form, Application, and Resume
- Attachment E - Nabil Saba Nomination Form, Application, and Resume
- Attachment F - OC Municipal Code 4-5-16