



# COUNTY OF SONOMA

575 ADMINISTRATION  
DRIVE, ROOM 102A  
SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

## SUMMARY REPORT

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**Agenda Date:** 9/24/2019

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**Department or Agency Name(s):** Board of Supervisors

**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Marcie Woychik, AAB Clerk, 707-565-2241

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Supervisorial District(s):** Countywide

### **Recommended Action:**

Approve the reappointments of Stephen M. Beckwith and James Brush as general members of the Assessment Appeals Board for a term of three years beginning on September 2, 2019 and ending September 2, 2022.

### **Executive Summary:**

Approve the reappointments of Stephen M. Beckwith and Jim Brush as general members of the Assessment Appeals Board for a term of three years beginning on September 2, 2019 and ending September 2, 2022.

### **Discussion:**

Assessment Appeals Board consists of three general members and three alternate members that are countywide appointments by the Board of Supervisors. Each member serves for a term of three years. Each member must have a minimum of five years of professional experience in California as a public accountant, a real estate broker, an attorney or a property appraiser. Prior to serving, each member must also complete a training course from the Board of Equalization to satisfy Revenue and Taxation Code Section 1624.01. Two general members are currently eligible for reappointment.

The members currently eligible for reappointment are:

- Stephen M. Beckwith, was a licensed real estate professional from 1989 through 1995 and is now a licensed attorney. He has been serving as a general member since December 2006.
- James Brush, a licensed real estate professional, who has been serving as a general member since September 2007.

Staff recommends reappointing the existing members for the following reasons:

- Each member is in good standing and is willing and qualified to continue service.
- Each member is willing to continue to meet the increased demands on her time that the Assessment Appeals schedule requires, without any additional compensation.
- Each member is experienced with the complex, quasi-judicial Assessment Appeals process.
- The County has incurred a significant cost in staff time to train each existing member.

- The County will incur a significant cost in staff time to recruit and train any new members.
- The County will be able to resolve fewer applications for an unknown period of time as the Assessment Appeals calendar will have to be reduced time to conduct recruitment and train new members.

Per Government Code Section 1623 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, Assessment Appeals Board members term shall begin on the first Monday of September for a term of three years.

**Prior Board Actions:**

December 5, 2006: Appointed Stephen M. Beckwith as a general member to the Assessment Appeals Board

September 11, 2007: Appointed James Brush as a general member to the Assessment Appeals Board

January 1, 2010: Reappointed Stephen M. Beckwith as a general member of the Assessment Appeals Board

August 24, 2010: Reappointed James Brush as a general member of the Assessment Appeals Board

September 9, 2013: Reappointed Stephen M. Beckwith and James Brush as general members to the Assessment Appeals Board

December 6, 2016: Reappointed Stephen M. Beckwith as a regular member to the Assessment Appeals Board

December 6, 2016: Reappointed James Brush as a regular member to the Assessment Appeals Board

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 19-20 Adopted</b>	<b>FY20-21 Projected</b>	<b>FY 21-22 Projected</b>
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
<b>Total Expenditures</b>			
<b>Funding Sources</b>			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
<b>Total Sources</b>			

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

Per Board of Supervisors Resolutions 18-0504 and 19-0271 Assessment Appeals Board Members are paid \$125.00 for meetings less than four hours and \$250.00 for meetings four hours or more.

<b>Staffing Impacts:</b>			
<b>Position Title (Payroll Classification)</b>	<b>Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)</b>	<b>Additions (Number)</b>	<b>Deletions (Number)</b>

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**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

None

**Attachments:**

None

**Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:**

None