

**APPLICATION TO SERVE THE RCD OF MONTEREY COUNTY AS AN ASSOCIATE  
DIRECTOR OR DIRECTOR**

DATE: 10/7/2019

NAME: Jynel Gularte

ADDRESS: PC

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

Requirements to be a Director (not Associate)

1) Are you a registered voter of the state? Yes

2) Are you a landowner within the District? No, but our company is/family farm

If not, are you a designated agent of a District landowner, or have you served as an Associate Director for at least 2 years? Yes

Name, address and phone of landowner you represent as designated agent: \_\_\_\_\_

Wayne Gularte

(Please attach a letter from the landowner stating that they are putting your nomination forward to serve as their representative on the Board of Directors. They should indicate why they believe you are qualified to serve in this position.)

Will be attached soon

Please review the 'Board Member Agreement' form regarding expectations of RCDMC Board Service.

**Tell us something about you.**

1) What is your interest in serving on the Board of Directors?

I am interested in serving on the Board of Directors because I believe in the responsibility that we all have to our environment and the community. Serving on the board would help me further my efforts to learn more about conservation practices, be an advocate for agriculture and help spread more awareness of the services that the RCD has to offer. Also being able to take on more of a leadership role in my community will help me personally and professionally.

2) What are the most important things that you think the RCD is currently doing?

Some of the most important things that the RCD is doing is partnering with growers and providing assistance and planning for almost anything in regards to production from erosion control and prevention to water conservation. My family has also personally been involved with the RCD through their partnership in the arundo removal program which is pivotal for our greater community and prolonged sustainable groundwater management plan.

**3) What are the things you most hope the RCD will do in the future?**

I hope in the future the RCD will have an even greater reach to all types of growers in Monterey County along with having a larger community outreach to demonstrate to the public and other regulatory agencies the benefits that our RCD provides. I also feel there is a lot more room and potential for the RCD to aid the agricultural community in managing the multitude of conservation efforts that we have to manage including but not limited to soil, air, water and our surrounding habitats.

**4) Give information related to your background in agriculture and/or natural resources:**

I am a fourth generation farmer's daughter, born and raised here in the Salinas Valley. I was a Buena Vista 4-H member for 9 years and showed pigs at our local fairs. In the summertime I would work on the farm with my dad and brother. I remember weeding fields or doing office work with my mom in high school. Because of my background and family history, I knew agriculture was the community I was going to be a part of for the rest of my life. I graduated Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in agricultural business. It was important for me to get a broad understanding of my industry so I took every class that I could from irrigation management to meat science and viticulture. Farmers truly are the stewards of the land and it's important that we continue to learn as much as possible to keep our industry and our land healthy and viable for the next generation.

**5) What other skills do you think you bring to the District?**

Some of the skills I bring to the District are my network from being a native here in Salinas, knowing up and coming leaders, communication skills and organization. I am also very passionate about sharing our story in agriculture and showcasing all of the good work we are doing- conservation being one of them.

**6) In your industry/field, what is one thing that you think we should know about?**

One thing to note about my particular line of work is that in working for a family farm you do not just wear one hat. I am often found working on many different projects and doing a variety of tasks for our company- from food safety to accounting and everything in between.

**7) Are you aware of any direct or in-direct conflicts of interest you may have serving on the Board?**

(Conflict of Interest: No director or other officer of the district shall be interested directly or indirectly in the sale of equipment, materials, or services to the district.)

No, I am not aware of any direct or in-direct conflicts of interest besides the fact that we have done projects with the RCD on our farm.

Please also attach a list of three references from other District landowners

Thank you for your interest in serving the District.