



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 5/2/2023

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File #: 23-599

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Clerk/Recorder

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**SUBJECT:**

Certification of the Results of the March 07, 2023, Salmon Creek Fire Protection District Formation Election.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept the Certified Statement of Results of the Official Canvass for the March 7, 2023 Salmon Creek Fire Protection District Formation Election.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

General Fund (1100)

Special District

**DISCUSSION:**

Immediately upon the close of the polls on Election Day, the county elections office begins the official canvass of the vote. The activities undertaken during the official canvass include:

1. Processing and counting any valid vote-by-mail and provisional ballots not included in the election night totals;
2. A reconciliation of the number of ballots counted, spoiled, or rejected due to damage;
3. Counting any valid write-in votes;
4. Reproducing any damaged ballots, if necessary;
5. Conducting a hand count of at least one percent of the ballots cast in the election; and
6. Reporting the final results as required.

Elections Code Section 15372 requires the county elections official to complete the official canvass no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the election and submit a certified statement of the results to the governing body, the County Board of Supervisors.

Elections Code, Section 15400, states that the governing board shall declare the results of each election under

its jurisdiction as to each measure voted on at the election.

Election Code 15400 states that the governing body shall declare elected or nominated to each office voted on at each election under its jurisdiction the person having the highest number of votes for that office.

In conducting this special election for the district, the county has invited civic engagement while fostering transparent and accessible services.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The approximate cost for the election is \$2500 which is billable to the district.

<b>Expenditures (Fund, Budget Unit)</b>	<b>FY22-23 Projected</b>
Budgeted Expenses	\$2500
Additional Appropriation Requested	\$0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2500</b>
<b>Funding Sources (Fund, Budget Unit)</b>	<b>FY22-23 Projected</b>
General Fund	\$0
Fees/Other	\$2500
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>	<b>\$2500</b>

*\*Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.*

**STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:**

This action supports the following areas of your Board’s Strategic Framework.

Core Roles: Enforce laws and regulations to protect residents

New Initiatives: Foster transparent, accessible, welcoming and user friendly services

Strategic Plan: N/A

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

Humboldt Local Agency Formation Commission

**ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Board could choose not to accept the Certified Statement of Results, but would then be out of compliance with Elections Code Section 15400.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: Certificate of Final Elections Results

Attachment 2: Summary of Election Results

Attachment 3: Precinct by Precinct Report

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**PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:**

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

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