



AGENDA ITEM
NO. **C-19**

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: April 18, 2017

Date: April 11, 2017

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kelly E. Sanders, Clerk/Recorder/Registrar of Voters ^{25'}

Subject: Supplemental Budget Request for Special Elections and Voter Notification of District Cycle Changes (Requires 4/5 Vote)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached supplemental budget for FY 2016-17 in the amount of \$124,513 (4/5 vote required).

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General fund.

DISCUSSION:

Special Elections

McKinleyville Community Services District: On September 8, 2016, the McKinleyville Community Services District (McKinleyville CSD) called a special election to fill a vacant governing board member position. At the close of the filing period, McKinleyville CSD received more candidate filings than positions available. An all mail-in ballot election was held on March 14, 2017.

Prepared by _____ CAO Approval [Signature] TLFR

REVIEW: Auditor MBM County Counsel JWE Human Resources _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:

Consent

Departmental

Public Hearing

Other _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor Sundberg Seconded by Supervisor Fennell

Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Bass, Bohn

Nays _____

Abstain _____

Absent Wilson

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: Apr. 18, 2017

By: [Signature]

Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

Since the election was called after the FY 2016-17 budget was finalized, costs for this election are not currently allocated. Estimated costs for this election are \$24,450. This amount will be off-set once the district is billed for the election.

Redway Community Services District: On January 10, 2017, the Southern Humboldt Community Healthcare District (SHCHD) called a special election to bring a measure before the voters for approval of continuing an existing tax for hospital and medical services. An all mailed-in ballot election for the SHCHD is scheduled on May 2, 2017.

Since the election was called after the FY 2016-17 budget was finalized, costs for this election are not currently allocated. Costs for the SHCHD Special Election on May 2nd are estimated at \$15,200. This amount will be off-set once the district is billed for the election.

Voter Notification of District Cycle Changes

On September 1, 2015, Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill 415 (SB 415), also known as the California Voter Participation Act (CVPA), into law becoming Division 14, Chapter 1.7 of the Election Code, Sections 14050-14057. The law requires school and special districts with regularly scheduled odd-year elections that have experienced “significant decrease in voter turnout” in a regularly scheduled election to transition to even-year statewide general elections. Districts meeting the threshold must transition to even-year elections no later than November 8, 2022. As of the March 10th deadline, 26 of the 34 school districts and 7 of the 43 special districts submitted resolutions to the Board of Supervisors for approval, as listed below. Elections Code, Sections 10404(f) and 10404.5(e) states the elections official shall notify registered voters of district election changes. Notification to the voters is at the expense of the districts.

District election change requests were made after the FY 2016-17 budget was finalized, therefore costs for this printing and mailing notifications to voters is not currently allocated. Estimated costs for notifying voters of district election changes are \$84,863.

These items meet the Board's 2017 Strategic Framework by providing appropriate levels of community service.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The County Board of Supervisors approved the McKinleyville CSD and SHCHD special elections with the understanding that the County will incur costs for such elections, and with the understanding that the Clerk, Recorder and Registrar of Voters will invoice districts for elections. Additionally, the Board of Supervisors approved school and special district requests for election cycle change with the understanding that the County would incur costs for voter notification of the changes, and with the understanding that the Clerk, Recorder and Registrar of Voters will invoice districts for such notice. The estimated financial cost is \$124,513.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

McKinleyville Community Services District
Southern Humboldt Community Healthcare District
School Districts
Special Districts

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS:

Supplemental Budget

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140-Elections

Revenues	Object	Increase Amt.
Election Services	604000	124,513.00

Total

124,513.00

Expenditures	Object	Increase Amt.
Extra Help	1400	1,200.00
Overtime	1450	1,000.00
Postage	2116	55,173.00
Professional & Special Services	2118	500.00
Publishing and Legal Notices	2119	1,300.00
Certified Printing	2366	13,500.00
Sample Ballot Printing	2367	3,100.00
Election Specific Supplies	2368	48,740.00

Total

124,513.00