

**Attachment 5: Special District Resolutions Awaiting Board Approval**

**Impact Analysis  
District Consolidation from Odd-Year to Even-Year General Elections  
Arcata Fire District**

**To:** Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

**From:** Kelly E. Sanders, Clerk/Recorder/Registrar of Voters

**Date:** March 27, 2017

**Summary**

On March 8, 2017, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors received Resolution No. 17-172 from the Arcata Fire District requesting the district election cycle be held in even-numbered years. As required by Elections Code, Section 10404(d), the following is an impact analysis of the effects that may result due to the consolidation.

The Arcata Fire District, which has approximately 24,490 registered voters, currently participates in odd-numbered year elections. The district wants to reduce future election costs by moving to even-numbered year general elections. Because of significantly lower turnout by the voters in the district in the November 2013 election, the district must change to even-numbered year elections no later than 2022 according to Elections Code, Section 14052. If the change is approved, Arcata Fire District will experience a significant savings in future even-numbered year elections.

**Fiscal Impact, Districts**

Many jurisdictions participate in even-numbered year statewide elections (federal, state, county and cities) and share the costs. The portion attributable to federal, state and county, which on average is approximately 87% of the total cost of an even-numbered year election, is absorbed by the county. Therefore the amount charged to each local jurisdiction, i.e. cities, schools and special districts, is much lower in an even-numbered year.

In the November 2013 Uniform District Election (UDEL), Arcata Fire District had two governing board member positions on the ballot (Divisions 1 and 2 consisting of approximately 8,500 voters). The cost per voting opportunity for the UDEL was \$.90, and Arcata Fire was charged \$8,400. The average cost of the past 3 statewide general elections held in even numbered years is \$.25 per voting opportunity. Arcata Fire District would have paid approximately \$4,200 for the two contests had they appeared on a statewide general election ballot.

Other districts not changing to even-numbered years may see an increase in expenses. There are times when jurisdictions don't have sufficient nominees to go to election. When there is

less sharing of voters or ballot types, costs increase to the remaining districts and at times, a district is responsible for the full cost of a ballot type. The likelihood of a district bearing the entire cost of a ballot type will increase for districts that remain in odd-numbered years.

### **Fiscal Impact, County**

As districts move from odd to even-year elections, there will be an overall cost increase including costs due to additional ballot types, a longer ballot, and the probability of a two page ballot. The size of the voter information guide will increase as will the costs for mailing the voter guide and vote-by-mail ballots. Additional staff and extra help hours will be expended for logic and accuracy testing, programming, and processing ballots. Though districts will continue to be billed for their share in election costs, theirs is a much smaller percentage of total costs. The County's actual costs are expected to increase.

Elections Code, Section 15372, states the elections official shall prepare a certified statement of the results of the election and submit it to the governing body within 30 days of the election. Because governing board members of special and school districts would take office on the first Friday in December following the district general election, Elections Code, Section 10511(a), requires the elections official to declare the elected candidate or candidates no later than the Monday before the first Friday in December, which will shorten the canvass period for elections in even-numbered years from 30 days to 27 days. This would negatively impact the Office of Elections, especially in a Presidential Election year when all 30 days are needed to complete the canvass. Automated scanning and sorting equipment to assist staff with processing vote-by-mail ballots would be required.

### **Impact on Voters**

The original purpose of UDEL elections was to provide a local platform for districts and candidates to appeal to voters, avoiding conflict with the extensive state and federal general election cycle. Even though voter turnout is higher in a general election with the consolidation of special districts, there will be more contests and candidates appearing on the ballot and more measures and candidate statements appearing in the voter information guide. This can lead to an increase in voter drop off, that is, voters failing to make their way through all of the information and through all of the races on the ballot.

## **RESOLUTION 17-172**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE ARCATA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO RESCHEDULE ELECTION OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Elections Code Section 1303(a), the Arcata Fire Protection District ("District") holds its regular election for its Governing Board of Directors in November of each odd-numbered year; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Voter Participation Rights Act (Senate Bill 415) becomes effective January 1, 2018 and prohibits a political subdivision (including special districts) from holding a regular election on a date other than on a statewide primary or general election date in even-numbered years, if holding a regular election on a non-statewide election date has previously resulted in a "significant decrease in voter turnout", which is defined by SB 415 as at least 25 percent less voter turnout than the average voter turnout within the District for the previous four statewide general elections; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's regular election date is not a statewide election date and the 2015 District regular election resulted in approximately 26 percent of eligible voter participation (Measure A); and

**WHEREAS**, elections held in odd-numbered years have historically resulted in lower participation and higher expenses to the District; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to change its regular election date to comply with SB 415, Elections Code Section 1303(b) authorizes the District to adopt a resolution changing its regular election date from November of odd-numbered years to the statewide general election in November of even-numbered years; and

**WHEREAS**, the resolution must then be submitted to the County of Humboldt Board of Supervisors by no later than March 10, 2017, which is at least 240 days before the next District regular election date, and the resolution must be approved by the Board of Supervisors in order to change the District's election date; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent and desire of the District's Governing Board of Directors to change its regular election date for Directors from November of odd-numbered years to the statewide general election in November of even-numbered years; and

**WHEREAS**, State Law allows a District to extend the terms of current Directors until their successors are elected and qualified in order to match their terms with a changed regular election date (Elections Code Section 10404(l)); and

**WHEREAS**, it is also the intent and desire of the District's Governing Board of Directors to extend the terms of office for current Directors by one year (to November, 2018 and November, 2020, respectively) in order to match their terms with the changed regular election dates.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the Arcata Fire Protection District, pursuant to Elections Code Sections 1303(b) and 10404(b), hereby adopts Resolution 17-172 of the Arcata Fire Protection District, changing its regular election for the Governing Board of Directors from the first Tuesday, after the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years to the statewide general election on the first Tuesday, after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years going forward.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that approval of Resolution 17-172 will extend the term of office for the current Directors with terms expiring on November 2017 to November 2018 and will extend the term of office for the current Directors with terms expiring in November 2019 to November 2020. Directors elected to new terms in the November 2018, November 2020 and in all future elections shall serve standard four-year terms.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that special elections called for the purpose of filling Board vacancies, recall of Directors, District initiative or referendum measures, are not affected by Resolution 17-172, and may be called at any time authorized by applicable law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the Arcata Fire Protection District requests approval from the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors to consolidate all future District regular elections with the statewide general election to be held in November of even-numbered years. The Board President or Fire Chief is hereby authorized to take any and all actions, and execute any documents necessary to assist the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors in its review and approval of Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Secretary of the Board of Directors for the Arcata Fire Protection District shall deliver copies of Resolution 17-172 to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and to the Office of the Registrar of Voters for the County of Humboldt.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Resolution 17-172 shall become operative upon approval by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors.

**ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED** at a duly called special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Arcata Fire Protection District on March 3, 2017 by the following polled vote:

AYES: Campbell, David, Tyler & Davis

NOES: None

ABSENT: Sundberg

ABSTAIN: None

Signed:

  
John Davis, Vice President

Attest:

  
Becky Schugette, Board Secretary

**Impact Analysis  
District Consolidation from Odd-Year to Even-Year General Elections  
Garberville Sanitary District**

**To:** Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

**From:** Kelly E. Sanders, Clerk/Recorder/Registrar of Voters

**Date:** March 27, 2017

**Summary**

On March 8, 2017, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors received Resolution No. 17-005 from the Garberville Sanitary District requesting the district election cycle be held in even-numbered years. As required by Elections Code, Section 10404 (d), the following is an impact analysis of the effects that may result due to the consolidation.

The Garberville Sanitary District, which has approximately 405 registered voters, currently participates in odd-numbered year elections, however the Office of Elections has checked back to 1999 and cannot find an instance where the district has had sufficient nominees to go to election. Since there is no election to compare results, Garberville Sanitary District does not fall below the threshold set forth in Elections Code, Section 14052, and it is not mandatory for them to switch to even-numbered years at this time. However, Elections Code, Section 1303(b), allows the governing body of a special district the ability to transition to even-numbered-year elections regardless of whether they experience decreased voter turnout or not, so any special district can move.

**Fiscal Impact, Districts**

Many jurisdictions participate in even-numbered year statewide elections (federal, state, county and cities) and share the costs. The portion attributable to federal, state and county, which on average is approximately 87% of the total cost of an even-numbered year election, is absorbed by the county. Therefore the amount charged to each local jurisdiction, i.e. cities, schools and special districts, is much lower in an even-numbered year.

If Garberville Sanitary District switches to even-numbered election years and goes to election in the future, it would most certainly pay much less than if it remains in odd-numbered year elections and actually goes to the ballot.

Other districts not changing to even-numbered years may see an increase in expenses. There are times when jurisdictions don't have sufficient nominees to go to election in odd-numbered

years. When there is less sharing of voters or ballot types, costs increase to the remaining districts and at times, a district is responsible for the full cost of a ballot type. The likelihood of a district bearing the entire cost of a ballot type will increase for districts that remain in odd-numbered years.

### **Fiscal Impact, County**

As districts move from odd to even-year elections, there will be an overall cost increase including costs due to additional ballot types, a longer ballot, and the probability of a two page ballot. The size of the voter information guide will increase as will the costs for mailing the voter guide and vote-by-mail ballots. Additional staff and extra help hours will be expended for logic and accuracy testing, programming, and processing ballots. Though districts will continue to be billed for their share in election costs, theirs is a much smaller percentage of total costs. The County's actual costs are expected to increase.

Elections Code, Section 15372, states the elections official shall prepare a certified statement of the results of the election and submit it to the governing body within 30 days of the election. Because governing board members of special and school districts would take office on the first Friday in December following the district general election, Elections Code, Section 10511(a), requires the elections official to declare the elected candidate or candidates no later than the Monday before the first Friday in December, which will shorten the canvass period for elections in even-numbered years from 30 days to 27 days. This would negatively impact the Office of Elections, especially in a Presidential Election year when all 30 days are needed to complete the canvass. Automated scanning and sorting equipment to assist staff with processing the ever increasing volume of vote-by-mail ballots would be required.

### **Impact on Voters**

The original purpose of UDEL elections was to provide a local platform for districts and candidates to appeal to voters, avoiding conflict with the extensive state and federal general election cycle. Even though voter turnout is higher in a general election with the consolidation of special districts, there will be more contests and candidates appearing on the ballot and more measures and candidate statements appearing in the voter information guide. This can lead to an increase in voter drop off, that is, voters failing to make their way through all of the information and through all of the races on the ballot.



## **GARBERVILLE SANITARY DISTRICT**

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### **RESOLUTION NO. 17-005**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE GARBERVILLE SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO RESCHEDULE ELECTION OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS**

- A. WHEREAS, the Garberville Sanitary District ("District") is a Sanitary District organized pursuant to the Sanitary District Act of 1923, codified at Health and Safety Code section 6400 et seq and operating entirely within the County of Humboldt; and**
- B. WHEREAS, California Senate Bill 415, an act (which may be cited to as the California Voter Participation Rights Act (herein "the Act")) to add Chapter 1.7 (commencing with Section 14050) to Division 14 of the Elections Code, was approved by the California Governor and filed with the Secretary of State on September 1, 2015; and**
- C. WHEREAS, commencing January 1, 2018, the Act prohibits a political subdivision from holding an election other than on a statewide election date (i.e. "off-cycle") if holding an election on a non-concurrent date has previously resulted in voter turnout for a regularly scheduled election in the political subdivision being at least 25% less than the average voter turnout within the political subdivision for the previous four statewide general elections; and**
- D. WHEREAS, the current date for election of members of the Board of Directors of the District is every two (2) years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years (e.g. November 2017 and 2019); and**
- E. WHEREAS, statewide general elections are held in California only in June and November of even-numbered years (e.g. next election June and November 2018) (Elections Code section 1001); and**
- F. WHEREAS, generally voter turnout is greater for statewide general elections than for local elections, including special district board member elections held in November of odd-numbered years; and**
- G. WHEREAS, the Board wishes to increase voter participation in elections for Board members; and**
- H. WHEREAS, the District may achieve a savings in the cost of its elections, if the District's elections are consolidated with the statewide general elections; and**
- I. WHEREAS, as a result of these facts, the Board desires to change the date of future board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election**



In order to save public funds and provide greater voter input into school board elections; and

- J. **WHEREAS**, under section 6482 of the Health and Safety Code, the term of office for board members is four years; and
- K. **WHEREAS**, under section 8560 of the Health and Safety Code, election of board members is determined pursuant to the Uniform District Elections Law (Elections Code section 10500 et seq.); and
- L. **WHEREAS**, the District is authorized by section 10404 of the Elections Code to adopt a resolution requiring that its Board-member elections be held on the same day as the statewide general elections; and
- M. **WHEREAS**, the Act is mandatory where applicable to ensure voter participation; and
- N. **WHEREAS**, if the change in election date is approved, it is requested that the new election date be moved from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2017 to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2018 with board members whose terms would have expired in 2017 being extended to 2018 and board members whose terms would have expired in 2019 being extended to 2020, as required by Elections Code section 10404(f).

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the Garberville Sanitary District does hereby find, determine and/or declare, as follows:

1. Each of the foregoing is true and correct.
2. The Board of Directors declares its intent to adopt this resolution to consolidate the election date for members of the Board with the date for the California general election in November in even-numbered years (Elections Code section 1001) pursuant to Elections Code section 10404(b).
3. The Board Secretary will forward this resolution to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors explaining the rationale for the resolution and requesting formal approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting held within 60 days after submission and after the resolution has been posted in accordance with the law.
4. The Board Secretary will notify the Humboldt County Elections Office that the District is prepared to pay the expense of mailing notice of approval of the change in election date by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors as required by Elections Code 10404(f).
5. If the consolidation of election is approved by the Board of Supervisors, the date of that election will be moved to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2018 and each subsequent board member election will be held two years thereafter in November of even years.

Passed and adopted by Garberville Sanitary District's Board of Directors on February 28, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Anderson, Wellborn, Brodersen, Anderson  
NOES: Directors ~~0~~  
EXCUSED: Directors Thompson

Linda Brodersen, Chairperson  
Linda Brodersen

ATTEST:

Ralph Emerson  
Ralph Emerson, General Manager

**Impact Analysis**  
**District Consolidation from Odd-Year to Even-Year General Elections**  
**Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District**

**To:** Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

**From:** Kelly E. Sanders, Clerk/Recorder/Registrar of Voters

**Date:** March 27, 2017

**Summary**

On March 3, 2017, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors received Resolution No. 2017-04 from the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District requesting the district election cycle be held in even-numbered years. As required by Elections Code, Section 10404 (d), the following is an impact analysis of the effects that may result due to the consolidation.

The Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District (Harbor District), which has approximately 80,250 registered voters, currently participates in odd-numbered year elections. The district wants to reduce future election costs by moving to even-numbered year general elections. Because of significantly lower turnout by the voters in the district in the November 2015 election, the district must change to even-numbered year elections no later than 2022 according to Elections Code, Section 14052. If the change is approved, the Harbor District will experience a significant savings in future even-numbered year elections.

**Fiscal Impact, Districts**

Many jurisdictions participate in even-numbered year statewide elections (federal, state, county and cities) and share the costs. The portion attributable to federal, state and county, which on average is approximately 87% of the total cost of an even-numbered year election, is absorbed by the county. Therefore the amount charged to each local jurisdiction, i.e. cities, schools and special districts, is much lower in an even-numbered year.

In the November 2015 Uniform District Election (UDEL), the Harbor District had two governing board member positions on the ballot (Divisions 2 and 5). The cost per voting opportunity for the UDEL was \$1.43, and the Harbor District was charged \$45,000. The average cost of the past 3 statewide general elections held in even numbered years is \$.25 per voting opportunity. The Harbor District would have paid approximately \$8,000 for the two races had they appeared on a statewide general election ballot.

Other districts not changing to even-numbered years may see an increase in expenses. There are times when jurisdictions don't have sufficient nominees to go to election. When there is less sharing of voters or ballot types, costs increase to the remaining districts and at times, a district is responsible for the full cost of a ballot type. The likelihood of a district bearing the entire cost of a ballot type will increase for districts that remain in odd-numbered years.

### **Fiscal Impact, County**

As districts move from odd to even-year elections, there will be an overall cost increase including costs due to additional ballot types, a longer ballot, and the probability of a two page ballot. The size of the voter information guide will increase, as will the costs for mailing the voter guide and vote-by-mail ballots. Additional staff and extra help hours will be expended for logic and accuracy testing, programming, and processing ballots. Though districts will continue to be billed for their share in election costs, theirs is a much smaller percentage of total costs. The County's actual costs are expected to increase.

Elections Code, Section 15372, states the elections official shall prepare a certified statement of the results of the election and submit it to the governing body within 30 days of the election. Because governing board members of special and school districts would take office on the first Friday in December following the district general election, Elections Code, Section 10511(a), requires the elections official to declare the elected candidate or candidates no later than the Monday before the first Friday in December, which will shorten the canvass period for elections in even-numbered years from 30 days to 27 days. This would negatively impact the Office of Elections, especially in a Presidential Election year when all 30 days are needed to complete the canvass. Automated scanning and sorting equipment to assist staff with processing vote-by-mail ballots would be required.

### **Impact on Voters**

The original purpose of UDEL elections was to provide a local platform for districts and candidates to appeal to voters, avoiding conflict with the extensive state and federal general election cycle. Even though voter turnout is higher in a general election with the consolidation of special districts, there will be more contests and candidates appearing on the ballot and more measures and candidate statements appearing in the voter information guide. This can lead to an increase in voter drop off, that is, voters failing to make their way through all of the information and through all of the races on the ballot.

**HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION  
AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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**RESOLUTION 2017-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
TO RESCHEDULE ELECTION OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS**

- A. WHEREAS**, the Humboldt Bay Harbor District ("District") is a Community Services District organized and operating entirely within the County of Humboldt pursuant to California Government Code section 61000 et seq; and
- B. WHEREAS**, California Senate Bill 415, an act (which may be cited to as the California Voter Participation Rights Act (herein "the Act")) to add Chapter 1.7 (commencing with Section 14050) to Division 14 of the Elections Code, was approved by the California Governor and filed with the Secretary of State on September 1, 2015; and
- C. WHEREAS**, commencing January 1, 2018, the Act prohibits a political subdivision from holding an election other than on a statewide election date (i.e. "off-cycle") if holding an election on a non-concurrent date has previously resulted in voter turnout for a regularly scheduled election in the political subdivision being at least 25% less than the average voter turnout within the political subdivision for the previous four statewide general elections; and
- D. WHEREAS**, the current date for election of members of the Board of Commissioners of the District is every two (2) years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years (e.g. November 2017 and 2019); and
- E. WHEREAS**, statewide general elections are held in California only in June and November of even-numbered years (e.g. next election June and November 2018) (Elections Code section 1001); and
- F. WHEREAS**, generally voter turnout is greater for statewide general elections than for local elections, including special district board member elections held in November of odd-numbered years; and
- G. WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to increase voter participation in elections for Board members; and
- H. WHEREAS**, the District may achieve a savings in the cost of its elections, if the District's elections are consolidated with the statewide general elections; and
- I. WHEREAS**, as a result of these facts, the Board desires to change the date of future board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election in order to save public funds and provide greater voter input into school board elections; and
- J. WHEREAS**, the elections and terms of office for board members are determined pursuant to the Uniform District Elections Law (Elections Code section 10500 et seq.);

**K. WHEREAS,** the District is authorized by section 10404 of the Elections Code to adopt a resolution requiring that its Board-member elections be held on the same day as the statewide general elections; and

**L. WHEREAS,** if the change in election date is approved, it is requested that the new election date be moved from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2017 to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2018 with board members whose terms would have expired in 2017 being extended to 2018 and board members whose terms would have expired in 2019 being extended to 2020, as required by Elections Code section 10404(i).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of the Humboldt Bay Harbor District does hereby find, determine and/or declare, as follows:

1. Each of the foregoing is true and correct.

2. The Board of Commissioners declares its intent to adopt this resolution to consolidate the election date for members of the Board with the date for the California general election in November in even-numbered years (Elections Code section 1001) pursuant to Elections Code section 10404(b).

3. The Board Secretary will forward this resolution to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors explaining the rationale for the resolution and requesting formal approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting held within 60 days after submission and after the resolution has been posted in accordance with the law.

4. The Board Secretary will notify the Humboldt County Elections Office that the District is prepared to pay the expense of mailing notice of approval of the change in election date by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors as required by Elections Code 10404(f).

5. If the consolidation of election is approved by the Board of Supervisors, the date of that election will be moved to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2018 and each subsequent board member election will be held two years thereafter in November of even years.

**ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED** at a duly called meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Humboldt Bay Harbor District on March 1, 2017 by the following polled vote:

AYES: 4  
NOES:  
ABSENT: 1  
ABSTAIN:

Attest:

Patrick Higgins, Board Secretary

Richard Marks  
Board President

**Impact Analysis  
District Consolidation from Odd-Year to Even-Year General Elections  
Humboldt Community Services District**

**To:** Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

**From:** Kelly E. Sanders, Clerk/Recorder/Registrar of Voters

**Date:** March 27, 2017

**Summary**

On March 6, 2017, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors received Resolution No. 2017-02 from the Humboldt Community Services District requesting the district election cycle be held in even-numbered years. As required by Elections Code, Section 10404 (d), the following is an impact analysis of the effects that may result due to the consolidation.

The Humboldt Community Services District, which has approximately 12,050 registered voters, currently participates in odd-numbered year elections. The district wants to reduce future election costs by moving to even-numbered year general elections. Because of significantly lower turnout by the voters in the district in the November 2015 election, the district must change to even-numbered year elections no later than 2022 according to Elections Code, Section 14052. If the change is approved, the Harbor District will experience a significant savings in future even-numbered elections.

**Fiscal Impact, Districts**

Many jurisdictions participate in even-numbered year statewide elections (federal, state, county and cities) and share the costs. The portion attributable to federal, state and county, which on average is approximately 87% of the total cost of an even-numbered year election, is absorbed by the county. Therefore the amount charged to each local jurisdiction, i.e. cities, schools and special districts, is much lower in an even-numbered year.

In the November 2011 Uniform District Election (UDEL), Humboldt CSD had three governing board member positions on the ballot. The cost per voting opportunity for the UDEL was \$.79, and Humboldt CSD was charged \$27,500. The average cost of the past 3 statewide general elections held in even numbered years is \$.25 per voting opportunity. Humboldt CSD would have paid approximately \$9,000 for the contest had it been on a statewide general election ballot.

Other districts not changing to even-numbered years may see an increase in expenses. There are times when jurisdictions don't have sufficient nominees to go to election. When there is

less sharing of voters or ballot types, costs increase to the remaining districts and at times, a district is responsible for the full cost of a ballot type. The likelihood of a district bearing the entire cost of a ballot type will increase for districts that remain in odd-numbered years.

### **Fiscal Impact, County**

As districts move from odd to even-year elections, there will be an overall cost increase including costs due to additional ballot types, a longer ballot, and the probability of a two page ballot. The size of the voter information guide will increase as will the costs for mailing the voter guide and vote-by-mail ballots. Additional staff and extra help hours will be expended for logic and accuracy testing, programming, and processing ballots. Though districts will continue to be billed for their share in election costs, theirs is a much smaller percentage of total costs. The County's actual costs are expected to increase.

Elections Code, Section 15372, states the elections official shall prepare a certified statement of the results of the election and submit it to the governing body within 30 days of the election. Because governing board members of special and school districts would take office on the first Friday in December following the district general election, Elections Code, Section 10511(a), requires the elections official to declare the elected candidate or candidates no later than the Monday before the first Friday in December, which will shorten the canvass period for elections in even-numbered years from 30 days to 27 days. This would negatively impact the Office of Elections, especially in a Presidential Election year when all 30 days are needed to complete the canvass. Automated scanning and sorting equipment to assist staff with processing vote-by-mail ballots would be required.

### **Impact on Voters**

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**RESOLUTION 2017-02**

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**HUMBOLDT COUNTY  
ELECTIONS**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE HUMBOLDT COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
TO RESCHEDULE ELECTION OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS**

**WHEREAS**, the Humboldt Community Services District ("District") is a Community Services District organized and operating entirely within the County of Humboldt pursuant to California Government Code section 61000 et seq; and

**WHEREAS**, California Senate Bill 415, an act (which may be cited to as the California Voter Participation Rights Act (herein "the Act")) to add Chapter 1.7 (commencing with Section 14050) to Division 14 of the Elections Code, was approved by the California Governor and filed with the Secretary of State on September 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, commencing January 1, 2018, the Act prohibits a political subdivision from holding an election other than on a statewide election date (i.e. "off-cycle") if holding an election on a non-concurrent date has previously resulted in voter turnout for a regularly scheduled election in the political subdivision being at least 25% less than the average voter turnout within the political subdivision for the previous four statewide general elections; and

**WHEREAS**, the current date for election of members of the Board of Directors of the District is every two (2) years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years (e.g. November 2017 and 2019); and

**WHEREAS**, statewide general elections are held in California only in June and November of even-numbered years (e.g. next election June and November 2018) (Elections Code section 1001); and

**WHEREAS**, generally voter turnout is greater for statewide general elections than for local elections, including special district board member elections held in November of odd-numbered years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to increase voter participation in elections for Board members; and

**WHEREAS**, the District may achieve a savings in the cost of its elections, if the District's elections are consolidated with the statewide general elections; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of these facts, the Board desires to change the date of future board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election in order to save public funds and provide greater voter input into school board elections; and

**WHEREAS**, under sections 61020 and 61021(c) of the Government Code, the elections and terms of office for board members are determined pursuant to the Uniform District Elections Law (Elections Code section 10500 et seq.);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Elections Code 10505(d), the District is authorized by section 10404 of the Elections Code to adopt a resolution requiring that its Board-member elections be held on the same day as the statewide general elections; and

**WHEREAS**, if the change in election date is approved, it is requested that the new election date be moved from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2017 to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2018 with board members whose terms would have expired in 2017 being extended to 2018 and board members whose terms would have expired in 2019 being extended to 2020, as required by Elections Code section 10404(i).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the Humboldt Community Services District does hereby find, determine and/or declare, as follows:


1. Each of the foregoing is true and correct.
2. The Board of Directors declares its intent to adopt this resolution to consolidate the election date for members of the Board with the date for the California general election in November in even-numbered years (Elections Code section 1001) pursuant to Elections Code section 10404(b).
3. The Board Secretary will forward this resolution to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors explaining the rationale for the resolution and requesting formal approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting held within 60 days after submission and after the resolution has been posted in accordance with the law.
4. The Board Secretary will notify the Humboldt County Elections Office that the District is prepared to pay the expense of mailing notice of approval of the change in election date by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors as required by Elections Code 10404(f).
5. If the consolidation of election is approved by the Board of Supervisors, the date of that election will be moved to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2018 and each subsequent board member election will be held two years thereafter in November of even years.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Humboldt Community Services District held this 28th day of February 2017, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	BONGIO, SAUNDERSON, SCOLARI, TYSON
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	GARDINER

  
Alan Bongio, Board President

Attest:

  
Brenda K. Franklin, Board Secretary

**Impact Analysis**  
**District Consolidation from Odd-Year to Even-Year General Elections**  
**Manila Community Services District**

**To:** Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

**From:** Kelly E. Sanders, Clerk/Recorder/Registrar of Voters

**Date:** March 27, 2017

**Summary**

On March 8, 2017, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors received Resolution No. 2017.01 from the Manila Community Services District requesting the district election cycle be held in even-numbered years. As required by Elections Code, Section 10404 (d), the following is an impact analysis of the effects that may result due to the consolidation.

The Manila CSD, which has approximately 560 registered voters, currently participates in odd-numbered year elections. The district wants to reduce future election costs by moving to even-numbered year general elections. Manila CSD does not fall below the threshold set forth in Elections Code, Section 14052, and it is not mandatory for them to switch to even-numbered years at this time. However, Elections Code, Section 1303(b) allows the governing body of a special district the ability to transition to even-numbered-year elections regardless of whether they experience decreased voter turnout or not, so any special district can move.

**Fiscal Impact, Districts**

Many jurisdictions participate in even-numbered year statewide elections (federal, state, county and cities) and share the costs. The portion attributable to federal, state and county, which on average is approximately 87% of the total cost of an even-numbered year election, is absorbed by the county. Therefore the amount charged to each local jurisdiction, i.e. cities, schools and special districts, is much lower in an even-numbered year.

In the November 2015 Uniform District Election (UDEL), Manila CSD had three governing board member positions on the ballot. The cost per voting opportunity for the UDEL was \$1.43, and the Manila CSD was charged \$2,222 (518 registered voters x 3 voting opportunities x \$1.43). The average cost of the past three statewide general elections held in even numbered years is \$.25 per voting opportunity. Manila CSD would have paid approximately \$388 for a contest that appeared on a statewide general election ballot.

Other districts not changing to even-numbered years may see an increase in expenses. There are times when jurisdictions don't have sufficient nominees to go to election in odd-numbered years. When there is less sharing of voters or ballot types, costs increase to the remaining districts and at times, a district is responsible for the full cost of a ballot type. The likelihood of a district bearing the entire cost of a ballot type will increase for districts that remain in odd-numbered years.

### **Fiscal Impact, County**

As districts move from odd to even-year elections, there will be an overall cost increase including costs due to additional ballot types, a longer ballot, and the probability of a two page ballot. The size of the voter information guide will increase as will the costs for mailing the voter guide and vote-by-mail ballots. Additional staff and extra help hours will be expended for logic and accuracy testing, programming, and processing ballots. Though districts will continue to be billed for their share in election costs, theirs is a much smaller percentage of total costs. The County's actual costs are expected to increase.

Elections Code, Section 15372, states the elections official shall prepare a certified statement of the results of the election and submit it to the governing body within 30 days of the election. Because governing board members of special and school districts would take office on the first Friday in December following the district general election, Elections Code, Section 10511(a), requires the elections official to declare the elected candidate or candidates no later than the Monday before the first Friday in December, which will shorten the canvass period for elections in even-numbered years from 30 days to 27 days. This would negatively impact the Office of Elections, especially in a Presidential Election year when all 30 days are needed to complete the canvass. Automated scanning and sorting equipment to assist staff with processing the ever increasing volume of vote-by-mail ballots would be required.

### **Impact on Voters**

The original purpose of UDEL elections was to provide a local platform for districts and candidates to appeal to voters, avoiding conflict with the extensive state and federal general election cycle. Even though voter turnout is higher in a general election with the consolidation of special districts, there will be more contests and candidates appearing on the ballot and more measures and candidate statements appearing in the voter information guide. This can lead to an increase in voter drop off, that is, voters failing to make their way through all of the information and through all of the races on the ballot.

**RESOLUTION 2017.01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE MANILA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
TO RESCHEDULE ELECTION OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS**

**WHEREAS**, the Manila Community Services District ("District") is a Community Services District organized and operating entirely within the County of Humboldt pursuant to California Government Code section 61000 et seq; and

**WHEREAS**, California Senate Bill 415, an act (which may be cited to as the California Voter Participation Rights Act (herein "the Act")) to add Chapter 1.7 (commencing with Section 14050) to Division 14 of the Elections Code, was approved by the California Governor and filed with the Secretary of State on September 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, commencing January 1, 2018, the Act prohibits a political subdivision from holding an election other than on a statewide election date (i.e. "off-cycle") if holding an election on a non-concurrent date has previously resulted in voter turnout for a regularly scheduled election in the political subdivision being at least 25% less than the average voter turnout within the political subdivision for the previous four statewide general elections; and

**WHEREAS**, the current date for election of members of the Board of Directors of the District is every two (2) years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years (e.g. November 2017 and 2019); and

**WHEREAS**, statewide general elections are held in California only in June and November of even-numbered years (e.g. next election June and November 2018) (Elections Code section 1001); and

**WHEREAS**, generally voter turnout is greater for statewide general elections than for local elections, including special district board member elections held in November of odd-numbered years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to increase voter participation in elections for Board members; and

**WHEREAS**, the District may achieve a savings in the cost of its elections, if the District's elections are consolidated with the statewide general elections; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of these facts, the Board desires to change the date of future board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election in order to save public funds and provide greater voter input into school board elections; and

**WHEREAS**, under sections 61020 and 61021(c) of the Government Code, the elections and terms of office for board members are determined pursuant to the Uniform District Elections Law (Elections Code section 10500 et seq.);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Elections Code 10505(d), the District is authorized by section 10404 of the Elections Code to adopt a resolution requiring that its Board-member elections be held on the same day as the statewide general elections; and

**WHEREAS**, if the change in election date is approved, it is requested that the new election date be moved from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2017 to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2018 with board members whose terms would have expired in 2017 being extended to 2018 and board members whose terms would have expired in 2019 being extended to 2020, as required by Elections Code section 10404(i).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the Manila Community Services District does hereby find, determine and/or declare, as follows:

1. Each of the foregoing is true and correct.
2. The Board of Directors declares its intent to adopt this resolution to consolidate the election date for members of the Board with the date for the California general election in November in even-numbered years (Elections Code section 1001) pursuant to Elections Code section 10404(b).
3. The Board Secretary will forward this resolution to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors explaining the rationale for the resolution and requesting formal approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting held within 60 days after submission and after the resolution has been posted in accordance with the law.
4. The Board Secretary will notify the Humboldt County Elections Office that the District is prepared to pay the expense of mailing notice of approval of the change in election date by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors as required by Elections Code 10404(f).
5. If the consolidation of election is approved by the Board of Supervisors, the date of that election will be moved to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2018 and each subsequent board member election will be held two years thereafter in November of even years.

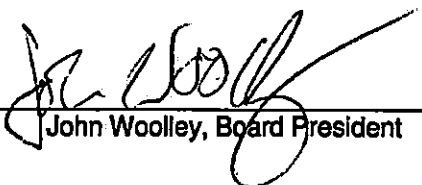
**ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED** at a duly called meeting of the Board of Directors of the Manila Community Services District on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 by the following polled vote:

AYES: VanderMeer, Dengler, Woolley, Bramlett, Leopardo

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

  
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John Woolley, Board President

Attest:

  
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Carla Leopardo, Board Secretary

**Impact Analysis  
District Consolidation from Odd-Year to Even-Year General Elections  
McKinleyville Community Services District**

**To:** Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

**From:** Kelly E. Sanders, Clerk/Recorder/Registrar of Voters

**Date:** March 27, 2017

**Summary**

On March 8, 2017, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors received Resolution No. 2017-08 from the McKinleyville Community Services District requesting the district election cycle be held in even-numbered years. As required by Elections Code, Section 10404 (d), the following is an impact analysis of the effects that may result due to the consolidation.

The McKinleyville Community Services District, which has approximately 9,850 registered voters, currently participates in odd-numbered year elections. The district wants to reduce future election costs by moving to even-numbered year general elections. Because of significantly lower turnout by the voters in the district in the November 2015 election, the district must change to even-numbered year elections no later than 2022 according to Elections Code, Section 14052. If the change is approved, the District will experience a significant savings in future even-numbered elections.

**Fiscal Impact, Districts**

Many jurisdictions participate in even-numbered year statewide elections (federal, state, county and cities) and share the costs. The portion attributable to federal, state and county, which on average is approximately 87% of the total cost of an even-numbered year election, is absorbed by the county. Therefore the amount charged to each local jurisdiction, i.e. cities, schools and special districts, is much lower in an even-numbered year.

In the November 2015 Uniform District Election (UDEL), McKinleyville CSD had three governing board member positions on the ballot. The cost per voting opportunity for the UDEL was \$1.43, and McKinleyville CSD was charged \$25,000. The average cost of the past three statewide general elections held in even numbered years is \$.25 per voting opportunity. McKinleyville CSD would have paid approximately \$5,000 for the contest had it appeared on a statewide general election ballot.

Other districts not changing to even-numbered years may see an increase in expenses. There are times when jurisdictions don't have sufficient nominees to go to election in odd-numbered years. When there is less sharing of voters or ballot types, costs increase to the remaining districts and at times, a district is responsible for the full cost of a ballot type. The likelihood of a district bearing the entire cost of a ballot type will increase for districts that remain in odd-numbered years.

### **Fiscal Impact, County**

As districts move from odd to even-year elections, there will be an overall cost increase including costs due to additional ballot types, a longer ballot, and the probability of a two page ballot. The size of the voter information guide will increase as will the costs for mailing the voter guide and vote-by-mail ballots. Additional staff and extra help hours will be expended for logic and accuracy testing, programming, and processing ballots. Though districts will continue to be billed for their share in election costs, theirs is a much smaller percentage of total costs. The County's actual costs are expected to increase.

Elections Code, Section 15372, states the elections official shall prepare a certified statement of the results of the election and submit it to the governing body within 30 days of the election. Because governing board members of special and school districts would take office on the first Friday in December following the district general election, Elections Code, Section 10511(a), requires the elections official to declare the elected candidate or candidates no later than the Monday before the first Friday in December, which will shorten the canvass period for elections in even-numbered years from 30 days to 27 days. This would negatively impact the Office of Elections, especially in a Presidential Election year when all 30 days are needed to complete the canvass. Automated scanning and sorting equipment to assist staff with processing vote-by-mail ballots would be required.

### **Impact on Voters**

The original purpose of UDEL elections was to provide a local platform for districts and candidates to appeal to voters, avoiding conflict with the extensive state and federal general election cycle. Even though voter turnout is higher in a general election with the consolidation of special districts, there will be more contests and candidates appearing on the ballot and more measures and candidate statements appearing in the voter information guide. This can lead to an increase in voter drop off, that is, voters failing to make their way through all of the information and through all of the races on the ballot.



**RESOLUTION 2017 – 08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE MCKINLEYVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
TO RESCHEDULE ELECTION OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS**

**WHEREAS**, the McKinleyville Community Services District ("District") is a Community Services District organized and operating entirely within the County of Humboldt pursuant to California Government Code section 61000 et seq; and

**WHEREAS**, California Senate Bill 415, an act (which may be cited to as the California Voter Participation Rights Act (herein "the Act")) to add Chapter 1.7 (commencing with Section 14050) to Division 14 of the Elections Code, was approved by the California Governor and filed with the Secretary of State on September 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, commencing January 1, 2018, the Act prohibits a political subdivision from holding an election other than on a statewide election date (i.e. "off-cycle") if holding an election on a non-concurrent date has previously resulted in voter turnout for a regularly scheduled election in the political subdivision being at least 25% less than the average voter turnout within the political subdivision for the previous four statewide general elections; and

**WHEREAS**, the current date for election of members of the Board of Directors of the District is every two (2) years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years (e.g. November 2017 and 2019); and

**WHEREAS**, statewide general elections are held in California only in June and November of even-numbered years (e.g. next election June and November 2018) (Elections Code section 1001); and

**WHEREAS**, generally voter turnout is greater for statewide general elections than for local elections, including special district board member elections held in November of odd-numbered years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to increase voter participation in elections for Board members; and

**WHEREAS**, the District may achieve a savings in the cost of its elections, if the District's elections are consolidated with the statewide general elections; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of these facts, the Board desires to change the date of future board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election in order to save public funds and provide greater voter input into the District's elections; and

**WHEREAS**, under sections 61020 and 61021(c) of the Government Code, the elections and terms of office for board members are determined pursuant to the Uniform District Elections Law (Elections Code section 10500 et seq.);

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Elections Code 10505(d), the District is authorized by section 10404 of the Elections Code to adopt a resolution requiring that its Board-member elections be held on the same day as the statewide general elections; and

**WHEREAS**, if the change in election date is approved, it is requested that the new election date be moved from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2017 to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2018 with board members whose terms would have expired in 2017 being extended to 2018 and board members whose terms would have expired in 2019 being extended to 2020, as required by Elections Code section 10404(i).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the McKinleyville Community Services District does hereby find, determine and/or declare, as follows:

1. Each of the foregoing is true and correct.
2. The Board of Directors declares its intent to adopt this resolution to consolidate the election date for members of the Board with the date for the California general election in November in even-numbered years (Elections Code section 1001) pursuant to Elections Code section 10404(b).
3. The Board Secretary will forward this resolution to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors explaining the rationale for the resolution and requesting formal approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting held within 60 days after submission and after the resolution has been posted in accordance with the law.
4. The Board Secretary will notify the Humboldt County Elections Office that the District is prepared to pay the expense of mailing notice of approval of the change in election date by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors as required by Elections Code 10404(f).
5. If the consolidation of election is approved by the Board of Supervisors, the date of that election will be moved to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2018 and each subsequent board member election will be held two years thereafter in November of even years.

**ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED** at a duly called meeting of the Board of Directors of the McKinleyville Community Services District on March 1, 2017 by the following polled vote:

AYES: Couch, Corbett and Wheeler  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Mayo  
ABSTAIN: None

  
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David Couch, Board Vice President

Attest:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Emily Abfalter, Board Secretary

**Impact Analysis  
District Consolidation from Odd-Year to Even-Year General Elections  
Willow Creek Fire Protection District**

**To:** Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

**From:** Kelly E. Sanders, Clerk/Recorder/Registrar of Voters

**Date:** March 28, 2017

**Summary**

On March 10, 2017, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors received Resolution No. 2017-01 from the Willow Creek Fire Protection District requesting the district election cycle be held in even-numbered years. As required by Elections Code, Section 10404 (d), the following is an impact analysis of the effects that may result due to the consolidation.

The Willow Creek Fire Protection District, which has approximately 885 registered voters, currently participates in odd-numbered year elections, however the Office of Elections has checked back to 1999 and cannot find an instance where the district has had sufficient nominees to go to election. Since there is no election to compare results, Willow Creek Fire Protection District does not fall below the threshold set forth in Elections Code, Section 14052, and it is not mandatory for them to switch to even-numbered years at this time. However, Elections Code, Section 1303(b), allows the governing body of a special district the ability to transition to even-numbered-year elections regardless of whether they experience decreased voter turnout or not, so any special district can move.

**Fiscal Impact, Districts**

Many jurisdictions participate in even-numbered year statewide elections (federal, state, county and cities) and share the costs. The portion attributable to federal, state and county, which on average is approximately 87% of the total cost of an even-numbered year election, is absorbed by the county. Therefore the amount charged to each local jurisdiction, i.e. cities, schools and special districts, is much lower in an even-numbered year.

If Willow Creek Fire Protection District switches to even-numbered election years and goes to election in the future, it would most certainly pay much less than if it remains in odd-numbered year elections and actually goes to the ballot.

Other districts not changing to even-numbered years may see an increase in expenses. There are times when jurisdictions don't have sufficient nominees to go to election in odd-numbered

years. When there is less sharing of voters or ballot types, costs increase to the remaining districts and at times, a district is responsible for the full cost of a ballot type. The likelihood of a district bearing the entire cost of a ballot type will increase for districts that remain in odd-numbered years.

### **Fiscal Impact, County**

As districts move from odd to even-year elections, there will be an overall cost increase including costs due to additional ballot types, a longer ballot, and the probability of a two page ballot. The size of the voter information guide will increase as will the costs for mailing the voter guide and vote-by-mail ballots. Additional staff and extra help hours will be expended for logic and accuracy testing, programming, and processing ballots. Though districts will continue to be billed for their share in election costs, theirs is a much smaller percentage of total costs. The County's actual costs are expected to increase.

Elections Code, Section 15372, states the elections official shall prepare a certified statement of the results of the election and submit it to the governing body within 30 days of the election. Because governing board members of special and school districts would take office on the first Friday in December following the district general election, Elections Code, Section 10511(a), requires the elections official to declare the elected candidate or candidates no later than the Monday before the first Friday in December, which will shorten the canvass period for elections in even-numbered years from 30 days to 27 days. This would negatively impact the Office of Elections, especially in a Presidential Election year when all 30 days are needed to complete the canvass. Automated scanning and sorting equipment to assist staff with processing the ever increasing volume of vote-by-mail ballots would be required.

### **Impact on Voters**

The original purpose of UDEL elections was to provide a local platform for districts and candidates to appeal to voters, avoiding conflict with the extensive state and federal general election cycle. Even though voter turnout is higher in a general election with the consolidation of special districts, there will be more contests and candidates appearing on the ballot and more measures and candidate statements appearing in the voter information guide. This can lead to an increase in voter drop off, that is, voters failing to make their way through all of the information and through all of the races on the ballot.

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**RESOLUTION 2017-01**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE WILLOW CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**TO RESCHEDULE ELECTION OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Elections Code Section 1303(a), the Willow Creek Fire Protection District ("District") holds its regular election for its Governing Board of Directors in November of each odd numbered year; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Voter Participation Rights Act (Senate Bill 415) becomes effective January 1, 2018 and prohibits a political subdivision (including special districts) from holding a regular election on a date other than on a statewide primary or general election date in even numbered years, if holding a regular election on a non-statewide election date has previously resulted in a "significant decrease in voter turnout", which is defined by SB 415 as at least 25 percent less voter turnout than the average voter turnout within the District for the previous four statewide general elections; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's regular election date is not a statewide election date and the 2015 District regular election resulted in approximately 26 percent of eligible voter participation (Measure A); and

**WHEREAS**, elections held in odd-numbered years have historically resulted in lower participation and higher expenses to the District; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to change its regular election date to comply with the SB 415, Elections Code Section 1303(b) authorizes the District to adopt a resolution changing its regular election date from November of odd-numbered years to the statewide general election in November of even-numbered years; and

**WHEREAS**, the resolution must then be submitted to the County of Humboldt Board of Supervisors by no later than March 10, 2017, which is at least 240 days before the next District regular election date, and the resolution must be approved by the Board of Supervisors in order to change the District's election date; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent and desire of the District's Governing Board of Directors to change its regular election date for Directors from November of odd-numbered years to the statewide general election in November of even-numbered years; and

**WHEREAS**, State Law allows a District to extend the terms of current Directors until their successors are elected and qualified in order to match their terms with a changed regular election date (Elections Code Section 10404(i)); and

**WHEREAS**, it is also the intent and desire of the District's Governing Board of Directors to extend the terms of office for current Directors by one year (to November,

2018 and November, 2020 respectively) in order to match their terms with the changed regular election dates.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the Willow Creek Fire Protection District, pursuant to Elections Code Sections 1303(b) and 10404(b), hereby adopts Resolution 2017-01 of the Willow Creek Fire Protection District, changing its regular election for the Governing Board of Directors from the first Tuesday, after the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years to the statewide general election on the first Tuesday, after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years going forward.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that approval of Resolution 2017-01 will extend the term of office for the current Directors with terms expiring on November 2017 to November 2018 and will extend the term of office for the current Directors with terms expiring in November 2019 to November 2020. Directors elected to new terms in the November 2018, November 2020 and in all future elections shall serve standard four-year terms.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that special elections called for the purpose of filling Board vacancies, recall of Directors. District initiative or referendum measures, are not affected by Resolution 2017-01, and may be called at any time authorized by applicable law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the Willow Creek Fire Protection District requests approval from the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors to consolidate all future District regular elections with the statewide general election to be held in November of even-numbered years. The Board President or Fire Chief is hereby authorized to take any and all actions, and execute any documents necessary to assist the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors in its review and approval of Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Secretary of the Board of Directors for the Willow Creek Fire Protection District shall deliver copies of resolution 2017-01 to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and to the Office of the Registrar of Voters for the County of Humboldt.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Resolution 2017-01 shall become operative upon approval by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors.

**ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED** at a regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Willow Creek Fire Protection District on March 9, 2017 by the following polled vote:

AYES: PAINE, DUGGAN, MADSEN, PACE  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE

Signed:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Russell Pace, President

Attest:

  
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Angela M Hanger-Fullerton, Clerk of the Board