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A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT



IN THE MATTER OF CHANGING FROM ODD TO EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS, POSTPONING THE 2017 ELECTION, AND EXTENDING THE TERMS OF EXISTING DIRECTORS BY ONE YEAR

WHEREAS, the directors of the Alta Irrigation District currently are elected at-large in November of odd-numbered years; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code § 10404 provides that a special district may, by resolution, require that its election of governing body members be held on the same day as the Statewide General Election; and

WHEREAS, said Governing Board has determined that the consolidation with the Statewide General Election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even numbered year would result in a significant cost savings to the District; and

WHEREAS, said Governing Board has requested the Board of Supervisors of Fresno County, Kings County and Tulare County to consent to and order the consolidation of said election of directors with statewide general elections; and

WHEREAS, because the Alta Irrigation District is located in Fresno, Kings and Tulare Counties, in order for this consolidation to be in effect, the Board of Supervisors for Fresno, Kings and Tulare County must approve the consolidation request; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has caused notice of the receipt of the resolution to consolidate the District's election of directors to all districts located in the County requesting input from each district on the effect of consolidation pursuant to Elections Code 1004©.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT HEREBY FINDS AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The Board finds that changing from odd to even year elections will reduce election costs, increase voter participation, and is in the best interest of the District;
- 2. The Board requests the Fresno County Board of Supervisors to approve changing from odd to even year elections, establishing the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year as the District's regular election cycle;
- 3. The Board requests the County Board to issue its approval, to take all legally required steps to cancel the November 2017 election, and to establish the date for the District's next election as November 6, 2018;
- 4. The Board authorizes the payment of required fees to the County to notify the electorate of the change in election dates;
- 5. If approved by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors, the Board acknowledges that, by operation of law, the terms of all existing members of the Board of Directors shall be extended by one year.
- 6. The Board authorizes the Secretary or his designee to take additional and further actions and execute any instruments and documents as may be required by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors and other County Officials in order to effectuate the change of election dates required by this resolution.

7. The District as required by Election Code section 10520, shall reimburse the County for the actual costs incurred by the Fresno County clerk in conducting the District's elections of Board members during statewide elections, within 45 days of being presented an invoice.

8. The specified dates for filing of nomination papers, notices, canvass of votes, certification of election results, and all other procedural requirements of the Elections Code pertaining to the election of Board members shall be consistent with Elections Code pertaining to statewide general elections.

This Resolution, including Exhibit A, was adopted by the Board of Alta Irrigation District on March 9, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:

Dan Astiasuian, Jack Brandt, Jerry Halford, Tom Marshall, Larry Tout, Norman Waldner

NOES:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

ABSENT:

John Kalendar

Attest:

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY:

By: Chall Wegley

By: ______ Chad Wegley, Secretary to the Board of Directors

EXHIBIT A

Board Member	Current Election Year	Proposed Election Year	County
#1 Astiasuain, Daniel	2017	2018	Fresno
#2 Brant, Jack	2017	2018	Tulare/Fresno
#3 Halford, Jerry	2019	2020	Tulare
#4 Waldner, Norman	2019	2020	Tulare
#5 Marshall, Tom	2017	2018	Tulare/Kings
#6 Tout, Larry	2019	2020	Fresno
#7 Kalender, John	2019	2020	Tulare

Exhibit B

Dates and Procedures for the Election of Board members

(All section references are to the Elections Code.)

- 1. No later than 125 days before the date of the general election, the District secretary shall deliver a notice of election to the County elections office listing the elective offices to be filled, specifying which offices, if any, are for the balance of an unexpired term and whether the District or the candidate is to pay for the publication of a statement of qualifications under section 13307. A map of the District must accompany the notice. (§§ 10509, 10522.)
- 2. Between the 120th and 90th day before the date of the general election, the County elections official will publish, one time, a notice of election in a newspaper of general circulation containing the date of the election, the offices to be filled, qualifications for candidacy required by the principal act, where nomination papers are available, the deadline for filing declarations for candidacy, and a notice that appointment will be made in lieu of election in accordance with law. (§12112.)
- Between the 113th and 88th day before the date of the general election, candidates for the District's Board may obtain and file their declarations of candidacy along with their candidate's statement of qualifications if they choose to submit one.(§§ 10510, 10511, 13307, 13311.)
- 4. If an incumbent member of the Board does not file a declaration of candidacy by 5:00 p.m. on the 88th day before the date of the general election, any person other than the incumbent may file a declaration of candidacy by 5:00 p.m. on the 83rd day before the date of the general election. (§§ 10407, sub. (b), 10516, sub. (b).
- 5. If, by 5:00 p.m. on the 83rd day before the date of the general election: (1) only one person has filed a declaration of candidacy for any position to be filled on the Board; or (2) no one has filed a declaration of candidacy for such office; the County Board of Supervisors may appoint a person to the position. (§ 10515.)
- 6. On the 82nd day before the date of the general election, the Secretary of State shall conduct the randomized alphabet at 11:00 a.m. to determine the order in which the Board candidates will appear on the general election ballot. (§ 13112.)
- 7. Between the 57th and 14th day before the date of the general election, write in candidates must file their statement of write-in candidacy and nomination Papers with the County elections official. (§ 8601.)
- 8. Between the 2nd and 30th day after the date of the general election, the official canvass of the returns is to be completed. (§§ 10547-10549, 15300 et seq.)

If there is any future amendment of the Elections Code provisions identified above, the amended provisions are applicable. Where the dates described above are inconsistent with those provided in the Elections Code for the statewide general elections, the dates for statewide general elections are controlling.