



Board Agenda Item 23

DATE: February 6, 2018

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Jean Rousseau, County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: Reclamation District No. 1606 Request to Move from Odd Year to Even Year Elections

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve Reclamation District No. 1606 request to move from odd to even-numbered year elections and set the date for the Districts' elections to occur on the same day as the Statewide General Election.

Reclamation District No. 1606 requests to move their election year from odd-numbered to even-numbered years. The Elections Code requires the Board of Supervisors to notify districts and request input from these districts on the requested election date change.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

If the recommended action is not approved, Reclamation District No. 1606 could still be required to change their elections from odd-numbered year to even-numbered year elections. Election law has changed regarding odd year district elections. With the passing of Senate Bill (SB) 415, all political subdivisions will be required to adopt a plan by January 1, 2018 to consolidate future elections with a statewide election (even-numbered years). Districts electing their board members in odd-numbered year elections will be required to have elections on statewide election dates by 2022, unless the district meets a voter turnout threshold formula.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended action.

DISCUSSION:

Reclamation District No. 1606 has filed a Resolution with the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors requesting the consolidation of their district election with the Statewide General election. The District requests the move from odd-numbered year to even-numbered year elections in accordance with Election Code 10404. The Resolution shall become operative upon approval by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Election Code sections 10404 (e). This code section states that "the Board of Supervisors... shall approve the resolution unless it finds that the ballot style, voting equipment, or computer capacity is such that additional elections or materials cannot be handled". Prior to approval of the Resolution submitted by the District, Election Code section 10404 (c) requires the Board of Supervisors to notify all districts of the receipt of the resolution to consolidate and shall request input from each district on the effect of the consolidation. All districts were notified by letter on January 12, 2018 of the District's consolidation request with instructions to provide their comments to the Clerk to the Board by February 2, 2018. Comments received by the Clerk to the Board will

be presented to the Board of Supervisors on or before February 6, 2018.

Within 30 days after your Board's approval, the District will be notified of this approval, with the request that they notify the voters of the district.

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Reclamation District No. 1606 Resolution 2017-05

CAO ANALYST:

Ronald Alexander