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ELECTIONS DIVISION

To: Special Districts

From: Rebecca Turner, Elections Coordinator

Date: August 10, 2012

Re: Special District Election Consolidation

The Election Department is looking into consolidating all special district elections electing governing body members with the November Statewide Elections as a time and cost saving measure for all the special districts and the County.

Election Code 10404 gives the County and the special districts the authority to consolidate the special district elections with a regularly scheduled statewide election. The code states in order to change the date of such election, a special district would have to adopt a resolution. The resolution would then need to be approved by the County Board of Supervisors. If a special district chose to consolidate their election with the November Statewide Election, they would have to submit a resolution to the Board of Supervisor 240 days prior to the date of the currently scheduled election. The districts elected in August of the odd years must submit this resolution by December 30, 2012. If all special districts submitted resolutions to the Board of Supervisors prior to December 30, 2012, we would not be required to hold a special district election in 2013, the directors terms would be extended until December 2014.

The cost incurred by each special district that goes to election has increased significantly over the last few years. I have prepared and enclosed a cost comparison of the last three elections in which special districts were involved for your review. As you will see after viewing the comparison it is far more cost effective for a special district to hold their election in conjunction with a statewide election. The average cost for a special district election held in November of 2010 was \$1723.32 whereas August 2011 was \$4312.02 and November 2011 was \$6182.99.

A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the San Andreas County Library in the Cheseborough Room, to address any questions or concerns you may have. We strongly recommend that you attend, please fill out and return the enclosed attendance form. If you have any questions or input prior to the meeting please let me know at (209) 754-6375 or rturner@co.calaveras.ca.us.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Turner
Elections Coordinator

Enclosures
Cost comparison
Sample resolution
Meeting attendance form

November 2, 2010 Statewide

Special District Election Date Cost Comparisons

Special Districts	Registered Voters	Caused BT	Contests	Candidates	Ballots	Legals	Coding	Samples	Staff Time	Total Cost
	2299	7	3	6	248.60	19.32	137.00	100.00	1,885.14	\$ 2,390.06
	15600	9	1	2	248.60	6.44	79.60	100.00	628.38	\$ 1,063.02
	12605	6.8	1	4	497.20	6.44	159.20	200.00	1,256.76	\$ 2,119.60
	4428	0	1	4	-	6.44	57.40	-	1,256.76	\$ 1,320.60
TOTAL										\$ 6,893.28

August 30, 2011 All-Mail

Special Districts	Registered Voters	Caused BT	Contests	Candidates	Ballots/Inserts	Legals	Coding	Mailings	Staff Time	Envelopes	Postage	Total Cost
	8382	1	1	4	4,586.45	22.96	290.00	4.17	1,185.08	1,242.88	982.41	\$ 8,312.95
	5820	2	1	2	2,576.50	22.96	290.00	4.17	592.54	674.33	562.72	\$ 4,723.22
	151	3	1	3	240.52	22.96	290.00	4.17	888.81	13.22	74.71	\$ 1,534.39
	923	4	1	4	941.31	22.96	290.00	4.17	1,185.08	211.55	221.11	\$ 2,876.18
	2211	5	1	3	1,969.15	22.96	290.00	4.17	888.81	502.44	435.84	\$ 4,113.37
TOTAL												\$ 21,560.10

November 8, 2011 Uniformed District

Special Districts	Registered Voters	Caused BT	Contests	Candidates	Ballots/Inserts	Legals	Coding	Samples	Staff Time	Envelopes	Postage	Poll Place	Poll Officer	Total Cost
	1267	1	1	5	1,404.26	33.80	725.00	1,257.62	1,380.04	157.50	366.88	0.00	646.59	\$ 5,971.69
	1485	1	1	0	1,487.53	60.80	725.00	1,257.63	1,380.04	181.58	422.96	100.00	778.75	\$ 6,394.29
TOTAL	2752													\$ 12,365.98

Special District Election Cost Per Voter

November 2, 2010 \$ 0.25

August 30, 2011 \$ 1.87

November 8, 2011 \$ 4.49

_____ **DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION NO. _____ RESOLUTION REQUIRING ELECTIONS OF GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS BE HELD ON THE SAME DAY AS THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is cost effective to consolidate the District's elections for governing body members with the Statewide General Elections; and

WHEREAS, Election Code §10404 allows a special district to consolidate with the Statewide General Election; and

WHEREAS, Election Code §10403 requires jurisdictions to file with the Board of Supervisors, and the County Clerk, a resolution requesting consolidation with said election; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to reimburse the County Elections Department for actual costs accrued as a result of this consolidation; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the _____ District requests the Board of Supervisors of Calaveras County to consolidate the District Election with the Statewide General Election;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all future general district elections shall be consolidated with Statewide General Election in accordance with Election Laws of the State of California.

ON A MOTION by Director _____ seconded by Director _____ the foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the following vote on _____, 2012.

YES Votes	NO Votes	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
_____ (Number)	_____ (Number)	_____ (Number)	_____ (Number)

Chair of the Board of Directors

Attest:

Secretary of the Board of Directors

