



COUNTY OF SONOMA

575 ADMINISTRATION
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SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 11/12/2024

To: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
Department or Agency Name(s): County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor
Staff Name and Phone Number: Deva Marie Proto, (707) 565-1877
Vote Requirement: Majority
Supervisory District(s): First, Second

Title:

November 5, 2024, North Bay Water District Election Appointments

Recommended Action:

Adopt the Resolution appointing nominees to the office of Director for the North Bay Water District.

Executive Summary:

North Bay Water District, a landowner district, called a general district election to take place on November 5, 2024, in order to fill five Director seats. For special district contests that have one or more nominees but insufficient nominees to trigger an election, EC § 10515(a) provides for the appointment of those nominees by the supervising authority (Board of Supervisors) to serve exactly as if elected as long as (1) no petition is presented from voters in the district requesting an election be held, and (2) a certificate of these facts is submitted by the district.

The enclosed resolution includes the names of the candidates who have qualified for appointment to the North Bay Water District Board of Directors pursuant to the above-stated provision of state law.

Discussion:

North Bay Water District is a landowner district located in southern Sonoma County. On May 14, 2024, the District's Board of Directors passed a resolution calling for a general district election to be held on November 5, 2024, to fill three full-term (four-year) seats and two short-term (two-year) seats for the office of Director.

Candidate nominations ran from July 15, 2024, to August 9, 2024. In the end, five candidates filed - three for full-term seats and two for short-term seats. Since the number of candidates was equal to the available number of seats, California Elections Code §10515(a) provides for the appointment of the nominees by the "supervising authority" as long as no petition was presented from voters in the district requesting an election (no such petition was presented) and a certificate of these facts was submitted by the District (such a certificate was submitted and is enclosed).

For special districts, the "supervising authority" is the Board of Supervisors. The appointments must be made "at a regular or special meeting held prior to the Monday before the first Friday in December in which the election is held." For the year 2024, that means no later than December 2, 2024. The last regularly scheduled Board meeting prior to that date is November 12, 2024.

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Enclosed is a resolution that lists the names of the five candidates who have qualified for appointment to the North Bay Water District Board of Directors. Upon adoption of this resolution, the Registrar of Voters Office will issue certificates of election to the respective nominees.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Was this item identified as an opportunity to apply the Racial Equity Toolkit?

No

Prior Board Actions:

On September 24, 2024, the Board of Supervisors authorized appointment of directors in non-landowner districts with insufficient nominees to be on the ballot in the November 5, 2024, General Election (Resolution Number 24-0392).

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY24-25 Adopted	FY25-26 Projected	FY26-27 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures			
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
General Fund Contingencies			
Total Sources			

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

N/A

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

N/A

Attachments:

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Resolution
Certificate

Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:

N/A