



COUNTY OF SONOMA

575 ADMINISTRATION
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SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 9/26/2023

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
Supervisorial District(s): Fifth District

Title:

November 7, 2023, Uniform District Election, Appointments

Recommended Action:

Adopt the resolution appointing nominees as district directors for select special district boards.
(Fifth District)

Executive Summary:

Pursuant to California Elections Code (EC) §§ 1303 and 14052, a general district election was scheduled to take place on November 7, 2023, to elect district directors to seven special district boards having odd-year elections in Sonoma County. For contests that had 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 as long as no petition has been presented to the Registrar of Voters Office from the districts requesting a general election be held.

The attached resolution includes the names of the candidates who qualified for appointment to their respective special district boards pursuant to the above-stated provision of state law.

Discussion:

A total of 12 candidates qualified for 21 seats in seven special districts up for election this November (see table below):

Jurisdiction/Office	# Seats	# Candidates Qualified	# Vacant Seats
Occidental Community Services District, Full Term	3	3	0
Occidental Community Services District, Short Term	1	1	0
Bodega Bay Public Utility District, Office #1	1	1	0
Bodega Bay Public Utility District, Office #2	1	1	0
Bodega Bay Public Utility District, Office #3	1	1	0
Monte Rio Recreation and Park District	3	2	1
Russian River Recreation and Park District	3	0	3
Russian River County Water District	3	1	2
Sonoma Mountain County Water District	3	0	3

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Timber Cover County Water District	2	2	0
Total	21	12	9

Each of the offices for which the 12 aforementioned special district candidates filed did not end up having sufficient nominees to trigger an election. EC § 10515(a) states that candidates in this situation shall be appointed by the “supervising authority” to their respective district boards. In Sonoma County, the supervising authority is the Board of Supervisors (BOS). Each person so appointed shall take office and serve exactly as if elected at the general district that was scheduled for November 7, 2023. The appointments shall 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,” which this year is November 27, 2023.

In the case of offices for which there remain vacancies due to fewer candidates having filed than there were available seats, state law provides that the supervising authority shall appoint any person who is qualified to hold such office on the date when the general election would have been held (November 7, 2023). Memos have already been sent to the Clerk of the Board, supervisors, and various staff listing these vacancies and the specific qualifications for appointment. It will be incumbent upon the BOS to identify qualified candidates and make the necessary appointments to fill these vacant seats. Should appointment be recommended, staff will return for required future Board action. This year all vacant seats are for special districts located exclusively in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

Upon adoption of this resolution, the Registrar of Voters Office will issue certificates of election to the respective nominees.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

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

No

Prior Board Actions:

On September 27, 2022, the BOS adopted a resolution authorizing the appointment of district directors for special districts with insufficient nominees to go to election on November 8, 2022, (Resolution No. 22-0410).

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY23-24 Adopted	FY24-25 Projected	FY25-26 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures			
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			

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State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
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:

Resolution

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

N/A