



COUNTY OF SONOMA

575 ADMINISTRATION
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SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 9/24/2024

To: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

Department or Agency Name(s): County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor-Registrar of Voters

Staff Name and Phone Number: Deva Marie Proto, (707) 565-1877

Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisorial District(s): All

Title:

November 5, 2024, General Election, Appointments

Recommended Action:

Adopt the Resolution appointing nominees to the office of district director for special districts that had insufficient nominees to trigger an election.

Executive Summary:

Pursuant to California Elections Code (EC) §§ 1303 and 14052, a general district election is scheduled to take place on November 5, 2024, to elect district directors to numerous special district boards. For special district contests that had one or more nominees but insufficient total nominees to trigger an election, EC § 10515(a) provides for the appointment of those nominees by the supervising authority (Sonoma County Board of Supervisors) as long as no petition was presented from voters in the district requesting a general election be held.

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

Discussion:

Candidate nominations for the November 5, 2024, General Election, ran from July 15, 2024, to August 9, 2024. Extended candidate nomination period for offices for which an incumbent officeholder did not file ran from August 12, 2024, to August 14, 2024. In total, 69 candidates residing in Sonoma County qualified for 74 open seats in 27 special districts. 16 candidates residing in Sonoma County are going to election in 5 contests (first table), leaving 53 candidates for the Board to appoint.

Offices going to election:

District	# Seats	# Sonoma County Candidates Qualified	# Out-of-County Candidates Qualified	# Vacant Seats
Graton Community Services	3	4	0	-1
Rancho Adobe Fire Protection	4	5	0	-1
Camp Meeker Recreation and Park, F/T	2	3	0	-1
North Marin Water, Division 1	1	0	2	-1
Valley of the Moon Water	3	4	0	-1

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Total	13	16	2	n/a
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Offices being appointed:

District	# Seats	# Sonoma County Candidates Qualified	# Out-of-County Candidates Qualified	# Vacant Seats
Cazadero Community Services	3	3	0	0
Cloverdale Fire Protection, F/T	3	3	0	0
Cloverdale Fire Protection, S/T	1	1	0	0
Gold Ridge Fire Protection	3	3	0	0
Graton Fire Protection	3	3	0	0
Kenwood Fire Protection	2	2	0	0
Monte Rio Fire Protection	2	1	0	1
North Sonoma Coast Fire Protection	3	3	0	0
Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection	2	2	0	0
Schell-Vista Fire Protection	3	3	0	0
Sonoma County Fire	4	4	0	0
Sonoma Valley Fire	4	4	0	0
Timber Cove Fire Protection	2	2	0	0
Cloverdale Health Care	2	2	0	0
Healthy Petaluma, Zone 2	1	1	0	0
Healthy Petaluma, Zone 4	1	1	0	0
Healthy Petaluma, Zone 5	1	1	0	0
North Sonoma County Healthcare, F/T	3	2	0	1
North Sonoma County Healthcare, S/T	1	1	0	0
Sonoma Valley Health Care	3	3	0	0
Coast Life Support District, F/T	4	2	1	1
Coast Life Support District, S/T	3	1	2	0
Camp Meeker Recreation and Park, S/T	1	1	0	0
Forestville Water	2	2	0	0
Rains Creek/Hiatt Road County Water	2	0	0	2
Sweetwater Springs Water	2	2	0	0
Total	61	53	3	n/a

EC § 10515 requires that appointments to the office of district director be made by the “supervising authority,” which for special district offices is the Board of Supervisors. The appointments shall be made prior to “the Monday before the first Friday in December in which the election is held.” For the November 5, 2024, General Election, that date is December 2, 2024. Each person so appointed shall qualify, take office, and serve exactly as if elected at a general district election for such office.

For those offices for which no candidates filed or fewer candidates filed than the number of seats to be filled, state law provides that the supervising authority appoint any person who is qualified to hold each office as of November 5, 2024. Separate memos to the Clerk of the Board and to the supervisors will list the vacant

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positions in their district and the necessary qualifications for appointment. It will be incumbent upon the Board to identify qualified candidates and make the necessary appointments to fill the vacant seats.

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 26, 2023, the Board of Supervisors authorized appointment of district directors in special districts with insufficient nominees to be on the ballot in the November 7, 2023, General Election (Resolution Number 23-0475). Note: No election ended up taking place on November 7, 2023, because none of the districts had sufficient nominees to trigger one.

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			
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):

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N/A

Attachments:

Resolution

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

N/A