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RESOLUTION NO. 415

Adopted by the Forestville Water District Board of Directors

March 8, 2022

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA AUTHORIZE THE CONSOLIDATION OF DISTRICT ELECTIONS WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, in September 2015, the Governor signed Senate Bill No. 415, which in most instances requires political subdivisions, including cities, school districts, community college districts, and other districts organized pursuant to state law, to move their elections for governing board members from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years if their elections currently occur on odd-numbered years and have not historically met certain voter turnout requirements; and

WHEREAS, Section 13886 of the California Health & Safety Code and §10404 of the California Elections Code permits the Forestville Water District Board of Directors to change its election day with the approval of the Board of Supervisors of Sonoma; and

WHEREAS, the Forestville Water District currently conducts its elections for members of the Board of Directors in November of odd-numbered years pursuant to Cal. Elections Code § 10505(c); and

WHEREAS, voter turnout for District elections in odd-numbered years has been low, and it is the intent and desire of the board of the Forestville Water District to provide its constituents with cost benefits, while promoting the increasingly efficient and effective use of government resources; and

WHEREAS, the District has been informed that there would be a cost savings for the District resulting from consolidating the District's elections with the statewide general elections; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above facts, the District desires to change the date of future board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election in order to save District monies and to provide greater voter input into District elections; and

WHEREAS, if the consolidation of elections is approved, it is requested that the election date be moved from November, 2023, to November, 2022 and subsequent even-numbered years thereafter, with board members whose terms would have expired in 2023 and 2025 necessarily being shortened to 2022 and 2024 respectively.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That pursuant to the requirements of § 10404.5 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma is hereby requested to consent and agree to the consolidation of the District election with the statewide general election on November 8, 2022, for the purpose of electing Three (3) Directors of the Board of Directors, and that future District elections shall be consolidated with the even-year statewide general election.

2. That pursuant to the requirements of § 10404, subd.(i) of the Elections Code, the terms of officeholders shall be shortened to the preceding even-year election prior to their current term expiration date.


3. That pursuant to the requirements of § 10404, subd.(f) of the Elections Code, the Registrar of Voters shall cause, at District expense, a notice to be mailed to all registered voters of the District informing them of the change of election date specified herein and of the resultant changes in terms of the elected officeholders.

Passed and adopted this 8th day of March 2022, by the following vote:


AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1

(Directors: Aldridge, Griffith, Hughes, McDermott and Monroe)

FORESTVILLE WATER DISTRICT:


By: Chair of the Board (Matthew McDermott)

ATTEST:


Interim Board Clerk, Dawn Leith