

GRATON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION NO. 190715B

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GRATON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT APPROVING THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE SAME DAY AS THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION, PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 10404

WHEREAS, the Graton Community Services District has traditionally held elections for its Board of Directors on odd numbered years; and

WHEREAS, existing law generally requires all state, county, municipal, district, and school district elections be held on an established election date, establishes certain dates for statewide elections, and requires any state, county, municipal, district, and school district election held on a statewide election date to be consolidated with a statewide election, except as provided; and

WHEREAS, the California Voter Participation Rights Act (SB 415) was signed into law in 2015; and

WHEREAS, SB 415 commenced January 1, 2018 and prohibits a political subdivision, as defined, from holding an election other than on a statewide election date if holding an election on a non-concurrent date has previously resulted in voter turnout for a regularly scheduled election in that political subdivision being at least 25% less than the average voter turnout within the political subdivision for the previous 4 statewide general elections, except as specified; and

WHEREAS, a political subdivision may hold an election other than on a statewide election date if, by January 1, 2018, the political subdivision has adopted a plan to consolidate a future election with a statewide election not later than the November 8, 2022, statewide general election; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Directors of the District to provide its constituents with the lowest possible cost while promoting the increasingly efficient and effective use of government resources; and

WHEREAS, by changing the next governing board election from November 2021 (odd-numbered year) to November 2022 (even-numbered year), the costs of an election would be deferred for an additional calendar year; and

WHEREAS, if a special district wishes to move their 2023 general election to 2024, a resolution proposing a new election cycle must be adopted by the governing board of the special district and submitted to the county board of supervisors for each county in which the district has territory no later than 240 days prior to the currently scheduled district election as required in Elections Code section 10404.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Graton Community Services District that the Board of Directors hereby makes the findings contained in this Resolution and takes the following actions:

1. The elections of members of the District's Board of Directors will occur regularly on the same date as statewide general elections occurring on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years, and to be consolidated with those even-numbered year elections.
2. Such elections shall commence with the statewide general election, to be held in November 2022.
3. Those members of the Board of Directors whose terms of office will otherwise expire in 2021 shall have their terms extended by one year and continue in their office until their successors are elected and qualified, in accordance with Section 10404(i) of the California Elections Code at the November 2022 election, and that those members of the Board of Directors whose terms of office will otherwise expire in 2023 shall have their terms extended by one year and continue in office until their successors are elected and qualified in accordance with Section 10404(i) of the California Elections Code at the November 2024 election.
4. The District Manager, or his designee is hereby directed to submit this Resolution to County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors no later than 240 days prior to the next scheduled District election.
5. It is requested that the County of Sonoma administer this Resolution as set forth in Section 10404 of the California Elections Code, and within 60 days of submission of this Resolution, approve this Resolution unless it finds that the ballot style, voting equipment, or computer capacity cannot handle additional elections or materials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Manager, or his designee is authorized and directed to take any action consistent with the intent of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Graton Community Services District held on this 15th day of July 2019, by the following vote:

DIRECTORS:

Y CLEMMER, Y JOHNSON, Y DREW, A LEASE, Y UPCHURCH.