



## Legislation Text

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**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):** Countywide

**Title:**

November 8, 2022, General Election, Appointments (Countywide)

**Recommended Action:**

Adopt the resolution appointing nominees to the office of district director for the following special districts:

- i. Community Services Districts: Cazadero, Graton
- ii. Fire (Protection) Districts: Cloverdale, Northern Sonoma County, Sonoma Valley, Gold Ridge, Kenwood, Monte Rio, North Sonoma Coast, Rancho Adobe, Timber Cove
- iii. Health Care Districts: Cloverdale, North Sonoma County, Petaluma, Sonoma Valley
- iv. Water Districts: Forestville, Sweetwater Springs, Valley of the Moon

**Executive Summary:**

Pursuant to California Elections Code (EC) §§ 1303 and 14052, a general district election is scheduled for November 8, 2022, to elect district directors to numerous special districts. The standard candidate nomination period ended on August 12, 2022, and the extended candidate nomination period (for offices for which an incumbent officeholder did not file) ended on August 17, 2022.

For contests in which the number of nominees was ultimately equal to or less than the number of seats to be filled, EC § 10515(a) provides for the appointment of the nominees by the supervising authority (Sonoma County Board of Supervisors) rather than requiring an election.

**Discussion:**

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. The resolution also certifies that no petition has been submitted to the Registrar of Voters Office requesting a general election for these districts.

EC § 10515 requires that these appointments be made by the “supervising authority,” which is the Sonoma County 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 8, 2022, General Election, that date is November 28, 2022. 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 8, 2022. Separate memos to the Clerk of the Board and to the supervisors will list the vacant 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

**Prior Board Actions:**

On September 21, 2021, the Board of Supervisors authorized appointment of district directors in special districts with insufficient nominees in the November 2, 2021, Consolidated General Election (Resolution Number 21-0381).

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 22-23 Adopted</b>	<b>FY23-24 Projected</b>	<b>FY 24-25 Projected</b>
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
<b>Total Expenditures</b>			
<b>Funding Sources</b>			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
<b>Total Sources</b>			

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

N/A

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

**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

N/A

**Attachments:**

Resolution

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

N/A