

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**FROM:** Registrar of Voters

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** January 30, 2003

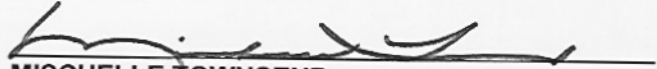
**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ELECTION DATE CHANGE**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board approve the requests for election date change for the City of Coachella and the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency.

**BACKGROUND:** Both the City of Coachella and the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency have submitted their respective notices requesting the Board's approval to change their election date from November of the odd-numbered years to November of the even-numbered years to consolidate with the statewide general election. Increased voter turnout and potential savings are the reasons given for requesting this change.

Sections 1301, 10403.5, and 10404 of the California Elections Code allow these jurisdictions to consolidate with statewide general elections subject to Board of Supervisors' approval. The code further stipulates that the Board shall approve such a request unless the ballot style, voting equipment, or computer capacity is such that additional elections or materials cannot be handled. With our electronic touchscreen voting system, we can accommodate these changes.

The code also requires a notice to be mailed to all registered voters within 30 days of Board approval informing them of the change in election date and the terms of officeholders which will be changed. The cost of the mailing is reimbursed by the respective jurisdictions.

  
**MISCHELLE TOWNSEND**  
Registrar of Voters

Attachments: City of Coachella Ordinance No. 887  
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Resolution No. 2002-11

**FINANCIAL DATA:**

**CURRENT YEAR COST** \$ 15,000  
**NET COUNTY COST** \$ N/A

**ANNUAL COST** N/A  
**IN CURRENT YEAR BUDGET:** Yes  
**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:** N/A **FOR FY:** 02/03

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** Reimbursement from jurisdictions

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

**APPROVE**

County Executive Officer Signature



Policy  
 Policy

Consent  
 Consent

Department Recommendation:  
Per Executive Office:

Prev. Agn. ref.

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AGENDA NO.

2.9

**Council Bill No. 2002-22****ORDINANCE NO. 887****AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA TO REQUEST THAT THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONSOLIDATE ELECTIONS FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, CITY CLERK AND CITY TREASURER WITH STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, elections for Members of the City Council, the City Clerk, and the City Treasurer, which are held in odd-numbered years, historically have had lower levels of voter participation than statewide elections in even-numbered years;

**WHEREAS**, elections for City Council Members, the City Clerk, and the City Treasurer are not held in conjunction with other elections, and as a result, the City must bear the expenses of the elections, and those expenses are proportionately higher than they would be if the elections were consolidated with statewide general elections in even-numbered years; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to make every effort within its power to increase voter participation in elections for City Council Members, the City Clerk, and the City Treasurer, and it wishes to reduce expenses whenever possible.

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1: Elections for Members of the City Council, the City Clerk, and the City Treasurer of the City of Coachella shall be held henceforth in conjunction with statewide general elections.

Section 2: The City Council of the City of Coachella requests that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors consolidate all future elections for Coachella City Council Members, the City Clerk, and the City Treasurer with statewide general elections to be held in even-numbered years, beginning on November 4, 2004.

Section 3. Separability. If any court of competent jurisdiction holds any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance invalid or unconstitutional, such determination shall not affect the validity of

the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council declares that it would have enacted this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion hereof irrespective of any determination of invalidity.

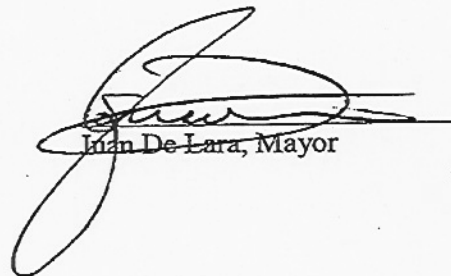
**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED**, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coachella, California, held on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Mayor Pro-Tem Macknicki, Councilman Ramirez, Mayor De Lara

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Councilwoman Contreras, Councilman Villarreal

**ABSTAIN:** None

  
Juan De Lara, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

Isabel Castillon  
Isabel Castillon, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of an ordinance, being Ordinance No. 887, duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coachella, California, held on December 8, 2003.

Isabel Castillon  
Isabel Castillon, City Clerk

**RESOLUTION No. 2002-11**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY  
TO CHANGE THE ELECTION OF AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM  
ODD NUMBERED YEARS TO EVEN NUMBERED YEARS**

**WHEREAS**, the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency was formed and is existing pursuant to California Water Code Appendix, Chapter 101 and is a special district within the meaning of California Elections Code, including section 10404, which provides that a special district may be resolution change its election of governing body members to be held on the same day as the statewide general election, and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body members being the Board of Directors of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency desire to reduce the election costs of the board of directors by having its election on the same day as the statewide election so that it will share the election costs with more public agencies which will result in a substantial cost savings to the Agency, and

**WHEREAS**, the next election of the Agency Board of Directors is presently scheduled to be held in the month of November, 2003, and

**WHEREAS**, the next statewide election is scheduled to be held in the month of November, 2004,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency that:

1. The election of the governing body members being the board of directors of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency, shall be held on the same day as the next California statewide general election in November, 2004.
2. This resolution shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County for processing pursuant to the requirements of the Elections Code, consistent with the purpose of this resolution.

**Said resolution was adopted, by roll call vote, as follows:**

**AYES:** Larsen, Voigt, Jeter, Lamm, Lewis, Zapp, Morris  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2002-11 adopted by the Board of Directors of San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency at its meeting held on November 12, 2002.**

  
**Stephen P. Stockton, Board Secretary**