

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



ITEM  
2.19  
(ID # 4157)

**MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

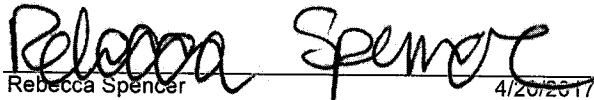
**FROM :** REGISTRAR OF VOTERS:

**SUBJECT:** REGISTRAR OF VOTERS: Request for Change in Election Date, Mission Springs Water District. Districts 4 and 5. [\$0].

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Mission Springs Water District's request for election date change.

**ACTION:** Consent

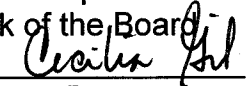
  
Rebecca Spencer 4/26/2017

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Ashley, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington and Ashley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: May 2, 2017  
xc: ROV

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment: No</b>	
			<b>For Fiscal Year: 16/17</b>	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** [CEO use]

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The Mission Springs Water District has submitted the attached resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors' approval to change the District's odd-year Governing Board election date to occur on the same date as the even-year General Elections. California Elections Code § 10404 allows special districts to consolidate their election with Elections held in November of even numbered years with the Board of Supervisors' approval. The code further stipulates that the Board shall approve such request unless the ballot style, voting equipment, or computer capability is such that additional elections or materials cannot be handled. The Registrar of Voters can accommodate this change of election date.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

The change in election date to occur on the same date as the even-year General Election would encourage greater voter participation at no additional cost. Registered voters will save a trip to the polling place voting for both this district election and the even-year General Election.

**SUPPLEMENTAL:**

**Additional Fiscal Information**

State law also requires that within 30 days after approval of the resolution, a notice is to be mailed to all registered voters of the District informing them of the change in election date and the terms of officeholders which will be changed. The cost of this mailing will be reimbursed by the District.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**ATTACHMENT A. MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 2017-07**

  
 Ineida Delos Santos 4/25/2017

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-07**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT CHANGING THE REGULAR ELECTION DATE FOR ELECTION OF ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM NOVEMBER OF ODD-NUMBERED YEARS TO THE STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION DATE IN NOVEMBER OF EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS**

**WHEREAS**, currently the regular election date for election of the Board of Directors of Mission Springs Water District ("MSWD") is in November of each odd-numbered year; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Voter Participation Rights Act (SB 415) ("Act") becomes operative on January 1, 2018, and prohibits local governmental entities, including special districts, from holding a regular election on a date other than on a statewide primary or general election date of even-numbered years, if holding a regular election on a non-statewide election date has previously resulted in a "significant decrease in voter turnout," which is defined by the Act to mean at least 25% less voter turnout than the average voter turnout within the governmental entity for the previous four statewide general elections (November of 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2016); and

**WHEREAS**, elections conducted in odd-numbered years historically have resulted in lower voter participation and higher expenses to MSWD; and

**WHEREAS**, voter participation in Riverside County for the general election in 2015 was 22.1%; and

**WHEREAS**, the average voter turnout Riverside County for the previous four statewide general elections (November of 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2016) was 60.925%; and

**WHEREAS**, there was a decrease of more than 25% in voter turnout in November 2015 than the average voter turnout within the governmental entity for the previous four statewide general elections; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to change MSWD's regular election date to comply with the Act, Elections Code Section 1303(b) authorizes the Board of Directors at this time to adopt a resolution changing MSWD's regular election date from November of odd-numbered years to the statewide general election date in November of even-numbered years; and

**WHEREAS**, the resolution must then be submitted to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors no later than March 12, 2017, which is at least 240 days before the next MSWD regular election date, and the resolution must be approved by the Board of Supervisors in order to change MSWD's regular election date; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent and desire of this Board of Directors to change MSWD's regular election date for election of its Board of Directors from November of odd-numbered years to the statewide general election date in November of even-numbered years consistent with the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Elections Code Section 10404(i) provides that upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, changing the regular election date to November of even-numbered years, current Directors continue to serve until their positions are filled by election in the even-numbered year, so as to match their terms with a changed regular election date.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** that the Board of Directors of Mission Springs Water District orders as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Pursuant to Elections Code Sections 1303(b) and 10404(b), MSWD hereby elects to change MSWD's regular election date for election of the Board of Directors from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years to the statewide general election date on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years.

**SECTION 2.** Special elections called for the purposes of filling Board vacancies, submitting measures to MSWD's electors for consideration, or other such matters, shall not be affected by this resolution and may be conducted on any date authorized by applicable law.

**SECTION 3.** The Riverside County Board of Supervisors is hereby requested to consolidate all future MSWD regular elections with the statewide general elections to be conducted in November of even-numbered years. The President of this Board of Directors shall be authorized to take any and all actions, and to execute any documents necessary, to assist MSWD's General Manager in presenting this resolution to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors for its approval.

**SECTION 4.** The Secretary of the Board of Directors of MSWD shall transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and to the Office of the Registrar of Voters for the County of Riverside.

**CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
  )  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE )

I, Arden Wallum, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Mission Springs Water District, certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. **2017-07**, which was adopted by the Board of Directors of said District at its regular meeting held March 7, 2017.

It has not been amended or repealed.

Dated March 8, 2017.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arden Wallum".

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Arden Wallum  
Secretary of Mission Springs Water District  
and its Board of Directors

ADOPTED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017, by the following vote:

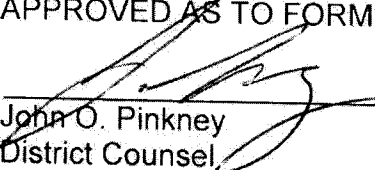
Ayes: Bowman, Wright, Duncan  
Noes:  
Abstain:  
Absent: Martin, Furbee

  
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Russ Martin  
President of Mission Springs Water District  
and its Board of Directors

ATTEST:

  
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Arden Wallum  
Secretary of Mission Springs Water District  
and its Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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John O. Pinkney  
District Counsel