

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



ITEM
2.23
(ID # 4161)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

FROM : REGISTRAR OF VOTERS:

SUBJECT: REGISTRAR OF VOTERS: Request for Change in Election Date, Desert Water Agency. Districts 3, 4 and 5. [\$0].

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Desert Water Agency's request for election date change.

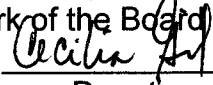
ACTION: Consent


Rebecca Spencer 4/20/2017

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

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

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Desert Water Agency 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. DESERT WATER AGENCY RESOLUTION NO. 1153

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


Inelda Delos Santos 4/25/2017

RESOLUTION NO. 1153

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
DESERT WATER AGENCY CHANGING THE 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**

WHEREAS, currently the regular election date for election of the Board of Directors of Desert Water Agency is in November of each odd-numbered year; and

WHEREAS, the California Voter Participation Rights Act (SB 415) becomes effective 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 SB 415 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 this Agency; and

WHEREAS, in order to change this Agency's regular election date to ensure compliance with SB 415, Elections Code Section 1303(b) authorizes the Board of Directors at this time to adopt a resolution changing the Agency'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 Agency regular election date, and the resolution must be approved by the Board of Supervisors in order to change the Agency's regular election date; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and desire of this Board of Directors to change the Agency'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; 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Desert Water Agency as follows:

1. Pursuant to Elections Code Sections 1303(b) and 10404(b), the Agency hereby chooses to change the Agency's regular election date for election of the Board of Directors from

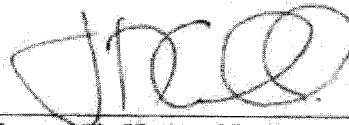
the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years to the statewide general election date on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years.

2. Special elections called for the purposes of filling Board vacancies, submitting measures to the Agency'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.

3. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors is hereby requested to consolidate all future Agency 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 the Agency's General Manager in presenting this resolution to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors for its approval.

4. The Secretary of the Board of Directors of Desert Water Agency 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.

ADOPTED this 7th day of March, 2017.



James Cioffi, President
Desert Water Agency

ATTEST:



Kristin Bloomer, Secretary-Treasurer
Desert Water Agency