



Legislation Text

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Adopt a resolution approving a request for consolidating the elections of its governing body with the same date as the statewide general election for the Rural North Vacaville Water District

Published Notice Required? Yes ☐ No ☒
Public Hearing Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution approving Resolution No. 2017-38 of the Rural North Vacaville Water District that consolidates the elections of its governing body with statewide general elections, which will move the current election dates from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years. [Elec. Code, § 10404 (a).]

SUMMARY:

As required by Elections Code section 10404, subdivision (a), the Rural North Vacaville Water District ("District") adopted a resolution that consolidates the elections of its governing board members be held on the same date as the statewide general election, which will move the current election dates of its elected board members from odd-numbered to even-numbered years. Section 10404, subdivision (e) requires that the Board of Supervisors ("Board") approve the resolution and the consolidation request unless it finds that Solano County's ballot style, voting equipment or computer capacity is such that additional elections or materials cannot be handled.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

As required by Elec. Code, § 10404, subds. (d) & (e), the Registrar of Voters advises that it will not experience any financial impacts due to this proposed change. The proposed action is not only cost effective but also the impact on election services is negligible because the number of voters in the District is quite small, approximately 726, few elections involve multiple candidates and the last election expenses amounted to less than \$8,100.

DISCUSSION:

On October 10, 2017, the District's Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2017-38, changing the date of the elections of its Board of Directors to the same date as the statewide general election held in even-numbered years. The resolution also extends the term of office of each currently elected Board of Director. A copy of the resolution is attached.

Section 10404, subdivision (e) mandates that the Board approve Resolution No. 2017-38 and the consolidation request unless it finds that the County's ballot style, voting equipment or computer capacity is such that the additional elections or materials cannot be handled.

Because no evidence exists to support such a finding, we recommend that the Board approve the resolution and consolidation, which would move the date of the District's elections of its Board of Directors from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board can only deny the request if it finds that the Registrar of Voters cannot conduct the elections as set forth in Elections Code section 10404, subdivision (e).

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The District submitted its resolution and consolidation request to the Clerk of the Board. We consulted with the Registrar of Voters.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION