Elk County Water District

County of Mendocino, State of California

Resolution #2017-001

Election Consolidation

A Resolution changing the election day of the Elk County Water District Board of Directors and requesting the Board of Supervisors for the County of Mendocino to authorize consolidation with the November Election during even-numbered years.

- WHEREAS, the ELK COUNTY WATER DISTRICT (the "District") is legally organized under California Government Code (§30000 et seq.) for the purpose of providing water within the boundaries of the District; and,
- WHEREAS, the California State Legislature has enacted SB 415 (Elections Code section 14050 et seq.), which required political subdivisions to change the election day for its Governing Board to the same day as a statewide general election when voter turnout for that local election is at least 25% less than voter turnout compared to the previous four statewide general elections; and
- WHEREAS, studies have shown that voter participation in local elections dramatically improves when local elections are held on the same day as statewide elections; and
- WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Governing Board of the Elk County Water District to encourage maximum voter turnout and community participation in the democratic electoral process and to comply with the mandate of SB 415; and
- WHEREAS, sections 1303 (b) and 10404 of the Elections Code permits the **Elk County Water District** to change its election day for its Governing Board with the approval of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DECLARED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That pursuant to Elections Code Sections 1303 (b) and 10404, the Board of Directors hereby, by this resolution, changes its election day from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year, commencing in 2020, so that the election scheduled for 2017 will go forward as scheduled, but each subsequent election will be held on even-numbered years; and, further, that the election shall be consolidated with all other elections held throughout the territory on that day.

- **Section 2.** That terms of officeholders shall be extended as necessary, but shall not be extended beyond 12 months.
- Section 3. That the Registrar of Voters shall cause, at **District** expense, a notice to be mailed to all registered voters in the **Elk County Water District** informing them of the change of election date specified herein and of the resultant changes in terms of the elected officeholders.
- **Section 4.** That this resolution shall become operative upon approval by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino pursuant to Elections Code sections 1303 (b) and 10404.
- **Section 5.** That the District Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution #2017-001 to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Mendocino County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of **Elk County Water District** at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 26th day of July, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining:()

> Kermit Carter, Board President Elk County Water District

ATTEST:

Rosemarie Acker, Secretary to the Board