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Mendocino County Districts

Re: *Notice of Possible Action Regarding Requests from Comptche Community Services District and Brooktrails Township Community Services District to Consolidate their Respective District Elections with the November Statewide General Election in Even-Numbered Years*

To Whom It May Concern:

Please take notice that two districts have submitted resolutions to the Board of Supervisors to change their regularly scheduled district elections for governing board members from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years so that said elections are consolidated with the statewide general election that takes place during November in even numbered years. Comptche Community Services District and Brooktrails Township Community Services District have adopted resolutions to move their respective district elections to even-numbered years starting in 2020. Copies of their respective resolutions requesting the changes are attached to this letter.

Please take further notice that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors will consider and possibly approve the requests of the districts identified in this letter during the August 15, 2017, Board of Supervisors' meeting. The Comptche Community Services District election consolidation was previously noticed incorrectly for the July 18, 2017 Board of Supervisors meeting (letter dated July 6, 2017). Please provide input to the Mendocino County Clerk of the Board by August 10, 2017, as to the effect that these consolidations may have on your district. Correspondence can be mailed to the Clerk of the Board, c/o Executive Office, 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1010, Ukiah, CA 95482, or emailed to cob@mendocinocounty.org.

If you have any questions about this topic, please call (707) 463-4441.

Nicole French,

Deputy Clerk of the Board II

Enclosure: District Resolutions

cc: Board of Supervisors
Ms. Carmel J. Angelo, Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Katharine Elliott, County Counsel
Ms. Sue Ranochak, Assessor-Clerk-Recorder

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Comptche Community Services District
Resolution 2017-01

COUNTY COUNSEL
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**RESOLUTION CHANGING THE ELECTION DAY OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
AND REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE COUNTY OF
MENDOCINO TO AUTHORIZE CONSOLIDATION WITH THE NOVEMBER
ELECTION DURING EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS**

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature has enacted SB 415 (Elections Code section 14050 et seq.), which requires 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;

WHEREAS, studies have shown that voter participation in local elections dramatically improves when local elections are held on the same day as statewide elections;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Governing Board of the Comptche Community Services 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 Comptche Community Services 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 Governing Board 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 the 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 Comptche Community Services 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.

C. BOS, CEO, CAO, Clerk Recorder

Section 5. That the District is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Mendocino County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Comptche Community Services District at a regular meeting thereof held on the 1st day of June 2017 by the following vote:

Ayes: Baker, Holmes, Macdonald, Schaeffer

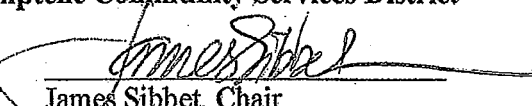
Noes:

Abstain:

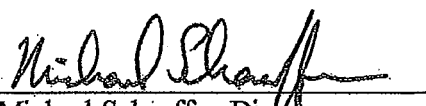
Absent: Sibbet

Comptche Community Services District

By:


James Sibbet, Chair

Attest:


Michael Schaeffer, Director

**BROOKTRAILS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 2017-12**

**RESOLUTION CHANGING THE ELECTION DAY OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
AND REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE COUNTY OF
MENDOCINO TO AUTHORIZE CONSOLIDATION WITH THE NOVEMBER
ELECTION DURING EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS**

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature has enacted SB 415 (Elections Code section 14050 et seq.), which requires 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;

WHEREAS, within the Township, the difference in voter turnout for the District for the past four general elections has been 66% in 2010, 72% in 2012; 53 % in 2014 and 73% in 2016 for an average of 66%, while the voter turnout in the last Consolidated District Election for the District occurred in 2013 with a voter turnout of 29%, implicating a greater than a 25% deviation threshold in SB 415;

WHEREAS, studies have shown that voter participation in local elections dramatically improves when local elections are held on the same day as statewide elections;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Governing Board of the Township 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 Township 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 by the Board of Directors as follows:

Section 1. That pursuant to Elections Code Sections 1303(b) and 10404, the Governing Board 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 the 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 Brooktrails Township Community Services District informing voters 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 Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Mendocino County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Brooktrails Township Community Services District at a regular meeting thereof held on the 13th day of June, 2017 by the following vote:

Ayes: Santos, Orth, Horrick, Ramming, Williams

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

BROOKTRAILS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

By:


R. Richard Williams, President

Attest:


Denise Rose, Secretary