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COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

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Mendocino County Districts

Re: Notice of Possible Action Regarding Request by Elk Community Services District to Consolidate its District Elections with the November Statewide General Election in Even-Numbered Years

To Whom It May Concern:

Please take notice that Elk Community Services District has submitted its resolution to the Board of Supervisors to change its 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. Elk Community Services District has adopted a resolution to move its respective district elections to even-numbered years starting in 2020. A copy of the resolution requesting the change is attached to this letter.

Please take further notice that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors will consider and possibly approve the request of the district identified in this letter during the Board of Supervisors' meeting on September 12, 2017. Please provide input to the Mendocino County Clerk of the Board by September 7, 2017, as to the effect that this consolidation 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

# Resolution #2017-01

### Election Consolidation

A Resolution changing the election day of the Elk CSD 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 COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT (the "District") is legally organized under California Government Code (§61000 et seq.) for the purpose of providing public fire protection, ambulance and emergency services within the boundaries of the District; and,
- WHEREAS, the District must ensure that all aspects of the fire protection, ambulance and emergency services provide the maximum public benefit conditioned upon fiscally responsible standards; and,
- 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; 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 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 Elk 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, DETERMIEND 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 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 Elk 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.

### Elk Community Services District

Section 5. That the District CLERK is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution #2017-01 to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Mendocino County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Elk Community Services District at a regular meeting thereof held on the 8th day of June, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES: Matson, Oliveira, Long, MacMillan

NAYS: 0
Absent: Powers
Abstaining: 0

Ben Macifillan, Board President Elk Community Services District

#### ATTEST:

I Rosi Acker, Clerk to the Board of Directors of the Elk Community Services District, County of Mendocino, State of California, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution Number 2017-01.

WITNESS MY HAND and THE SEAL of the Elk Community Services District

Rosi Acker, Clerk

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