

Re:

## COUNTY OF MENDOCINO Executive Office

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September 18, 2017

Mendocino County Districts

Notice of Possible Action Regarding Request by Gualala 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 Gualala 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. Gualala 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 October 3, 2017. Please provide input to the Mendocino County Clerk of the Board by September 27, 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 Resolution

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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## RESOLUTION 2017-MCE-1

COUNTY COUNSEL RECEIVED

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GUALALA COMMUNTITY SERVICES DISTRICT CHANGING THE ELECTION DAY OF THE GOVERNING BOARD AND REQUESTING MENDOCINO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO AUTHORIZE CONSOLIDATION WITH THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS 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 and

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

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Gualala Community Services District Board of Directors 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 Gualala Community Services District to change its election day for its Governing Board with the approval of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors;

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GUALALA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That pursuant to Election 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 schedule 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.

<u>Section 2</u>. <u>That</u> the terms of the officeholders shall be extended as necessary but shall not be extended beyond twelve months.

<u>Section 3</u>. That the Mendocino County Registrar of Voters shall cause, at the District expense, a notice to be mailed to all registered voters in the Gualala Community Services District informing voters of the change of election date specified herein and of the resultant changes in terms of the elected officeholders.

C: BOS, ŒO, CoCo, Clerk Recorder Section 4. That this Resolution shall become operative upon approval by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors pursuant to Elections Code sections 1303 (b) and 14040.

<u>Section 5.</u> That the Secretary of the Gualala Community Services District Board of Directors is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution 2017-MCE-1 to the Clerk of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Gualala Community Service District at a regular meeting thereof held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017 by the following vote:

Ayes:

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Nays:

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Abstain:

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Absent:

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J Rogers AME A Funderburk AME S Aicher AME J Denten AME D Denten AME

GUALALA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Joel Rogers, GCSD Board Chair

ATTEST:

Susan Aicher, GCSD Board Secretary

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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