



# COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

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Mendocino County Districts

Re: *Notice of Possible Action Regarding Request by Redwood Coast Fire Protection 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 *Redwood Coast Fire Protection 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. *Redwood Coast Fire Protection 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 May 21, 2019. Please provide input to the Mendocino County Clerk of the Board by May 6, 2019, 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 [cobsupport@mendocinocounty.org](mailto:cobsupport@mendocinocounty.org).

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

Karla Van Hagen,  
Senior Deputy Clerk of the Board

Encl.: District's Resolution

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

**REDWOOD COAST FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02**

**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 Redwood Coast Fire Protection District, the difference in voter turnout for the November local election held in odd numbered years is lower than the turnout for statewide general elections held in even numbered years exceeding the 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 Redwood Coast Fire Protection 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 Redwood Coast Fire Protection 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 Redwood Coast Fire Protection 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 Secretary 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 Redwood Coast Fire Protection District at a regular meeting thereof held on the 27th day of June, 2017 by the following vote:

Ayes: Boardmembers Branesky, Golly, Seymour, Stefani

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Boardmember Dressler

**REDWOOD COAST FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, GOVERNING BOARD**

By:   
JUDY SEYMOUR, PRESIDENT/CHAIR

Attest:   
CLAUDIA HILLARY, SECRETARY/CLERK