

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-1

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WESTPORT COUNTY WATER DISTRICT REQUESTING THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO AUTHORIZE CONSOLIDATION OF THE DISTRICT'S ELECTION WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION.

WHEREAS, The Westport County Water District (the District) is a water district formed and operating in accordance with the provisions of California Public Resources Code Section 5780 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code Section 5787 provides that the District is subject to the Uniform District Election Law (commencing with Election Code Section 10500 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the District was formed with the power to hold its District elections on the last Tuesday in August in each odd-numbered year in accordance with Elections Code Section 10505; and

WHEREAS, elections in odd years have frequently resulted in a short ballot thereby could require substantial cost reimbursement from the District to the County of Mendocino for the cost of election; and

WHEREAS, even year elections typically contain multiple ballot measures and elective offices resulting in significantly increased voter participation in even year elections; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Westport County Water District wishes to maximize voter participation and reduce the cost associated with elections; and

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code Section 5787.1 permits the Board of Directors of the District to require that the election of members to the Board of Directors be held on the same date as the statewide general election in accordance with Elections Code Section 10404, subject to approval by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, if the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors approves consolidation of the District's elections with the statewide general election, the current members of the Board of Directors eligible for election in the next odd number year shall have their terms extended by one year in accordance with Elections Code Section 10404 (i).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Westport County Water District as follows:

1. The District shall hold its general election on the same day as the statewide general election on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November of even numbered years.
2. The Westport County Water District Board of Directors requests that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors order a change in the timing of District elections in accordance with California Elections Code Section 10404.
3. The District further requests that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors direct the Mendocino County Elections Department to provide any and all services necessary for conducting future District elections in coordination with the statewide general election.
4. In accordance with Elections Code Section 10404(i), and to preserve the staggered elections style for local district elections established in accordance with Election Code Section 10505(c), each member of the Board of Directors whose term of office expires in November 2021 shall continue in his or her office until the statewide general election held in November 2022 and the successor to each office is elected and qualified. In the same manner, each

- member of the Board of Directors whose term of office expires in November 2023 shall continue in his or her office until the statewide general election is held in November 2024 and the successor to that office is elected and qualified.
5. This change to the schedule for District elections shall (subject to the approval of this Resolution by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors) be permanent and apply to all future District elections.
 6. The District Secretary is directed to forward this Resolution to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors for its approval in accordance with California Elections Code Section 10404.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Board Member, Ann Woodhead, was seconded by Board Member Lee Tepper, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Westport County Water District held on 9/12/20, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: 4

NOES: —

ABSENT: —



Lee Tepper

President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Secretary