



Memo

To: Board of Directors
From: Larrie Ann Davis
Date: March 12, 2015
Subject: Consider Election Date Change

Background: In 2009, a number of Special Districts requested to change from the November odd-year election to the November even-year election in an effort to reduce election costs. The Elections Office was unable to satisfy this request due to ballot size limitations. As an alternative, the Elections Office provided the option to move their election date to an August odd-year mail election allowed under California Election Code § 4000.

At that time, mail ballot elections were generally less expensive than polling place elections, and the conversion to the mail ballot option was believed to result in long-term savings. Crestline Village Water District adopted Resolution No. 373 on February 17, 2009 changing the odd-year election cycle to an all-mail ballot election beginning on August 25, 2009.

Now: A review of election costs incurred by districts over the last three election cycles shows that the mail-ballot election cost estimates were overly optimistic. As a result, many districts are now looking for a way to reduce their election costs. The Board of Supervisors reaffirmed the decision to prohibit additional jurisdictions from switching to the November even-year election. Because that option is not available, the Election Office believe that combining all August and November odd-year election jurisdictions into one consolidated November odd-year election will result in lower election costs. The Election Office estimates a cost savings of 10-20% for jurisdictions that switch to the November odd-year election schedule. Savings will be achieved through shared election costs and significant process improvements. Other mountain jurisdictions have already adopted resolutions to switch to the November odd-year election date. If the District continues with the August odd-year election, we will bear the brunt of the election costs. California Elections Code § 4003 enables the District to make this move by board resolution.

Staff Recommendation: In an effort to save election costs, staff recommends the Board Adopt Resolution No. 418 changing the August odd-year election to the November odd-year election.

RESOLUTION NO. 418

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
CRESTLINE VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT REVOKING
RESOLUTION NO. 373, AUTHORIZING AND CHANGING
THE DISTRICT'S ODD-YEAR ELECTION DATE TO AN
AUGUST ALL-MAIL BALLOT ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Crestline Village County Water District, on February 17, 2009, adopted Resolution No. 373, implementing an all-mail ballot procedure for conducting general District elections pursuant to Elections Code section 4104; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code section 4003 this Board of Directors may, by resolution, revoke the adoption of the all-mailed ballot procedure and return to the procedure otherwise prescribed by law for conducting general District elections at polling places, and not by all-mailed ballots, on such authorized dates as are set forth in the Elections Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Crestline Village Water District does hereby revoke its previous adoption of the all-mailed ballot procedure for conducting regular District elections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Board of Directors shall transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and to the Office of the Registrar of Voters for the County of San Bernardino.

Dated: March 17, 2015

President, Crestline Village Water District

ATTEST:

Secretary, Crestline Village Water District