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To: Special Districts

From: Rebecca Turner, Elections Coordinator

Date: September 17, 2012

Re: Special District Election Consolidation Follow Up

The Election Department held a meeting for all the special districts on September 5, 2012 to discuss consolidating district elections with the Statewide General Election held in November of each even year. The Election Department explained that consolidating the current odd year election with the November Statewide Election is a cost saving measure for all special districts. The November Statewide General Election is the least expensive option for a special district, as the County absorbs the majority of the costs.

A number of factors affect the cost of an election for a special district. The primary factor is whether or not a district shares that election with another entity. Providing special districts decide to consolidate their election with the November Statewide General Election, the costs of elections in August and November of odd years will continue to increase for those districts that choose not to consolidate. This is due to the fact that a fewer number of districts will be sharing in the cost of the election.

Assistant County Counsel, David Sirias, attended the meeting to explain the resolutions the districts would be required to adopt in order to consolidate their election with the November Statewide General Election. If your district currently goes to election in August, then a resolution revoking all-mailed ballot procedures is required prior to adopting a resolution to consolidate with the November Statewide General Election pursuant to Elections Code 4003. He also went over term extensions governed by Election Code 10404 (i) which allows all directors terms who are scheduled to expire in 2013 to extend until 2014, when a new director is elected to the seat. This section does not allow for extension to those directors whose terms are scheduled to expire in 2015. The terms that expire in 2015 would be considered a vacancy and the district's board can handle this situation at their discretion.

The County is requesting that all resolutions be submitted to the Election Department by December 31, 2012. The Elections Department will bring this item before the County Board of Supervisors in February of 2013. If you have any questions or concerns please let me know at (209) 754-6375 or rturner@co.calaveras.ca.us.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Turner
Elections Coordinator

Enclosures

Sample resolution revoking all mail election
Sample resolution consolidating