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Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
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RE: Reschedule Election of Governing Board Members from Odd to Even Years

Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors:

The West Stanislaus Irrigation District (WSID) requests to consolidate future governing board member elections and change the regularly scheduled election for governing board members from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years.

Enclosed, please find a copy of the West Stanislaus Irrigation District Resolution No. 2018-03-01 passed and adopted on the 13th day of March 2018.

If you have any questions in regards to the enclosed item, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (209)894-3091.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Lea".

Lisa Lea
District Secretary

**GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE
WEST STANISLAUS IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION No. 2018-03-01**

Resolution to Reschedule Election of Governing Board Members

A Resolution by the Governing Board of the West Stanislaus Irrigation District ("Board") for consolidation of future governing board member election with the statewide general election pursuant to Elections Code § 1303(b).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Governing Board ("Board") of the West Stanislaus Irrigation District ("District") consists of five (5) members elected from five (5) trustee areas within the District; and

WHEREAS, Election Code § 1304 sets forth the general rule that Irrigation district governing board members serve staggered terms and are elected in odd numbered years; and

WHEREAS, the current date for the election of governing board members of the District is every two (2) years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd numbered years (e.g., November 2017) (Election Code § 1303(b) and Elections Code § 10404(b)); and

WHEREAS, the next Governing Board elections for Trustee Area Division 2 and Division 5 are currently scheduled for 2019, and the next Governing Board election for Trustee Area Division 1, Division 3, and Division 4 are currently scheduled for November 2021; and

WHEREAS, statewide general elections are held in California in even numbered years (e.g., November 2018) (Elections Code § 1001); and

WHEREAS, the District is located within Stanislaus County and San Joaquin County; and

WHEREAS, generally voter participation is greater for statewide general elections conducted in even numbered years than for local elections conducted in odd numbered years; and

WHEREAS, commencing January 1, 2018, Election Code § 14050 through 10457 known as the *California Voter Participation Rights Act* requires districts to adopt a plan by January 1, 2018 to transition their governing board elections to the same date at statewide general elections conducted in even numbered years if past governing board elections held on election dates in odd numbered years resulted in a significant decrease in voter turnout; and

WHEREAS, a significant decrease in voter turnout is defined as voter turnout at least 25% less than the average voter turnout for the previous four statewide general elections; and

WHEREAS, based on history of voter participation within the boundaries of the District it is likely that the District may be required to adopt a plan to transition to even numbered year

statewide general elections no later than January 1, 2018, pursuant to Election Code § 14052(b); and

WHEREAS, a political subdivision may hold an off-cycle election if, by January 1, 2018, the political subdivision has adopted a plan to consolidate future elections with a statewide general election no later than the November 8, 2022, statewide general election; and

WHEREAS, regardless of whether the District is required to formulate a plan and as a result of these facts, the Governing Board desires to change the date of future Governing Board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election which may result in a cost savings of public funds and provide greater voter input into Irrigation board elections; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code § 1303(b) establishes a procedure whereby the Governing Board may change the election date for its Governing Board members by adopting a resolution seeking approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors of the affected county (Elections Code § 10404(b)); and

WHEREAS, if the change in election date is approved, the November 2019 Governing Board election date will be moved to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2020 and the November 2021 Governing Board election date will be moved to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2022. The terms of Governing Board members which would have expired in 2019 and 2021 will be extended by one (1) year (not to exceed beyond December 31 of the extended year). Election Code § 10404(i) [*refer to Appendix A*]; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the West Stanislaus Irrigation District adopts this resolution to consolidate the election date for members of the Governing Board with the date for the California general election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even numbered year (Election Code 1001) pursuant to Election Code §1303(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED The General Manager will forward this resolution to the Board of Supervisors requesting formal approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting held within 60 days after submission and after the resolution has been made public and posted in accordance to Election Code 10404(e) unless the Board of Supervisors finds that the ballot style, voting equipment or computer capacity is such that additional elections or materials cannot be handled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED If the consolidation of election is approved by the Board of Supervisors, the terms of office of all members of the Governing Board shall be extended one (1) year as described in Appendix A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the consolidation of election is approved, the term of office of Governing Board members expiring in December 2019 will be extended to December 2020 and the term of Governing Board members expiring in December 2021 will be extended to December 2022 and each subsequent Governing Board member election will be held two (2) years thereafter in November of even numbered years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District will pay the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters for the expense of mailing the notice of approval of the change in election dates as required by Election Code § 10404.(f).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED The General Manager and his designees are hereby authorized and directed to take any other steps necessary to effectuate the purpose and intent of this resolution.

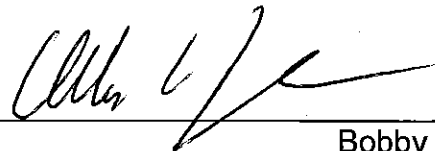
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the West Stanislaus Irrigation District Board of Directors on this 13th day of March by the following vote:

AYES: Bays, Goubert, Petz, Yamamoto

NOES: None

ABSENT: DeIDon

ABSTAIN: None



Bobby Yamamoto,
President of the Governing Board



Robert Pierce,
Secretary of the Governing Board



Appendix A

Resolution to Reschedule Election of Governing Board Members

Resolution No. 2018-03-01

Trustee Area	Positions Held by Current Board Member	Elections Conducted	Current Election Year Cycle	Proposed Election Year Cycle
1	Bobby Yamamoto	2017	2021	2022
2	Gregory Petz	2015	2019	2020
3	David Goubert	2017	2021	2022
4	Kenneth Bays	2017	2021	2022
5	Lee DelDon	2015	2019	2020

Under the proposed rescheduled election cycle, Governing Board member elections in 2015 and 2017 will be for a five (5) year term. Subsequent Governing Board member elections in 2020 and 2022 will be for a four (4) year term.