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Clerk of the Board
Stanislaus Co. Board of Supervisors
1010 Tenth St., Ste. 6700
Modesto CA 95354

Dear Clerk of the Board:

Enclosed is one original copy of the resolution adopted by the TID Board of Directors approving the change from odd to even year elections. Please submit this item for consideration on your agenda during the next regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting. If approved, and as clarified in the resolution, TID 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 Section 10404(f).

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tami Wallenburg', written in a cursive style.

Tami Wallenburg
Executive Secretary to the Board
Turlock Irrigation District

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - 81

**RESOLUTION TO RESCHEDULE ELECTION
OF DIRECTORS FROM ODD TO EVEN YEARS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District consists of five members elected from five Divisions within the District; and

WHEREAS, Election Code § 1304 sets forth the general rule that Irrigation District board members serve staggered terms and are elected in odd numbered years, and statewide general elections are held in California in even numbered years; and

WHEREAS, the next board member election for Divisions 1 and 4 are currently scheduled for November 2019, and the next board member election for Divisions 2, 3, and 5 are currently scheduled for November 2021; and

WHEREAS, 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 as statewide general elections conducted in even numbered years if past governing board elections held on election dates in odd numbered years had 25% less voter turnout than the average voter turnout for the previous four statewide general elections; and

WHEREAS, based on the history of voter participation within the boundaries of the District, the District is required by January 1, 2018, to adopt a plan to transition to even numbered year statewide general elections, to be implemented by the November 8, 2022, statewide general election; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Turlock Irrigation District that the election date for members of the Board be consolidated with the date for the California general election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even numbered year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager will forward this resolution to the Boards of Supervisors of Stanislaus and Merced Counties requesting formal approval of the change by the Boards 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 that if the consolidation of election is approved by the Boards of Supervisors of Stanislaus and Merced Counties, the terms of office of all members of the Board of Directors shall be extended one (1) year as follows:

Division	Positions Held by Current Board Member	Elections Conducted	Current Election Year Cycle	Proposed Election Year Cycle
1	Michael Frantz	2015	2019	2020
2	Charles Fernandes	2017	2021	2022
3	Joe Alamo	2017	2021	2022
4	Robert Santos	2015	2019	2020
5	Ron Macedo	2017	2021	2022

Board member elections in 2015 and 2017 will be for a five (5) year term. Subsequent Board member elections in 2020 and 2022 will be for a four (4) year term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District will pay the Stanislaus and Merced Counties' 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 that 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.


Moved by Director Frantz, seconded by Director Santos, that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Upon roll call the following vote was had:

Ayes: Directors Santos, Frantz, Alamo, Macedo, Fernandes
 Noes: Directors - None
 Absent: Directors - None

The President declared the resolution adopted.

I, Tami Wallenburg, Executive Secretary of the Board of Directors of the TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT do hereby CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of said Board of Directors held the 5th day of December, 2017.



 Executive Secretary of the Board of
 Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District

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November 30, 2017

TO: TID Board of Directors

FROM: Sara J. Lima
TID Assistant General Counsel

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution to Consolidate Board Member Elections with Even Year Statewide Elections

New provisions of the State Election Code require special districts with odd year elections to adopt a plan to move their elections to coincide with even year Statewide elections if past elections have shown a decrease in voter turnout of at least 25% less than the average voter turnout for the previous four statewide general elections. The average voter turnout in Stanislaus County in the last four even year elections is 59.34%, versus the odd year elections average of 22.61%, showing a 62% drop in participation when elections are held in odd years. Therefore, TID is required to adopt a plan to shift odd year elections to even years.

Stanislaus County has contacted the District and provided a sample resolution to accomplish this task. I have revised the resolution to apply to TID specifically. The plan in the Resolution will implement a one-time one year increase in each Directors' term. If this Resolution is adopted, it will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for both Stanislaus and Merced Counties for their consideration and approval. If approved, the Election Code requires that the Board of Supervisors then notify all affected registered voters of the change at TID expense.