

Board of Supervisors county of Tulare AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: December 11, 2018

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SUBJECT: Term staggering for cemetery district boards

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Reset the staggering of terms for the Board of Trustees of the Tulare Public Cemetery District and the Visalia Public Cemetery District to every other even-numbered year.

SUMMARY:

When the cemetery district statutes were rewritten in 2003, the Legislature added a requirement that terms of board members be staggered. (Prior to that time, many cemetery district boards had all terms end on the same date.) For a new district, the statutes require that the staggering be in two groups, every other year. (Health & Saf. Code, § 9023.) In order to achieve the proper staggering, the statutes authorize the Board of Supervisors to shorten terms when making appointments, but prohibit the Board from shortening a term after a trustee has been appointed. (Health & Saf. Code, § 9024.)

For some reason not clear in the record, when the Board of Supervisors set the staggering for the boards of trustees of the cemetery districts in Tulare County, all of the other cemetery district boards were given terms expiring in every other even-numbered year, but the Tulare and Visalia district boards were given terms expiring in consecutive years, one even-numbered and one odd-numbered.

This agenda item updates the staggering for the boards of these two districts to every other even-numbered year. This means that the next appointments to what would have been four-year terms expiring in 2025 will instead be appointments to one-year

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terms expiring in 2022. This will result in the following staggering of the current/next terms:

Tulare Public Cemetery District

Trustee No.	Term ending	Current incumbent
1	2020	Carlene Ringius
2	2021 – new term will end in 2022	Stephen Presant
3	2020	Xavier Avila
4	2020	Alberto Aguilar
5	2021 – new term will end in 2022	Vicki Gilson

Visalia Public Cemetery District

Trustee No.	Term ending	Current incumbent
1	2020	George Ouzounian
2	2021 – new term will end in 2022	Tom Johnson
3	2020	Geneva Philpot
4	2021 – new term will end in 2022	Tom Link
5	2021 - new term will end in 2022	Vacant

Cemetery district board members serve four-year terms which begin at noon on the first Monday in January. (Health & Saf. Code, § 9024.) As a result, the terms noted above will expire on January 6, 2020, January 4, 2021, and January 3, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

None.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

This action will promote the Organizational Performance element of the plan by streamlining appointments to the boards of cemetery districts.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Melinda Benton Chief Clerk

Cc: County Administrative Office

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR CEMETERY DISTRICT BOARDS	
UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISO	OR, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR	_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN O	FFICIAL MEETING HELD
, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:	
AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:	
ATTEST:	JASON T. BRITT COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BY:	Deputy Clerk
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