



Registrar of Voters COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: March 5, 2013 - **REVISED**

Public Hearing Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Ann Turner PHONE: 559-624-7305

SUBJECT: Request by the Exeter Unified School District Election to change from odd- to even-numbered year elections.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Order and consent to the consolidation of the regular Governing Board Election for the Exeter Unified School District with the General Election.

SUMMARY:

School districts may submit a resolution to the Board of Supervisors to establish an election day to occur on the same date as the Statewide General Election. (Elections Code 1302 and 10404.5). The resolution must be submitted not later than 240 days prior to the next currently scheduled election of the district.

Pursuant to Education Code sections regarding the formation of a new unified school district in an even-numbered year, the next election in the newly formed Exeter Unified School District is not scheduled to occur until November 2015. The request was received by the Clerk on January 18, 2013.

As required by law, the Clerk to the Board has sent a notice to all school districts located in the County and to the County Board of Education, advising them of the receipt of the resolution and asking for their input. The notice also advised that the agenda item would be heard today.

As also required by law, a special notice regarding this agenda item has been posted on a County website (the Elections Division).

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The Elections Code requires the Board of Supervisors to approve the request unless it finds that the ballot style, voting equipment, or computer capacity is such that additional elections or materials cannot be handled. The election official provides an Impact Analysis for this purpose. As indicated in the attached Impact Analysis, Elections believes this election can be added without affecting the ability of the County to provide services for the General Election.

If the request is approved, the terms of the district board members will be extended for one year. The district's resolution indicates that the voters were aware before the unification election in November 2012 that the plan to change to even-numbered year elections would extend the initial terms of the board members of the new unified district from ending in 2015 and 2017 to ending in 2016 and 2018.

Once changed the regular school board election for the Exeter Unified School District will thereafter occur in consolidation with the Statewide General Election, unless the resolution is repealed or amended after at least one election is held on the new date. Consolidation will lower the district's election costs. Any costs to the County will be offset by reimbursement revenue received from the district.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

By terms of this Resolution, the District would bear its own share of costs of the election. The Election Official's Report with Impact Analysis per Election Code 10404.5(d)(1) is attached.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes Initiative 4:

Organizational Performance.

Continuously improve organizational effectiveness and fiscal stability. Provide the public with accessible high quality services that are timely and responsive.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Rita Woodard

Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector/Registrar of Voters

Cc: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s) Appendix A – Election Official's Report and Exeter Unified School District Resolution

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST BY) Resolution No. _____
THE EXETER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT) Agreement No. _____
TO CHANGE FROM ODD- TO EVEN-)
NUMBERED YEAR ELECTIONS.)

WHEREAS, school board elections are normally held in November of odd-numbered years; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 10404.5 provides that a school district may, by resolution, request that the election of its Board of Trustees be held on the same day as the statewide general election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to special provisions of the Education Code for a new unified school district created in an even-numbered year, the initial members of the Board of Trustees of the Exeter Unified School District would remain in office until 2015 and 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the District has determined that consolidation with the statewide general election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year would result in a significant cost savings to the District; and

WHEREAS, the Election Official's Report indicates that the optical-scan ballot used in the County readily accepts additional consolidations, that neither the ballot nor the precinct counter capacity would be affected by the consolidation, that the consolidation should save the District money, and that any costs to the County due to consolidation will be offset by reimbursement revenue from the District for its prorated share of the election costs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has caused notice of the receipt of the request to consolidate the District's election of directors to be mailed pursuant to Elections Code Section 10404.5(c); and

WHEREAS, the Elections Office has posted notice on the Elections website pursuant to Election Code Section 10404.5(d)(2).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

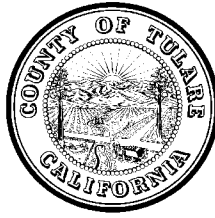
1. The Exeter Unified School District election of the Board of Trustees is hereby consolidated with the general election and any other election which may be held within the jurisdiction of said District on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered year, beginning in 2016, and this Board hereby consents to and order said consolidation.
2. This Board further authorizes the Election Official to perform all necessary and required services to the aforementioned District relating to the conduct of the election of District trustees.
3. All dates and procedural requirements of such election shall be consistent with applicable law with respect to nomination, notices, canvass of votes, certification of election and all other procedural requirements of the Elections Code pertaining to the primary or general election.
4. The District shall reimburse the County in full for the services performed in connection with such elections, upon presentation of a bill from the election official to the District.

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____,
BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk



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Office Hours:
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Appendix A

Election Official's Report

IMPACT ANALYSIS

Since June 2006, Tulare County has been using Sequoia Voting Systems ballots (Insight Vote machine). The Insight is an optical scan ballot reader which readily accepts additional consolidations. Neither the ballot nor the precinct counter capacity will be affected by the consolidation.

Speed of reporting election night results will not be affected by the additional contest. The consolidation will have an insignificant impact on the length of the time for the official canvass and reconciliation of records.

COST EFFECTIVENESS

No regularly scheduled federal, state or county elections are held in the odd numbered years when the Exeter Unified School District is currently scheduled to elect the Governing Board. Other Districts in the area currently having odd year elections include: Exeter Memorial District, Exeter Irrigation District, Lindmore Irrigation District, Lindsay-Strathmore Irrigation District, Sequoia Memorial District, and Lemon Cove Sanitary District.

None of these districts are required to have an election if the nominees are equal to or less than the vacancies, therefore districts which actually go to the ballot have few agencies with which they share election costs.

Consolidation with the Statewide General Election should save the district money because the County will always share a portion of the total election cost. Additionally, a portion of the election costs will potentially be shared with the many local districts with even year general elections.

Any costs to the County because of the consolidation will be offset by reimbursement revenue received from the district for its prorated share of the election costs.