

# **MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

## **Agenda for the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Wednesday – March 8, 2017 – 6:30 PM**

**Marinwood Community Center, 775 Miller Creek Dr, San Rafael, CA 94903**

- A. 6:30 PM CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- B. 6:30 PM Resolution 2017-02: Requiring Even-Numbered Year Elections for the Board of Directors**

*Board Approval of Resolution 2017-02 will change the date of all future elections for the Board of Directors to even-numbered years, effective for the upcoming November 2017 election.*

- C. 7:00 PM ADJOURN**

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(415) 479-0775

# Memo



**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Eric Dreikosen, District Manager  
**Date:** March 3, 2017  
**Re:** Senate Bill 415: Changing Elections from Odd-Numbered to Even-numbered Years

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Directors,

In September 2015, the Governor signed Senate Bill 415. Commencing January 1, 2018, SB 415 requires that in most instances local government agencies such as Marinwood CSD move their elections for governing board members from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years so as to be held on a statewide election date and consolidated with a statewide election. The rationale is two-fold: 1.) To reduce costs while maximizing efficiencies and government resources, and; 2) To increase voter turnout and participation, as statewide general elections have historically experienced significantly higher levels of voter turnout than uniform district elections.

For County of Marin, the cost basis determination for districts participating in an election are as follows (excerpted from the County Elections Department website):

*“Election costs are influenced by the number of jurisdictions sharing the ballot and by the number of contests and measures that a jurisdiction has on the ballot. The more measures and contests a jurisdiction has on the ballot, the higher cost per registered voter. If the jurisdiction is alone on the ballot, it will incur the full cost of the election.”*

In communication with the County of Marin Elections Department, many local districts have already acted to formally move their upcoming governing body election from 2017 to 2018. March 10<sup>th</sup> is the deadline by which a district must submit its request to the Board of Supervisors to be effective for the 2017 election and as such, they are expecting more districts to submit similar requests.

The County Registrar of Voters has also provided an initial cost estimate for districts choosing to remain on the 2017 ballot. Election costs to these districts are anticipated to increase from the traditionally estimated \$1.75 - \$3.00 per registered voter to \$4.00 - \$6.00 per registered voter, representing a potential increase of over 100%. However, this was provided as a conservative estimate. Depending on how many more districts submit a request to change prior to the March 10 deadline, these costs are likely to increase further still.

For Marinwood CSD, Board approval of Resolution 2017-02 will change the date of all future elections for governing board members from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years, effective for the November 2017 election. Approval will also extend the terms of all current board members for a period of one year.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
REQUIRING EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR ELECTIONS  
FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**WHEREAS**, the Marinwood Community Services District (District) is a special district operating under Government Code Title 6, Division 3 (beginning with section 61000); and

**WHEREAS**, the District is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of five (5) members who are elected for a term of four (4) years; and

**WHEREAS**, in September 2015 the Governor signed Senate Bill No. 415, which in most instances requires political subdivisions, including cities, school districts, community college districts, and other districts organized pursuant to state law, to move their elections for governing board members from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years if their elections currently occur on odd-numbered years; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Election Code §10505, the District currently holds its election for members of its Board of Directors in odd-numbered years; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Election Code §10404, the District's Board of Directors may, by resolution, order that the elections of its directors be held on the same day as a statewide general election; and

**WHEREAS**, the terms of two (2) members of the Board of Directors are set to expire in November of 2017 and the terms of three (3) members of the Board of Directors are set to expire in November of 2019, as described in Exhibit A to this resolution, which is attached, and;

**WHEREAS**, the next statewide general election in November of an even-numbered year at which the Board of Directors could be elected following the expiration of the terms of the current Directors is November 6, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors desires, as permitted by law, to consolidate the election of members of its Board of Directors with the statewide general election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that pursuant to its rights, powers and authority, the Board of Directors of the Marinwood Community Services District hereby resolves, finds and orders:

1. Elections of members of the District's Board of Directors to occur regularly on the same date as statewide general elections occurring on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years; and, further, that the election shall be consolidated with all other elections held throughout the territory on that day.
2. Such elections shall commence with the statewide general election to be held on November 6, 2018.

3. For those members of the District's Board of Directors whose terms of office would have expired in 2017, their terms of office will be extended to 2018; for those members of the District's Board of Directors whose terms of office would have expired in 2019, their terms of office will be extended to 2020, as described in Exhibit A to this Resolution, in accordance with Election Code 10404(i).
4. That the Registrar of Voters shall cause, at District expense, a notice to be mailed to all registered voters in the Marinwood Community Services District informing them of the change in election date specified herein and of the resultant changes in terms of the elected officeholders.
5. The specific dates for the filing of nomination papers, notices, canvass of votes, certification of election results, and all other procedural requirements of the Election Code pertaining to the election of members of the District's Board of Directors shall be consistent with Election Code pertaining to statewide general elections.
6. Directs the District Manager to submit this Resolution to the County of Marin Board of Supervisors no later than 240 days prior to the next scheduled District election.
7. Requests the County of Marin Board of Supervisors administer this Resolution as set forth in Election Code §10404 and, within 60 days of the submission of this Resolution, approve this resolution unless it finds that the ballot style, voting equipment, or computer capacity cannot handle additional elections or materials, in accordance with Election Code 10404(e).

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a special meeting on March 8, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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Bill Shea, President of the Board

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carolyn Sullivan, Secretary to the Board

EXHIBIT A

Marinwood Community Services District  
Board of Directors

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Current Election Year</u>	<u>Resolved Election Year</u>
Irving Schwartz	2017	2018
William Shea	2017	2018
Leah Kleinman-Green	2019	2020
Jeffrey Naylor	2019	2020
Izabela Perry	2019	2020