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MEMORANDUM

TO: LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: Diane C Fridley, Registrar of Voters

DATE: April 24, 2018

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration of Resolution Approving the Fire Protection Districts' Election Date Change For Governing Body Members from Odd-Numbered Years to the Same Day as the Statewide General Election Held in Even-Numbered Years; and Impact Analysis/Cost Effectiveness Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In response to the "California Voter Participation Rights Act, SB 415" signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown on September 1, 2015, which requires districts with regularly scheduled odd-year elections with at least 25% less than the average turnout of previous four statewide general elections to adopt a plan to change to the same day as the Statewide General Election held in even-numbered years; the Fire Protection Districts enumerated in Exhibit "A" attached to this Resolution have complied with the requirements of SB 415.

The Kelseyville Fire Protection District, the Lake County Fire Protection District, and the South Lake County Fire Protection District ("Fire Protection Districts" enumerated in Exhibit "A" attached to this Resolution) Board of Directors' adopted a resolution requesting the Lake County Board of Supervisors to consider changing each of the Fire Protection District's Governing Body Member Elections from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years and your Board accepted each and every Fire Protection District's Resolution at your regular meeting on April 10, 2018.

Elections Code §10404 requires your Board to approve the attached Resolution changing each of the Fire Protection Districts' Governing Body Member Election Dates to even-numbered years commencing with the November 3, 2020 Statewide Presidential General Election since the Registrar of Voters has determined that the change of election date will not cause the ballot layout, computer capacity or computer equipment to be exceeded with the consolidation of the Fire Protection Districts' Governing Body Member Elections. Additionally, the Registrar of Voters estimates that by consolidating the Fire Protection Districts' Governing Body Member Elections with the even-numbered year Statewide General Elections, each of the Fire Protection District's share of costs

would be substantially reduced from an odd-numbered year election; and, as an added benefit, each Fire Protection District's Governing Body Member Election will most likely have a greater voter participation if changed to even-numbered year elections.

FISCAL IMPACT: ☒ None ☐ Budgeted ☐ Non-Budgeted

Estimated Cost:

Amount Budgeted:

Additional Requested:

Annual Cost (if planned for future years):

FISCAL IMPACT (Narrative):

Each of the Fire Protection Districts will be required to pay for any additional costs the Registrar of Voters office incurs as a result of a Fire Protection District's consolidation with the Statewide General Election. Fire Protection District candidate names are only printed on the ballot if there are more candidates than there are vacancies to be filled on the board of directors. When the number of candidates to be elected does not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, there is no election held for governing body members and the Board of Supervisors will appoint the nominees in lieu of holding an election on the day of the scheduled election. Consequently, the fiscal impact is unknown at this time.

STAFFING IMPACT (if applicable):

None

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that your Board approve the attached resolution titled "Resolution Approving the Election Date Change for Governing Body Members of Fire Protection Districts from Odd-Numbered Years to the Same Day as the Statewide General Election Held in Even-Numbered Years" at this meeting. Following your Board's approval of this Resolution, the Registrar of Voters is required to notify all registered voters residing within the boundaries of each of the Fire Protection Districts enumerated in Exhibit "A" by mail affected by the change of election date at the expense of each of the Fire Protection Districts.