

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE ARROWHEAD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING CONSOLIDATED ELECTION FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS WITH STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTIONS AND APPROVING THE RESCHEDULING OF SUCH ELECTIONS FROM ODD-YEAR TO EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS COMMENCING WITH THE 2017 ELECTION

WHEREAS, Lake Arrowhead Community Services District (LACSD) is a Community Services District organized and operating within the County of San Bernardino pursuant to California Government Code Section 61000 et seq.;

WHEREAS, LACSD was formed on or about March 16, 1978, pursuant to Resolution No.1333 of the Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of San Bernardino (LAFCO);

WHEREAS, Condition No. 7 of LAFCO Resolution No. 1333 expressly states that LACSD'S Board of Directors (Board) "be governed by a five member board of directors elected at-large;"

WHEREAS, under Sections 61020 and 61021(c) of the Government Code, the elections and terms of office for members of the Board shall be determined pursuant to the Uniform District Election Law (Elections Code Section 10500 et seq.);

WHEREAS, by operation of Sections 10505 and 10507 of the Elections Code, districts such as LACSD that are formed in an even-numbered year are required to hold their Board elections on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each odd-numbered year;

WHEREAS, the current date for election of the Board is every two (2) years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd years (e.g. the next election is scheduled for November 7, 2017);

WHEREAS, statewide general elections are held in California only in June and November of even years (e.g. the next statewide general election is scheduled for November 6, 2018) (Elections Code Section 1001);

WHEREAS, LACSD is located entirely within San Bernardino County;

WHEREAS, the California Voter Participation Rights Act (Senate Bill 415), approved by the Governor in September 2015 and effective January 1, 2018, prohibits a political

subdivision from holding an election other than on a statewide election date commencing January 2018 (Elections Code Sections 14050-14057);

WHEREAS, elections that are held in odd-numbered years have historically had lower levels of voter participation than statewide elections conducted in even-numbered years;

WHEREAS, since LACSD's Board-member elections are not held in conjunction with most state elections, LACSD is forced to bear disproportionately higher election costs than if the elections were consolidated with statewide general elections in even-numbered years; and LACSD wishes to reduce its election expenses;

WHEREAS, LACSD wishes to increase voter participation in elections for Board members and to reduce expenses whenever possible;

WHEREAS, it is considered the view of the Board that starting with the 2017 Board elections, the public interest will be better served by election of its Board members pursuant to "even year elections" in conjunction with the statewide general elections;

WHEREAS, as a result of these facts, the Board desires to change the date of future Board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election in order to increase and enhance voter participation;

WHEREAS, while the Board recognizes there is a cost savings to LACSD resulting from aligning its election with the statewide general elections, this factor is not the primary motivation for the Board's decision, however, this incidental benefit furthers LACSD's policy of fiscal responsibility;

WHEREAS, while the Board recognizes the terms of its members would be extended as a result of aligning LACSD's elections with the statewide general elections, this is not the reason for the Board's decision;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code Sections 1303(b) and 10505(d), LACSD is authorized by Section 10404 of the Elections Code to adopt a resolution requiring that its Board member elections be held on the same day as the statewide general election; and

WHEREAS, if the change in election date is approved, it is being requested the new election date be moved from November 2017 to November 2018 with Board members whose terms would have expired in 2017 being extended to 2018 and Board members whose terms would have expired in 2019 being extended to 2020, as required by Elections Code Section 10404(i) [refer to Exhibit A].

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District that the above recitals are true and correct and that the Board hereby adopts this Resolution to consolidate the election date for members of the Board with the California state general election in November in even years (Elections Code Section 1001) pursuant to Elections Code Section 10404(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District that the Board Secretary will notify the San Bernardino County Elections Office that the District is prepared to pay the expenses of mailing notice of approval of the change in election date by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors as required by Elections Code 10405.7(f).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District that the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors is hereby requested to consolidate all future elections for the Board of Directors of the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District with the statewide general elections to be held in even-numbered years, beginning on November 6, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District that if the consolidation of election is approved, the term of office of current Board members expiring in November 2017 will be extended to November 2018 and the term of Board members expiring in November 2019 will be extended to November 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District that the District's General Manager or designee is authorized to take such actions and execute such agreements and documentation necessary to implement the intent of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Lake Arrowhead Community Services Community Services District on February 28, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES: Keefe, Thompson, and Wurm

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

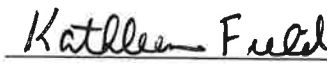
ABSENT: Boydston, Gross



Bill Thompson, President of the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District Board of Directors

ATTEST

(SEAL)



Kathleen Field, Secretary of the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District and to the Board of Directors

EXHIBIT "A"

LAKE ARROWHEAD COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Member	Current Election Year	New Election Year
Bill Thompson, President	2017	2018
John Wurm, Vice President	2019	2020
Steve Boydston, Director	2019	2020
Ryan Gross, Director	2017	2018
Steve Keefe, Director	2017	2018

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen Field, Board Secretary of the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of **Resolution No. 2017-03** adopted by the Board of Directors of said Agency at the regular meeting of said Board held on the **28th day of February 2017**, by the following vote:

AYES: Keefe, Thompson, and Wurm

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Boydston, Gross

Kathleen Field

Kathleen Field, Secretary to the Lake
Arrowhead Community Services District
and to the Board of Directors