

BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
Southern Inyo Fire Protection DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF INYO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

A Resolution of the Governing Body of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District Approving the Rescheduling of Governing Body Member Elections from Odd-Numbered Years to Even-Numbered Years, in Accordance with Elections Code § 1303(b) and Senate Bill 415 (2015-2016 Regular Session), and Requesting the Approval of the County of Inyo to Consolidate the Same with the Statewide General Election Pursuant to Elections Code § 10404.

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WHEREAS, on September 1, 2015, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 415 (Reg. Sess.), codified at Stats. 2015, ch. 235, enacting Elections Code §§ 14050-14057, which prohibits the holding of an election other than on a statewide election date if holding an election on a nonconcurrent date resulted in a significant decrease in voter turnout, as defined, and further authorizes voters to enforce this prohibition by filing an action in superior court; and

WHEREAS, the SIFPD District currently conducts its elections for members of the District in November of odd-numbered years (e.g., November 2015) pursuant to Elections Code § 1303 subdivision (a); and

WHEREAS, voter participation in Inyo County is greater for statewide general elections than for odd-year local elections, including special district governing body member elections; and

WHEREAS, the District believes that rescheduling to even-numbered year elections may enhance voter participation and further increase the percentage of voters participating in the Special Districts elections; and

WHEREAS, it is considered the view of the District that starting with the [2018] Special Districts elections, the public interest will be better served by election of its governing body members in even-numbered year elections, held in conjunction with the statewide general elections; and

WHEREAS, the District further recognizes that there may also be a cost savings to the District resulting from aligning the District's elections with the statewide general elections; and

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

WHEREAS, Elections Code § 1303(b) establishes a procedure whereby the District may change the election date for its governing body members by adopting a resolution seeking approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors of the affected county, *see* Elec. Code § 10404; and

WHEREAS, if the change in election date is approved by the Inyo County Board of Supervisors, it is requested that the new election date be moved from November of odd-numbered years to November of even-numbered years commencing in [2020] with governing body members whose terms would have expired in [2019] being extended to [2020] and governing body members whose terms would have expired in [2021] being extended to [2022], as required by Elections Code § 10404(i) (refer to Exhibit A),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. The undersigned, constituting at least a majority of the members of the *Southern Inyo Fire Protection* District Governing Body, do hereby adopt this resolution to consolidate the election date for members of the District with the state general election in November of even-numbered years, beginning in [2020] pursuant to Elections Code § 1303(b).
3. The District shall forward the original copy of this resolution to the Inyo County Elections and Inyo County Board of Supervisors, who will consider the request for formal approval of the change at a public meeting within 60 days after submission and after the resolutions have been posted in accordance with law.
4. The District shall pay the expenses of mailing notice of approval of the change in election date by the Inyo County Board of Supervisors as required by Elections Code § 10404 subdivision (f).
5. If the consolidation of election is approved by the Board of Supervisors, the date of the District's next election will be moved to November [2020], and each subsequent governing body member election will be held two years thereafter in November of even-numbered years.
6. If the consolidation of election is approved, the terms of office of current governing body members expiring in November [2019] will be extended to November [2020] and the terms of members expiring in November [2021] will be extended to November [2022] (see Exhibit A).

7. In the event that the Inyo County Board of Supervisors declines to authorize consolidation in [2020] on the grounds specified in Elections Code § 10404(e), the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District Governing Body requests that the Inyo County Board of Supervisors authorize such consolidation at the soonest feasible date.
8. The District and/or her designee is authorized to take such actions and execute such agreements and documentation as are necessary to effect the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing RESOLUTION was adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017, at a regular meeting of the Governing Body of the SIFPD District, by the following vote:

AYES: 3

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2

Dated: 6-15-17

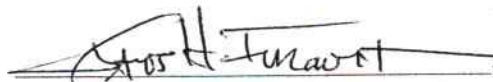
  
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President

SIFPD District

### CERTIFICATION

I, JIM FURLOW, District Secretary of the SIFPD District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was proposed by Governing Body Member ROBIN FURLOW seconded by Governing Body Member JIM FURLOW, and was duly passed and adopted by a majority of the members of said Governing Body, at an official and public meeting thereof held on JUNE 15 2017.

Dated: JUNE 15 2017

  
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Clerk