

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-1

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
SCOTIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF MAIL BALLOT ELECTIONS**

The Scotia Community Services District Board of Directors does ordain as follows:

Section 1. The Use of Mail Ballot Elections is hereby adopted as follows:

- A. The California Elections Code provides that any election or assessment ballot proceeding required or authorized by Article XIII C or XIII D of the California Constitution may be conducted wholly by mail.
- B. In accordance with Section 4000 of the California Elections Code, the Board of Directors approval is required to authorize the use of mail ballots for such an election.
- C. The Board of Directors finds that mail ballot elections held elsewhere in the State have been shown to achieve higher voter turn out and also to be less expensive than the more traditional means of voting, and that authorizing the use of mail ballot elections for proceedings pursuant to Article XIII C or XIII D of the California Constitution is, therefore, in the public interest.

Section 2. Mail Ballot Elections.

- A. The Board of Directors is authorized to conduct elections wholly by mail ballot as described in subsection B of this section. The Board of Directors shall determine whether an election will be conducted by mail at the time the election is called. Actions of the Board of Directors pursuant to this section shall be set forth in a resolution approved at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.
- B. The following items may be the subject of a mail ballot election:
 - (1) Any election to approve a special tax as required or authorized by Article XIII C of the California Constitution.
 - (2) Any election to approve a property-related fee or charge as required or authorized by Article XIII D of the California Constitution.
 - (3) Any assessment ballot proceeding required or authorized by Article XIII D of the California Constitution; provided that such proceeding be denominated an "Assessment Ballot Proceeding" rather than an election.
- C. Elections authorized by this section shall not occur on the same date as a statewide direct primary election or statewide general election.
- D. Elections authorized by this ordinance shall be deemed special elections and shall be conducted in accordance with the special provisions as may be adopted by resolution by the Board of Directors with respect to assessment ballot proceedings and elections for property-related fees and charges, and, with respect to elections on taxes, in

accordance with the provisions for mail ballot elections set forth in Elections Code sections 4100 and following, as now exist or may hereafter be amended.

Section 3. This is not a project for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Section 4. This ordinance shall be effective on the thirty-first day after the date of its adoption.

DATE: 3/17/16

ATTEST:


Clerk, Scotia Community Services District

APPROVED:


President, Scotia Community Services District

Clerk's Certificate

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 2016-1, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Scotia Community Services District, Humboldt County, California on the 17th day of March, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Bristol, McKnight, Pryor, Walsh

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0


Clerk, Scotia Community Services District