

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
EXETER IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

IN THE MATTER OF CHANGING)
FROM ODD TO EVEN YEAR)
ELECTIONS)
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Resolution No. 2014-08

Resolution to change from odd to
even year elections, postponing the
2015 election, and extending the
terms of existing trustees by one year

WHEREAS, the directors of the Exeter Irrigation District currently are elected at-large in November of odd-numbered years; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code § 10404 provides that a special district may, by resolution, require that its election of governing body members be held on the same day as the Statewide General Election; and

WHEREAS, said Governing Board has determined that the consolidation with the Statewide General Election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even numbered year would result in a significant cost savings to the District; and

WHEREAS, said Governing Board has requested the Board of Supervisors of Tulare County to consent to and order the consolidation of said election of directors with statewide general elections; and

WHEREAS, the Election Official's Report indicates that the optical-scan ballot used in the County readily accepts additional consolidations, that neither the ballot nor the precinct counter capacity would be affected by the consolidation, that the consolidation should save the District money, and any costs to the County due to the Consolidation will be offset by reimbursement revenue from the District for its prorated share of the election costs;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has caused notice of the receipt of the resolution to consolidate the District's election of directors to all districts located in the County requesting input from each district on the effect of consolidation pursuant to Elections Code § 1004(c)

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EXETER IRRIGATION DISTRICT HEREBY FINDS AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

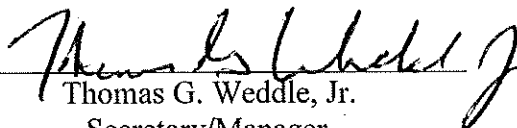
1. The Board finds that changing from odd to even year elections will reduce election costs, increase voter participation, and is in the best interest of the District;
2. The Board requests the Tulare County Board of Supervisors to approve changing from even to odd year elections, establishing the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year as the District's regular election cycle;
3. The Board requests the County Board to issue its approval before March 09, 2015, to take all legally required steps to cancel the November 2015 election, and to establish the date for the District's next election as November 8, 2016;
4. The Board authorizes the payment of required fees the County to notify the electorate of the change in election dates;
5. If approved by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors, the Board acknowledges that, by operation of law, the terms of all existing members of the Board of Trustees shall be extended by one year.

This Resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Exeter Irrigation District on November 13, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES:	<u>5</u>
NOES:	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN:	<u>0</u>
ABSENT:	<u>0</u>

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY:

Dated: Nov 14, 2014



Thomas G. Weddle, Jr.
Secretary/Manager