

*Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control &  
Water Conservation Improvement District*

**STAFF REPORT**

**Agenda Item 5: 2024 District Trustee Elections**

**Monday, May 13, 2024**

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**The Strategic Plan** relevant priority is **Administration**, Goal 2: Engaged, diverse, and knowledgeable Board leadership.

**Background**

*(The following was taken from letters and memos from the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder's Office. See Election Code 10500-10556 for all the following information.)*

Uniform district election laws dictate that special district elections are held in November of odd numbered years. **This District's next election will be conducted on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.**

Candidate filing forms are available at the County Clerk-Recorder office at 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, CA Rom 1020 and must be obtained, completed, and returned to the Clerk-Recorder by the candidate. **Forms will be available, and the filing period beings on July 15, 2024 and ends at 5:00 PM on August 9, 2024.** The District must submit a Notice of Elective Office to be Filled by July 3, 2024, indicating the list of officials whose terms expire in December 2024 and whether they were elected or appointed.

After the candidate filing deadline, the County Clerk-Recorder office will have a candidate list available for all districts at their request. If more candidates file than there are open positions, there will be an election in the district. If the same or fewer candidates file for open positions, the County Board of Supervisors will appoint in lieu of elections, all candidates who file. If no one files for the open positions, the district has an opportunity to contact their representative on the Board of Supervisors and suggest any interested persons for appointments to the district. If vacancies remain in the district after the election, there are no previsions in the code for districts to make their own appointments unless the vacancy is caused by the resignation or otherwise disqualification of a current member. When a director resigns or is otherwise disqualified, the district can appoint someone to fill the vacancy until the next general district election.

A flat fee of \$300 is set for payment by districts that don't go to election, for work done prior to and during the candidacy filing period. Districts that go to election will be billed at actual cost for conducting the election.

Once the election is held, districts are sent a certified statement of all votes cast and a declaration of candidates elected. Candidates are sent a Certificate of Election & Oath of Office form to be signed and oath taken before someone qualified to administer oaths, such as the County Clerks office.

Current term expiration dates:

November 2024: Tyler Rodrigue and Alfred White

November 2026: John Bailey, John Reardan, and Christopher Watt

**Discussion**

The Board is invited to provide comments and questions.

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