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**Meeting Type:** Board of Directors  
**Title:** Request for Marin County Elections to Perform Election Services for November 2026 District Elections  
**From:** Adriane Mertens, Communications & Public Affairs Manager  
**Through:** Ben Horenstein, General Manager  
**Meeting Date:** June 2, 2026

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**TYPE OF ITEM:**        X        Action                    Information

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt a resolution calling for and consolidating the election of District Directors in Divisions I, III and IV with the November 3, 2026 Statewide General Election, and requesting that the Marin County Elections Department perform all necessary election services and canvassing of said election

**SUMMARY:** Historically, the District has requested that the Marin County Elections Department (County) perform all necessary election services and canvassing of its elections. Staff recommends that the District continue this practice by requesting that the County perform these services for the 2026 Director elections to take place on November 3, 2026.

**DISCUSSION:** A five-member Board of Directors governs the District, with each Director elected to represent one of five geographic areas. The directors serve overlapping four-year terms of office. The terms of office for Directors in divisions I, III and IV run through December 2026, and those offices will be up for election during the November 3, 2026 statewide election.

The County has historically carried out all necessary election services for the District and canvassed the results of the District's elections. The District reimburses the County for all costs associated with performing these election services. Staff recommends that the District continue to have the County perform these election services, consistent with past practice and given the County Registrar of Voters' experience in this area.

Therefore, staff recommends that the Board of Directors adopt a resolution calling for and consolidating the election of District Directors in Divisions II and V with the November 3, 2026 Statewide General Election, and request that the Marin County Elections Department perform all necessary election services and canvassing of said election.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** Not applicable.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The District will reimburse the County for all costs associated with performing these election services. According to the County Elections Department, the estimated cost in a general election range from \$1.75 to \$3.00 per voter. In Divisions I, III, and IV, there is a total of approximately 82,748 registered voters. If everyone votes in those divisions, the cost can range from \$104,889 - \$248,244.

After the General Election of November 8, 2022, when these division seats were up, the District paid \$30,938.69 for the Division I Election, \$33,549.94 for the Division III Election, and \$33,330.07 for the Division IV Election. The total cost was \$97,818.70, which was approximately \$1.63 per registered voter.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

- 1. Draft Resolution

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
Communications & Public Affairs	 Adriane Mertens Communications & Public Affairs Manager	 Ben Horenstein General Manager