

RESOLUTION NO. 2019- 10

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COSUMNES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE TRANSITION FROM AT-LARGE TO BY-DIVISION ELECTIONS AND SETTING FORTH THE PROCESS FOR TRANSITIONING TO BY DIVISION ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Cosumnes Community Services District (“District”) are currently elected through an at-large election process; and

WHEREAS, subdivision (a) of Election Code section 10650 authorizes a special district to, by resolution, require that the members of its governing body be elected using district-based elections without being required to submit the resolution to the voters for approval, in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (“CVRA”); and

WHEREAS, many public agencies are moving from at-large to by-district elections, and the District is also considering making that transition; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to adopt a resolution pursuant to Government Code Section 10650 transitioning from at-large to by-district elections commencing with the November 3, 2020 general election and establish specific steps it will undertake to facilitate this transition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COSUMNES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Adoption of Recitals. The recitals set forth above are true and correct.

Section 2. Transition to District-Based Elections. The Board of Directors hereby provides that the members of its governing body shall be elected using by-district based elections, commencing with the November 3, 2020 general election. The Board of Directors hereby declares through its adoption of this resolution that it is electing to change from the at-large to by-district method of electing members of the governing body in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 14025) of Division 14 of the Elections Code).

Section 3. Upcoming Actions. The Board of Directors shall take, or shall cause District staff to take, the following actions prior to the November 3, 2020 general election, taking into consideration the time required for public outreach and input, agenda requirements under the Brown Act, the Board of Director’s meeting schedule, and the timeframes established under Elections Code section 10010:

(a) Conduct public outreach, including to non-English speaking communities, to explain the districting process and to encourage public participation;

(b) Before drawing a draft map or maps of the proposed division boundaries, hold at least two public hearings at which the public is invited to provide input regarding the composition of the divisions and to consider division boundaries as provided in Elections Code section 10010;

(c) After drawing a draft map or maps, publish the draft map(s) and the potential sequence of the division elections and hold at least two public hearings at which the public is invited to provide input regarding the content of the draft map or maps and the proposed sequence of elections; and

(d) Hold a public hearing at which the Board of Directors will consider and adopt a resolution establishing division elections, including the adoption of a division boundary map and the sequence of the division elections.

Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are severable. The Board of Directors hereby declares that it would have adopted this Resolution irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof.

Section 5. Repeal of Conflicting Provisions. That all of the provisions heretofore adopted by the District or the Board of Directors that are in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 6. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Section 7. Certification. The Secretary is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Board of Supervisors and the County election official of the County of Sacramento.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of February, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:	Albani, Brewer, Fuentes, Moreno
NOES:	Luttrell
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None


President of the Board of Directors

ATTEST:


Secretary of the Board of Directors