

COFFEE CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-002

A RESOLUTION OF THE COFFEE CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DISTRICT CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION AND ORDERING THAT A QUESTION RELATING TO REDUCING THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

WHEREAS, the Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire District ("District") was formed on July 1, 2004 pursuant to LAFCo Resolution No. LAFCO-04-01, which provides that the District's Board of Directors shall be made up of nine (9) members elected at-large from within the District boundary; and

WHEREAS, procedure for a change in Board membership of existing Fire Protection Districts within California is outlined in Fire Protection District Law of 1987 (California Health and Safety Code, Division 12, Article 3, Section 13845); indicating that a Resolution must be approved by the Board to initiate a Board membership change; and

WHEREAS, because of the rural nature of the District and the difficulty of filling ongoing vacancies, the Board of Directors has determined it is necessary to decrease the number of Directors from nine (9) to five (5) members in order to maintain a quorum for the Board's functioning.

WHEREAS, the District desires to submit to voters a question regarding whether to decrease the number of Directors on the Board from nine to five members, pursuant to Section 13845 of the California Health and Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, if the voters approve of decreasing the number of directors, the members of the District Board continue to serve until the end of their current terms, pursuant to Section 13845 of the California Health and Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 13845 of the California Health and Safety Code requires majority approval by the voters to change the number of Directors on the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to its rights, powers and authority, the Board of Directors of the Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire District hereby:

1. The District requests that the Trinity County Board of Supervisors direct County election officials to conduct the necessary election, setting the matter for consideration on the November 3, 2020 presidential general election in accordance with Elections Code.
2. The question to be submitted to the voters shall read as follows:

Number of Directors of the Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire District. Due to the rural nature of the community and the difficulty of filling ongoing vacancies, shall the number of Directors of the Coffee Creek Volunteer Fire District change from nine Directors to five Directors?

This question shall be confirmed if favored by a majority of the votes cast within the territory for which the election is held.

3. The District recognizes that additional costs will be incurred by the County by reason of providing election services and agrees to reimburse the County for such costs.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Coffee Creek Fire Protection District at a meeting held on the 13th day of May, 2020, upon motion of Director Lorrac Craig , Seconded by Director Bobby Rangel

AYES: _____ ABSENT: _____
NOES: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

Certified by:

/s/ George Lawrence

George M. Lawrence, President, Board of Directors

5/13/2020

Date: _____

ATTEST: /s/ David Overly

David A Overly, Clerk of the Board