



Legislation Text

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TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Sheryl L. Bratton, County Counsel
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SUBJECT: Consolidation of Local Special Elections with the Presidential Primary Election

RECOMMENDATION

County Counsel requests adoption of a Resolution consolidating three local special elections with the Presidential Primary Election to be held on March 5, 2024.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Board of Supervisors received three requests to consolidate local special elections with the Primary Presidential Election to be held on March 5, 2024. The requests are from the Town of Yountville, the Lake Berryessa Resort Improvement District (LBRID), and the Howell Mountain Elementary School District.

The Board of Supervisors may order the local special elections to be consolidated with the statewide election pursuant to Elections Code sections 10400 and 10401. All three local agencies have expressed their intent to reimburse the County for the cost of their elections. The proposed Resolution consolidates the three special elections with the March 5, 2024 primary election and authorizes the Registrar of Voters to provide elections services to the three entities.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	No
Is it currently budgeted?	No
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Consolidating the local special elections with the statewide election is more convenient for voters and cost effective.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	None.
Consequences if not approved:	Separate elections will need to be conducted, likely at a higher cost.

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed: Effective and Open Government

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15060(c)(3) because the activity is not a project pursuant to section 15378, and because it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment pursuant to section 15060(c)(2).

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Board of Supervisors received three requests to consolidate local special elections with the Primary Presidential Election to be held on March 5, 2024. The requests are for:

1. Town of Yountville Measure U: establishing the appropriations limit for the Town of Yountville for Fiscal Years 2022-2023 through 2026-2027;
2. LBRID Measure U: establishing the appropriations limit of LBRID for Fiscal Years 2024-2025 through 2027-2028; and
3. Howell Mountain Elementary School District Measure D: school bond election for school improvements.

The Board of Supervisors may order the local special elections to be consolidated with the statewide election pursuant to Elections Code section 10401. All three local agencies have expressed their intent to reimburse the County for the cost of their elections. The proposed Resolution will authorize the Registrar of Voters to consolidate the three local special elections with the Presidential Primary Election.

(The Town of Yountville and LBRID measures are coincidentally both named Measure U.)