

**RESOLUTION NO. 1107  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
NORTH COAST COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

**APPROVING THE INTENTION TO CHANGE FROM AT-LARGE TO  
ZONE-BASED ELECTIONS FOR ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS COMMENCING IN NOVEMBER OF 2020**

WHEREAS, the North Coast County Water District is a Water District duly organized and operating pursuant to the County Water District Law, California Water Code sections 30000 to 33901 et seq.;

WHEREAS, the California Legislature in the County Water District Law provided for the formation, governance, and operation of County Water Districts, and North Coast County Water District was established in 1944 with boundaries including the City of Pacifica and portions of unincorporated San Mateo County;

WHEREAS, under the District's enabling legislation (Cal. Water Code sections 30000 to 33901), the Board of Directors ("Board") of the North Coast County Water District ("NCCWD" or "District") provides for the development and provision to its customers of a sufficient quantity of high quality water in the most cost-effective, reliable, and environmentally sensitive manner;

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to manage the NCCWD in a manner to maximize efficiency and to ensure delivery of quality services to residents of the district it serves;

WHEREAS, the Board currently is comprised of 5 directors who serve 4-year staggered terms and are elected in even-numbered years pursuant to Cal. Water Code sections 30500 and 30501, and Cal. Elections Code section 10505;

WHEREAS, the District's enabling legislation (Cal. Water sections 30292 et seq.) mandated that the directors be elected at large;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to be as responsive a body as possible to the needs of the water district it serves;

WHEREAS, voter participation in the election process for Board members is of the utmost importance, and the Board desires to encourage the fullest voter participation in elections of Board members;

WHEREAS, the Board desires that its members represent the interests and wishes of all residents within the jurisdiction of the NCCWD, and that the community have confidence that the Board continues to represent the interests and wishes of the District;

WHEREAS, two Director positions are set to be on the ballot in November of 2020, and the remaining three in November of 2022;

WHEREAS, it is the District's intention to establish 5 zones which: are in compliance with one person, one vote requirements; are intended to ensure the opportunity of the District's minority groups with respect to their effective exercise of the electoral franchise; and, include consideration of topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity and compactness of territory, non-disturbance to existing precincts for purposes of implementation, as well as maintaining vital communities of interest;

WHEREAS, to hasten the change to zone-based elections, the District intends to have two directors elected from the new zones in November 2020 and three directors elected from new zones in November 2022;

WHEREAS, in moving to zone elections, the District's Board desires to engage the community in the dialogue as to how the zones should be drawn and in what order they should elect new directors;

WHEREAS, the District will hold several duly-noticed hearings over the next several months throughout the District to hear from the community on questions of zone boundaries and the order of zone elections; and

WHEREAS, the Board has authorized legal counsel to retain a demographer to assist the District in drawing maps for zone-elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board hereby announces its intent to change the system of election of its Board of Directors from at-large to a zone-based system;
2. The District will hold at least two public hearings over a period of no more than 30 days to discuss and seek public input on the proposed boundaries of the zones or in the zone-based system;
3. The District will utilize the services of a demographer to assist it in the drawing of zones for the new proposed zone-based system;
4. It is the District's intention to establish 5 zones which: are in compliance with one person, one vote requirements; are intended to ensure the opportunity of the District's minority groups to exercise effectively the electoral franchise; and, include consideration of topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity and compactness of territory, non-disturbance to existing precincts for purposes of implementation, as well as maintaining vital communities of interest;
5. The District will draw one or more draft maps and publish at least the first draft map at least 7 days before consideration at a public hearing;
6. Any revised draft map to be considered at a subsequent public hearing will be published at least 7 days before the subsequent public hearing;

7. Given that Directors serve staggered terms and two seats are up for election in November 2020 and the remaining three seats are up for election in November 2022, it is now the District's intent to have two directors elected from the new zones in November 2020 and three directors elected from new zones in November 2022;
8. In determining the final sequence of zone or district elections, the District shall give special consideration to the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act – Cal. Elections Code section 14025 et seq.;
9. After all maps are drawn, the District will hold at least three additional hearings over a period of not more than 45 days to discuss and seek public input on the draft map(s) and proposed sequence of elections, if necessary;
10. The District intends to determine and set the new zones for election of members of its Board and set the final sequence of elections from those zones, as soon as practicable, and estimates that the process will take approximately 90 days, which is in well in advance of the November 2020 election, when, under this resolution two Directors from new zones will be elected; and,
11. The Board directs the General Manager to take all necessary steps to facilitate the implementation of zone boundaries for election of Directors to the NCCWD.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019, by the following vote of the Board:

AYES: Directors Ash, Burgett, Cosgrove, Piccolotti and De Jarnatt

NOES: None

ABSENT: None



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President, Board of Directors  
North Coast County Water District

ATTEST:



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Secretary of the Board of Directors  
North Coast County Water District