

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-60
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE NORTH COAST COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

**AMENDING ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CHANGE FROM AT-LARGE
TO ZONE-BASED ELECTIONS FOR ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION UNTIL THE NOVEMBER 2022
ELECTION**

This Ordinance is adopted in light of the following facts and circumstances, which are found and declared by the Board of Directors (Board) of the North Coast County Water District (District).

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, by Ordinance No. 2020-59, the District established an electoral system with zone-based elections for the election of Board members with five zones as shown on Plan B3 and established the sequence of elections for each of the five zones commencing with the November 2020 election.

WHEREAS, during March 2020, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state of emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemic; the San Mateo County Health Officer declared a local health emergency and issued a shelter in place order, which currently remains in place; and the Governor issued Executive Orders suspending the time periods for key California Voting Rights Act actions because of social distancing requirements and health concerns.

WHEREAS, while the District is committed to transitioning from at-large to zone-based elections, given this unprecedented global pandemic and the current uncertainty, the District believes that this is not the right time to change the method of electing directors to the District Board of Directors, which has been in place since the District was created in 1944. The District believes that under these circumstances it will be difficult to attract candidates to run for the seats that will be on the ballot for the November 2020 election and that transitioning to zone-based elections for the 2020 election will not further the intent and purpose of the California Voting Rights Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the North Coast County Water District Board of Directors as follows:

1. The District delays the implementation of Ordinance No. 2020-59 from the November 2020 election until the November 2022 election, and all actions authorized by Ordinance No. 2020-59 will be taken as necessary to implement Ordinance No. 2020-59 for the November 2022 election.
2. The General Manager is authorized to take all actions necessary to give effect to this Ordinance to delay implementation of Ordinance No. 2020-59 until the

November 2022 election.


3. Except as expressly set forth in this Ordinance, Ordinance No. 2020-59 remains in full force and effect.

This Ordinance is adopted at a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Coast County Water District held this 27th day of May 2020, by the following vote:

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

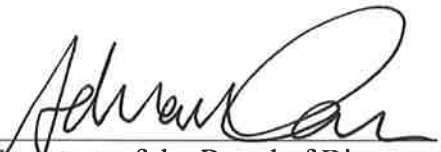
NOES:

ABSENT:



President, Board of Directors
North Coast County Water District

ATTEST:



Secretary of the Board of Directors