RESOLUTION NO. 742

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A PLAN TO CHANGE THE REGULAR ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM AUGUST OF ODD-NUMBERED YEARS TO THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER OF EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Elections Code Section 1500(c), the Idyllwild Water District ("District") currently holds its regular election for its Board of Directors in August of each odd-numbered year; and

WHEREAS, the California Voter Participation Rights Act (SB 415) becomes effective on January 1, 2018, and prohibits a political subdivision (including special districts) from holding a regular election on a date other than on a statewide primary or general election date in even-numbered years, if holding a regular election on a non-statewide election date has previously resulted in a "significant decrease in voter turnout," which is defined by SB 415 as at least 25 percent less voter turnout than the average voter turnout within a district for the previous four statewide general elections; and

WHEREAS, the District's regular election date is not a statewide election date; and

WHEREAS, elections held in odd-numbered years have historically resulted in lower participation and higher expenses to the District; and

WHEREAS, in order to change its regular election date to comply with SB 415, Elections Code Section 1303(b) authorizes the District to adopt a resolution changing its regular election date from August of odd-numbered years to the statewide general election in November of even-numbered years; and

WHEREAS, the resolution must then be submitted to the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors by no later than December 1, 2018, which is at least 240 days before the next scheduled District regular election date, and the resolution must be approved by the Board of Supervisors in order to change the District's election date; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and desire of the District's Board of Directors to change its regular election date for Directors from August of odd-numbered years to the statewide general election in November of even-numbered years; and

WHEREAS, State law allows the District to extend the terms of current Directors until their successors are elected and qualified, in order to match their terms with a changed regular election date (Elections Code Section 10404(i)); and

WHEREAS, this Resolution constitutes the District's plan to consolidate future elections with a statewide election as provided in SB 415 (Elections Code Section 14052(b)).

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved, determined, and ordered by the Board of Directors of the Idyllwild Water District as follows:

<u>Section 1.</u> The matters set forth in the recitals to this Resolution are true and correct statements and by this reference are incorporated herein and made findings and determinations of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The Board of Directors of the Idyllwild Water District, pursuant to Elections Code Sections 1303(b) and 10404(b), hereby approves and adopts a plan to change the date of its regular election for the Board of Directors from the first Tuesday following the first Monday in August of odd numbered years to the statewide general election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years.

Section 3. Approval of such Plan and subsequent approval by the County will extend the term of office for the current Directors with terms expiring in December 2019 to December 2020, and will extend the term of office for the current Directors with terms expiring in December 2021 to December 2022. Directors elected to new terms in November 2020, November 2022, and in all future elections shall serve standard four-year terms

Section 4. The Board of Directors of the District hereby requests approval from the Riverside County Board of Supervisors of its Plan to consolidate the District's currently scheduled August 2019 regular election with the November 2020 statewide general election, and to consolidate all future District elections with the statewide general election to be held in November of even-numbered years. The Board President and General Manager are hereby authorized to take any and all actions, and execute any documents necessary, to assist the Riverside County Board of Supervisors in its review and approval of this Resolution.

<u>Section 5.</u> Special elections called for the purpose of filling Board vacancies, recall of Directors, consideration of District initiative or referendum measures, and for other lawful purposes, are not affected by this Resolution, and may be called at any time authorized by applicable law.

<u>Section 6.</u> The Clerk of the Board of Directors of the District shall transmit certified copies of this Resolution to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Riverside by the end of 2017.

<u>Section 7.</u> This Resolution shall take effect upon approval by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors.

President of the

Board of Directors of the Idyllwild Water District

ATTEST:

Secretary of the

Board of Directors of the Idyllwild Water District

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
)ss.
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE)

I, Erica Gonzales, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Idyllwild Water District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 742 was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of said District at a regular meeting thereof held on the 20 day of December 2017, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

DIRECTORS:

Peter Szabadi, Catherine Dearing, Steve

Kunkle, Charles Schelly

NOES:

DIRECTORS:

ABSENT:

DIRECTORS:

Geoffrey Caine

ABSTAIN:

DIRECTORS:

Secretary of the

Board of Directors of the Idyllwild Water District

(SEAL)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
)ss
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE)

I, Erica Gonzales, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Idyllwild Water District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution No. 742 of said Board, and that the same has not been amended or repealed.

DATED:

December 20, 2017

Secretary of the Idyllwild Water District

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