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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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JEFF LEVINSON
INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE KINNELOA IRRIGATION DISTRICT APPROVING THE
RESCHEDULING OF
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS FROM
ODD TO EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS
COMMENCING WITH THE 2026 BOARD ELECTION

WHEREAS; the current date for election of Governing Board members ("Board") of the Kinneloa Irrigation District ("District") is every Four (4) years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd years (e.g. the next election is scheduled for November 2025) (Elections Code Section 10404(a)); and

WHEREAS; statewide general elections are held in California only in June and November of even years (e.g. the next statewide general election is scheduled for November 2024) (Elections Code Section 1001); and

WHEREAS; the District is located entirely within Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS; Senate Bill 415, approved by the Governor in September 2015, prohibits a political subdivision from holding an election other than on a statewide election date commencing January 2018; and

WHEREAS; generally, voter participation is greater for statewide general elections than for special local elections including Special District board member elections; and

WHEREAS; the Board seeks to enhance voter participation and to specifically to increase the percentage of voters participating in the Board election; and

WHEREAS; the Board believes that rescheduling to "even-year elections" may enhance voter participation and further increase the percentage of voters participating in the Board election; and

WHEREAS; it is considered the view of the Board that starting with the 2026 Board elections, the public interest will be better served by election of its Board members pursuant to "even- year elections" in conjunction with the statewide general elections; and

WHEREAS; as a result of these facts, the Board desires to change the date of future Board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election in order to increase and enhance voter participation; and

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WHEREAS; while the Board recognizes there is a cost savings to the District resulting from aligning the District's election with the statewide general elections, this factor is not the primary motivation for the Board's decision. however, this incidental benefit furthers the District's policy of fiscal responsibility; and

WHEREAS, while the Board recognizes the terms of its members would be extended as a result of aligning the District's elections with the statewide general elections, this is not the reason for the Board's decision; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 10404(b) establishes a procedure whereby the Board may change the election date for its Board members by adopting a resolution seeking approval for the change by the Board of Supervisors of all the affected county(ies); and

WHEREAS, if the change in election date is approved, it is being requested the new election date be moved from November 2025 to November 2026 with Board members whose terms would have expired in 2025 being extended to 2026 and Board members whose terms would have expired in 2027 being extended to 2028, as required by Elections Code Section 10404(i). [Refer to Exhibit A]

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above recitals are true and correct; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kinneloa Irrigation District Board of Directors adopts this resolution to consolidate the election date for members of the Board with the California state general election in November in even years (Elections Code Section 1001) pursuant to Elections Code Section 10404(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary will forward this resolution to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors explaining the rationale for the resolution and requesting formal approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting within 60 days after submission and after the resolution has been posted in accordance with law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary will notify the Los Angeles County Elections Office that the District is prepared to pay the expenses of mailing notice of approval of the change in election date by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as required by Elections Code 10405.7(f).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the consolidation of election is approved by the Board of Supervisors, the date of that election will be moved to November 2026 and each subsequent Board member election will be held two years thereafter in November of even years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the consolidation of election is approved, the term of office of current Board members expiring in November 2025 will be extended to November 2026 and the term of Board members expiring in November 2027 will be extended to November 2028.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District's Board Secretary or their designee is authorized to take such actions and execute such agreements and documentation necessary to implement the intent of this Resolution.

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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kinneloa Irrigation District held on February 27, 2024, Resolution No. 2024-02-27-2 was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Stephen Brown, Timothy Eldridge, Gordon Johnson, Gerrie Kilburn,
and William Opel

NOES:

ABSENT:



STEPHEN H. BROWN, Chairman
Board of Directors of the
Kinneloa Irrigation District

ATTEST:



TIMOTHY J. ELDRIDGE, Treasurer
Board of Directors of the
Kinneloa Irrigation District

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KINNELOA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
EXHIBIT A

CURRENT BOARD MEMBER	CURRENT ELECTION YEAR	NEW ELECTION YEAR
STEPHEN H. BROWN (Div. 2)	2025	2026
TIMOTHY J. ELDRIDGE (Div. 4)	2027	2028
GORDON JOHNSON (Div. 3)	2025	2026
GERRIE G. KILBURN (Div. 1)	2027	2028
ARTHUR W. OPEL JR. (Div. 5)	2027	2028