

SANTA YNEZ COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Alexandra Griffith, General Manager
Alicia Marin, Office Manager/Board Secretary

DATE: July 15, 2026

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution No. 26-07C calling for the District Election for Two Board Members and Requesting the Election be Consolidated with the 2026 Statewide Election

Recommendation/Proposed Motion:

Adopt Resolution No. 26-07C ordering the election of two members of the Board of Directors for the Santa Ynez Community Services District (“District”) for full four-year terms and requesting consolidation of the District election with the November 3, 2026, Statewide General Election.

Policy Implications:

California Elections Code § 10403 governs the consolidation of local district elections with statewide elections. To consolidate the District’s election with the November 3, 2026, Statewide General Election, the District must adopt a resolution requesting consolidation and submit the required filings to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors and County Elections Official no later than 88 days before the election (due date of August 7, 2026). Resolution 26-07C satisfies these requirements.

Fiscal Implications:

Consolidation allows Santa Barbara County (“County”) to administer the District election using existing election infrastructure and resources. The District does not have the staffing or operational capacity to independently conduct an election in compliance with state election laws. The County will invoice the District for its proportional share of election costs. Funds have been budgeted for the District’s share of the November 3, 2026, election expenses.

Alternatives Considered:

None.

Background:

Adoption of a resolution calling the election and requesting consolidation with the statewide general election is a procedural requirement under California Elections Code § 10403. Although the District has not historically been required by Santa Barbara County to adopt this action in every election cycle, the County is now requiring compliance with these statutory provisions. Resolution No. 26-07C is therefore being presented to satisfy the County's election administration requirements and ensure the District's election is properly consolidated with the November 3, 2026, Statewide General Election.

Discussion:

Two Board seats are scheduled for election on November 3, 2026. Pursuant to California Elections Code § 10403, the District must adopt a resolution calling the election and requesting consolidation with the statewide general election. Adoption of Resolution No. 26-07C authorizes the election of two Board members to full four-year terms and enables Santa Barbara County to administer the election on the District's behalf. Approval of the resolution ensures compliance with state election requirements and County election procedures.

Attachment(s):

1. Resolution No. 26-07C

RESOLUTION NO. 26-07C

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA YNEZ COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA TO CONSOLIDATE A GENERAL DISTRICT ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS CODE §10403

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez Community Services District ("District") has called a General District Election to be held on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of electing two members to the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, California Elections Code §10403 authorizes the consolidation of local district elections with statewide elections and requires the District to adopt a resolution requesting consolidation and file the resolution with the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors and County Elections Official; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this resolution is a procedural requirement necessary to satisfy the County election administration requirements for consolidating the District election with the November 3, 2026 Statewide General Election; and

WHEREAS, consolidation of the District election with the statewide general election is the most efficient and cost-effective means of conducting the election and ensures compliance with state elections laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez Community Services District hereby requests that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors consolidate the District's Election with the November 3, 2026 Statewide General Election, and further resolves as follows:

1. Pursuant to the requirements of Elections Code §10403, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara is hereby requested to consent and approve to the consolidation of a General District Election with the Statewide General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the purpose of electing two members of the Santa Ynez Community Services District Board of Directors.

2. Pursuant to California Elections Code §10517, the Santa Barbara County Elections Division is authorized to conduct the election and canvass the returns.

3. The Board of Supervisors is requested to direct the County Elections Division to take all actions necessary to conduct the election.

4. The Board acknowledges and agrees as follows:

(a) Pursuant to Elections Code §10002, the District shall reimburse the County for the actual costs incurred in conducting the election upon presentation of a bill.

(b) The County Elections Official shall provide election services, including, but not limited to:

- Conducting the consolidated election in a manner prescribed in Elections Code §10418;
- Publishing the notice of election in time, form, and manner required by law;
- Receiving official candidate nomination filings;
- Designating polling places and providing supplies and equipment;
- Appointing and training election officers;
- Furnishing official ballots, sample ballots, notices, and other required election materials;
- Processing vote-by-mail ballot requests and related voter services;
- Ensuring that the ballots comply with all applicable legal requirements;
- Counting ballots and canvassing the returns;

- Declaring election results and issuing certificates of election;
- Taking any other action necessary to properly and lawfully conduct the election; and
- Preparing and issuing invoices for election-related costs.

5. The General Manager and Board Secretary are authorized to take all additional actions necessary to carry out this Resolution No. 26-07C.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 15th day of July, 2026, by the following vote of the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez Community Services District:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

**Frank Redfern, President
Board of Directors**

ATTEST:

**Alicia Marin,
Board Secretary**