

**Morongo Valley CSD  
Resolution Calling for Election**

**Attachment 4**

# Morongo Valley



## COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT & FIRE DEPARTMENT

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To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find a copy of the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 1-1-16 APPROVED AT BOARD MEETING JANUARY 19,  
2016.

  
Donna Munoz  
General Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 1-1-2016

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
MORONGO VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
CALLING AN ELECTION ON JUNE 7, 2016, TO CONVERT  
EXISTING PROPERTY ASSESSMENT INTO AN INCREASED SPECIAL TAX;  
ESTABLISHING A DEADLINE DATE FOR RECEIPT OF WRITTEN  
ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE MEASURE;  
AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH ANY AND ALL ELECTIONS  
TO BE HELD IN THE SAME TERRITORY ON THAT SAME DATE**

WHEREAS, the Morongo Valley Community Services District (“the District”) is a Community Services District located within the County of San Bernardino and organized and operating pursuant to California Government Code Section 61000 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the District is currently authorized by the Local Agency Formation Commission for San Bernardino County (“LAFCO”) to provide the functions of streetlighting, fire protection, park and recreation, and library service;

WHEREAS, in response to declining numbers of volunteer firefighters and community concerns regarding lengthy response times by the ambulance assigned to the area, the District’s Board of Directors (“Board”) adopted Resolution Nos. 02-07 and 02-09 on May 23, 2002, proposing the formation of a fire suppression district and the establishment of a property benefit assessment pursuant to Government Code Section 50078 et seq.;

WHEREAS, the District conducted an assessment ballot proceeding on August 6, 2002, in accordance with the provisions and requirements of Article XIIIID of the California Constitution, and the electorate approved the Morongo Valley Fire and Rescue Assessment (“the Assessment”);

WHEREAS, the amount of the Assessment levied on real property within the District is allocated based upon the relative benefit to the property in relation to a single family home, the type of property, and its size, adjusted for inflation capped at three percent (3%) each year;

WHEREAS, beginning in 2014, LAFCO conducted a special study of the District's finances and on July 1, 2015, issued a report recommending that the District consider placing a ballot measure to convert its current benefit assessment into an increased special tax, with an annual inflation factor, in order to augment the District's fire protection and paramedic service;

WHEREAS, the Board subsequently formed the Fire Department Funding Committee ("Committee") which conducted several open and public meetings and received community input concerning various financing options to fund the District's fire protection and paramedic services;

WHEREAS, the Committee has recommended to the Board that the Assessment be converted into a special tax in the amount of \$350 each year, adjusted for inflation, to be assessed on all taxable real property within the District; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board to conduct an election on June 7, 2016, for the purpose of converting the Assessment into an increased special tax, to request consolidation with any and all other elections to be held in the same territory on that same date, and to assist the County of San Bernardino as necessary to assure consolidation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Morongo Valley Community Services District as follows:

1. An election shall be conducted within the District on June 7, 2016, to submit to the voters a measure to convert the Assessment into a special parcel tax of \$350 per year, adjusted for inflation, on all taxable real property within the District.
2. Measure " \_\_\_\_\_ " to be submitted to the voters shall be as follows:

Measure " _____ " Shall the Morongo Valley Fire and Rescue Assessment be converted into a special parcel tax of \$350 per year, adjusted for inflation, to use in funding fire protection and paramedic services provided by the Morongo Valley Community Services District?	YES	
	NO	

3. Measure “\_\_\_\_\_” shall pass only if approved by two-thirds of the qualified voters voting in an election to be held on June 7, 2016, and the special tax described herein shall be deemed established and shall be in effect as of the day following the election, upon certification by the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters of the election results evidencing such approval. In the event Measure “\_\_\_\_\_” shall not pass, the Assessment shall remain in full force and effect.
4. If approved, the special tax shall be levied against all taxable real property within the District beginning with the 2016-17 fiscal year. The special tax shall be used solely for the purpose of providing fire suppression, protection, prevention, rescue, advance life support paramedics, and other emergency services within the District which the District is authorized by law to provide, for any responses outside of the District under mutual aid agreements with other fire suppression or emergency service agencies, and for any incidental expense relating thereto including expenses related to the collection of the tax.
5. The special tax shall be deemed to be automatically levied as of the date of July 1 of each year, beginning with July 1, 2016. Unless otherwise ordered pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board, the special tax shall annually be adjusted for inflation each fiscal year based upon the consumer price index for the Los Angeles / Riverside / Orange County region taken from the United States Department of Labor, and shall be collected on the County of San Bernardino property tax bill in the same manner, and subject to the same penalty, as the county property taxes are collected. The Board shall annually take such steps as are necessary to have the special tax collected through the property tax bill and shall coordinate with the County Auditor and the County Tax Collector in this regard.
6. The deadline date of March 24, 2016, at 5:00 p.m., is hereby established for receipt of written arguments for or against the Measure. The deadline date of March 29, 2016, at 5:00 p.m., is hereby established for the receipt of rebuttal arguments. Written arguments and rebuttals may be submitted by a member of the District’s Board of Directors, any voter or bona fide association of

voters within the District, or any combination thereof. Written arguments shall not exceed 300 words in length, and rebuttals shall not exceed 250 words in length. Such arguments and rebuttals shall be filed with the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters located at 777 E. Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino, California 92415-0770. The written arguments and rebuttals must be accompanied by Statement Form 9600. For information, call: Donna Munoz, General Manager of the District, at (760) 363-6454, during regular business hours.

7. The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors is hereby requested to order that the election on this Measure be consolidated with any and all elections in the same territory to be conducted on June 7, 2016, and that the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters conduct the election for the District. The District shall reimburse the County of San Bernardino for services rendered in connection with the election upon presentation to the District of a properly approved bill. The District shall further assist the County of San Bernardino, as needed, to prepare for and conduct the consolidated election with the District.
8. The election will be held and conducted, election officers appointed, voting precincts designated, ballots printed, polls opened and closed, ballots counted and returned, returns canvasses, results declared, certificates of election issued and all of the proceedings incidental to and connected with the election shall be regulated and done in accordance with the provisions of law regulating the election with which the District election is consolidated.
9. The Secretary of the District's Board of Directors is hereby instructed to file certified copies of this Resolution with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County and with the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters on or before 5:00 p.m. on March 11, 2016. The Secretary shall also cause this Resolution to be published in the Hi-Desert Star, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the District. The District's General Manager and legal counsel are authorized and instructed to take such

further action as may be necessary in preparing for and conducting the consolidated election.

ADOPTED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

AYES: SWARAT, TOLBERT, CAMPOS, BRODIE

NOES: LOWE

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0



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President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:   
Secretary