SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT

TO: Board of Directors **AGENDA NO. V-D**

FROM: Steve Mack, General Manager

Meeting Date: September 6, 2012

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE DISTRICT ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive a report on District Elections and the need to appoint one Director.

FISCAL IMPACT: none.

DISCUSSION:

The District has 3 Director positions up for election this year. Only two incumbents, Rich Holmer and Victoria Wikle, filed for reelection. Jim Quigley did not file and no one else filed for his position. The attached letter from the Sonoma County Chief Deputy Clerk Michelle Arellano describes the process for filling the empty position – it's different from the Board filling a position due to resignation.

The Board of Supervisors has the responsibility to appoint the director when there is a vacancy because there is not enough nominees at a regular election. The appointment must happen by December 3, 2012. The Board of Supervisors would prefer that the District recommend a candidate and that such recommendation be done by the end of September to give the Board of Supervisors sufficient time to affect the appointment. Such a recommendation could be done by the Board at a special meeting prior to the end of September; perhaps on September 27 which is the last Thursday of the month.

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DATE: AUGUST 24, 2012

TO: MICHELLE ARELLANO, CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: JANICE ATKINSON, COUNTY CLERK & REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

RE: CONSOLIDATED GENERAL DISTRICT ELECTION APPOINTMENTS

Pursuant to Elections Code §10515, if only one person has been nominated for any elective office to be filled at the General District Election, the supervising authority (Board of Supervisors) shall appoint such person(s) to such office(s). This section states further that if no person has been nominated, the supervising authority shall appoint to the office any person who is qualified on the date when the election would have been held. Persons appointed pursuant to this section take office and serve exactly as if elected at a General District Election. Appointments to fill these vacancies must be made prior to the Monday before the first Friday in December, following the election (December 3, 2012). Please note the last scheduled board meeting before this deadline is November 20, 2012.

On September 11, 2012, there will be a resolution before the Board of Supervisors appointing those persons who filed nomination papers for the special district offices for which no election will be held. In addition to those appointments, four (4) vacancies still remain, to which the Board needs to make appointments. Please see the attached page for the offices that have vacancies. The Board may appoint any voter who is eligible and qualified as of November 6, 2012, to hold the office indicated, for the terms and number of offices indicated.

Once appointments have been made to fill the above vacancies, please notify the Registrar of Voters Office so that we can prepare the necessary Certificates and Oaths of Office. If you have any questions, or require assistance in verifying the qualifications of a potential appointee, please feel free to contact me at 565-1877, or the Registrar of Voters Office at 565-6800.

c: District Secretary

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OFFICES TO WHICH BOARD MEMBERS NEED TO APPOINT DIRECTORS

OFFICE	NO. OF SEATS	TERM	QUALIFICATIONS	SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S)
Forestville Fire Protection District	1	*4 years	Registered Voter of the District	4th & 5th Districts
Previous Incumbent: Daniel A. Low, Jr.				
Monte Rio Fire Protection District	2	*4 years	Registered Voter of the District	5th District
Previous Incumbent: Emil R. Alberigi & Paul Casini				
Sweetwater Springs Water District	1	*4 years	Registered Voter of the District	5th District
Previous Incumbent: Jim Quigley				

*Term begins December 7, 2012 (Appointments must be made prior to December 3, 2012)