SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT

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

FROM: Steve Mack, General Manager

Meeting Date : May 1, 2014 **Subject: District Election – November, 2014**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Resolution 14-08, Ordering an Election to be Held and Requesting Consolidation with the November 4, 2014, General Election, and limiting the Statement of Qualifications to no more than 200 words with the costs to be paid by the candidate in advance to the District Secretary.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated cost to the District is $1,500. Candidates will be required to pay for their own (optional) Statement of Qualifications at a not-to-exceed cost of $637 (see explanation below) based on a 200-word, English-only statement.

DISCUSSION:

The terms of Directors Holmer, Robb-Wilder, and Schaap will expire on December 5, 2014. The nomination period for interested candidates in these open Board seats -- including incumbents -- is July 14 – August 8, 2014. All candidates must file a **Declaration of Candidacy** with the Registrar of Voters.

If a candidate opts to file a **Statement of Qualifications** at their own expense, it must be paid in the form of a "not-to-exceed" check to the District, with the receipt filed at the same time as other nomination documents. The cost of the Statement of Qualifications has changed from prior years. It is now a sliding scale cost depending on how many statements are submitted for an individual office, as follows (for an English-only statement):

1 candidate requesting statement be published: $637
2 candidates requesting statements be published: $318
3 candidates requesting statements be published: $212
4 candidates requesting statements be published: $159

All candidates, even incumbents, file a **Form 700 Statement** of Economic Interests with the Registrar of Voters at the same time as they declare candidacy. The period covered for the Form 700 is the 12 months prior to the declaration of candidacy filing date.

Attached is Resolution 14-08 for your consideration as well as the cover letter from the County Registrar of Voters. The recommended action is consistent with past Board policy on the election.