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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** John Tuteur - Registrar of Voters  
Elections

**REPORT BY:** John Tuteur, Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk - 253-4459

**SUBJECT:** Request for Board of Supervisors to consolidate a Fairfield Suisun Unified School District Bond Measure with the June 7, 2016 Primary Election

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk ex officio Registrar of Voters requests adoption of a resolution:

1. Consolidating the Fairfield Suisun Unified School District bond election with the statewide primary election to be held on June 7, 2016; and
2. Directing the Registrar of Voters to conduct the election with full reimbursement of costs by the District.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Board of Trustees of the Fairfield Suisun Unified School District adopted Resolution No. 24-1516 on February 25, 2016 ordering an election on the question of whether bonds should be issued and sold pursuant to subdivision (b) of section 18 of Article XVI of the California Constitution. The resolution also requested the Board of Supervisors to consolidate the election with the June 7, 2016 Primary Election and to direct the Registrar of Voters to conduct the bond election with full reimbursement of costs. The question has been designated Measure "J" by the Solano and Napa County Registrars of Voters.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	The estimated cost of the June 7, 2016 primary election is appropriated in the

Elections Department's FY 2015/2016 budget. Costs incurred by the Elections Department for the services performed will be fully reimbursed by the Fairfield Suisun Unified School District.

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Discretionary Justification: It is unlikely that the District is in a position to conduct its own election. The California Education and Elections Codes authorize any school district to request the Registrar of Voters of the County in which a portion of the school district is located to conduct these types of elections.

Is the general fund affected? No

Future fiscal impact: None

Consequences if not approved: School districts almost never conduct elections. They have neither the personnel nor expertise to do so. Nor can the District consolidate its bond election with the primary election without the consent of the Board of Supervisors. For these reasons, the District would incur substantially higher costs if it were required to conduct this bond election as a special election and without the services of the Registrar of Voters.

Additional Information:

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** General Rule. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the proposed action may have a significant effect on the environment and therefore CEQA is not applicable. [See Guidelines For the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, 14 CCR 15061(b)(3)].

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

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Elections Code sections 10400 et seq., provide that district bond elections may be consolidated with a statewide primary election if ordered by the Board of Supervisors. The resolution must set forth the exact form of the question to be voted upon at the election. On February 29, 2016 the District timely filed the required resolution.

Elections Code section 9401 requires that a tax rate statement be mailed to the voters with the sample ballot for the bond election. This tax rate statement must be filed with the Registrar of Voters not later than the 88th day prior to the election which is March 11, 2016. The District filed the required tax rate statement with the Registrar of Voters on February 29, 2016.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

- A . FSUSD Consolidation Resolution
- B . FSUSD Resolution Calling Election

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi