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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Britt Ferguson for Nancy Watt - County Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board

REPORT BY: Pamela Miller, Clerk of the Board/Admin. Manager, 253-4196

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution Calling and Consolidating Municipal Elections with the November 7, 2006 Statewide Election And Directing the County Clerk and Elections Division To Provide Election Services to the Cities and Town of Napa County

RECOMMENDATION

Clerk of the Board requests adoption of a resolution authorizing consolidation of the general municipal elections for the Cities of Napa, Calistoga, American Canyon and St. Helena and the Town of Yountville with the statewide general election to be held on November 7, 2006 for the following purposes:

1. City of Napa: election of two (2) members of the City Council;
2. City of American Canyon: election of Mayor and two (2) members of the City Council;
3. City of Calistoga: election of Mayor and two (2) members of the City Council;
4. City of St. Helena: election of Mayor and two (2) members of the City Council; and
5. Town of Yountville: election of Mayor and two (2) members of the Town Council, and submission of Proposition F (increase in appropriations limit) to the voters.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Cities of Napa, American Canyon, Calistoga and St. Helena and the Town of Yountville (collectively "the Cities") desire to consolidate their general municipal elections with the statewide general election to be held on November 7, 2006.

Each of the Cities adopted resolutions calling an election for November 7, 2006. The resolutions request that the Board of Supervisors consolidate the municipal elections with the November 7, 2006 statewide election. Additionally, the resolutions request that the Board authorize and direct the County Elections Official and the Elections Department to provide election related services. The County will receive full reimbursement for the services rendered.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	The estimated cost of the November election is appropriated in the Elections department's Fiscal Year 2006-2007 budget. Costs incurred by the Elections department for the services performed will be fully reimbursed by the Cities.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	The Cities do not wish to conduct their own elections. Pursuant to the California Elections Code, the Cities are requesting the Board to consolidate the municipal elections with the statewide general election and to authorize the Registrar of Voters to conduct the municipal elections. The Cities will reimburse the County for these services.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	None
Consequences if not approved:	The Cities will not be able to effectively conduct their general municipal elections. They have neither the personnel nor expertise to do so. Nor can the Cities consolidate their general municipal elections without the consent of the Board of Supervisors. For these reasons, the cities would incur substantially higher costs if they were required to conduct these general municipal elections rather than having the Registrar of Voters do them for the Cities.
Additional Information:	None

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

The Cities of Napa, American Canyon, Calistoga and St. Helena and the Town of Yountville (collectively "the Cities") desire to consolidate their general municipal elections with the statewide general election to be held on November 7, 2006.

Pursuant to Election Code sections 10002, 10242, 10263 and 10403, each of the Cities adopted resolutions calling an election for November 7, 2006. The resolutions request that the Board of Supervisors consolidate the municipal elections with the November 7, 2006 statewide election. Additionally, the resolutions request that the Board authorize and direct the County Elections Official and the Elections Department to provide election related services. The County will receive full reimbursement for the services rendered.

In particular, the following resolutions were adopted by the Cities:

- | City of Napa: On June 20, 2006, the City of Napa adopted Resolution R2006 94, calling and giving notice of the holding of the general municipal election for the purpose of electing two (2) members of the City Council to terms of four (4) years each. The Resolution requests that the Board of Supervisors consolidate the general municipal election with the statewide general election and further requests the County to render specified services to the City relating to the conduct of the election.
- | City of American Canyon: On June 27, 2006 the City of American Canyon adopted Resolution 2006-107, calling and giving notice of a general municipal election for the purpose of electing a Mayor to a term of two (2) years, and two (2) members of the City Council to terms of four (4) years each. On the same day, the City also adopted Resolution 2006-108, requesting that the Board of Supervisors consolidate the general municipal election with the statewide general election, and render specified services to the City relating to the conduct of the election.
- | City of Calistoga: On June 20, 2006, the City of Calistoga adopted Resolution 2006-051, calling and giving notice of the holding of the general municipal election for the purpose of electing a Mayor to a term of two (2) years, and two (2) members of the City Council to terms of four (4) years each. The Resolution requests that the Board of Supervisors consolidate the general municipal election with the statewide general election, and further requests the County to render specified services to the City relating to the conduct of the election.
- | City of St. Helena: On June 13, 2006, the City of St. Helena adopted Resolution 2006-68, calling and giving notice of a general municipal election for the purpose of electing a Mayor to a term of two (2) years, and two (2) members of the City Council to terms of four (4) years each. On the same day, the City also adopted Resolution 2006-69, requesting that the Board of Supervisors consolidate the general municipal election with the statewide general election, and render specified services to the City relating to the conduct of the election.
- | Town of Yountville: On June 20, 2006, the Town of Yountville adopted Resolution 2479-06, calling and giving notice of a general municipal election for the purpose of electing a Mayor to a term of four (4) years, two (2) members of the Town Council to terms of four (4) years each. Additionally, the Town called an election for the purpose of voting on Proposition F, a proposition to increase the appropriations limit pursuant to article 13B of the California Constitution. On the same day, the Town also adopted Resolution 2485-06, requesting that the Board of Supervisors consolidate the general municipal election with the statewide general election, and render specified services to the Town relating to the conduct of the election.

Copies of all Resolutions are attached to this report in the Supporting Documents section.

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the resolution authorizing consolidation of the general municipal elections with the November 7, 2006 statewide general election and authorize and direct the County Elections Official and the Elections Department to provide election related services to the Cities, subject to the condition that the Cities reimburse the County for its costs in providing such services.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . City of Napa Resolution R2006 94
- B . City of American Canyon Resolutions 2006-107 and 2006-108
- C . City of Calistoga Resolution 2006-051
- D . City of St. Helena Resolutions 2006-68 and 2006-69
- E . Town of Yountville Resolutions 2479-06 and 2485-06
- F . Resolution Consolidating Municipal Elections

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Maiko Klieman