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## Agenda Item 7

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I recommend moving EID's Board elections to even years. This would encourage more voters to participate in the EID elections and would save tax/rate payers significant money.

Patricia Macy

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**April 14, 2015 BOS Agenda -- Item #7**

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Mon, Apr 13, 2015 at 10:47 PM

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Item #7 on your April 14, 2015 Agenda is a Resolution to implement a policy decision by the EID Board to change the dates for election of its Board Members from odd years to even years, to coincide with dates for the statewide general election. This change is expected to yield some cost savings to EID ratepayers, but more importantly to increase voter participation in EID elections, because turn-out during general elections is usually 2 to 3 times higher than during odd year election cycles. Alliance for Responsible Planning strongly supports measures that increase voter participation in our democratic process.

The EID Board has determined, as a policy matter, that future EID elections should be conducted in even years during the general election cycle. It appears that EID has followed established statutory protocol, similar to the process employed in 2013 when three special districts in the Lake Tahoe basin decided to consolidate their odd year elections with the even year general election cycle. We urge the Board of Supervisors to approve the proposed Resolution.

Thank you for considering our comments on this important matter.

Alliance for Responsible Planning  
(sent via email)

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**April 14, 2015 BOS agenda item 7, EID elections**

1 message

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Mon, Apr 13, 2015 at 10:38 PM

To: Clerk of the EDC BOS <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, Brian Veerkamp <bosthree@edcgov.us>, Ron Mikulaco <bosone@edcgov.us>, Shiva Frentzen <bostwo@edcgov.us>, Michael Ranalli <bosfour@edcgov.us>, Sue Novasel <bosfive@edcgov.us>

To the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

The El Dorado County Association of Realtors is in support of EID's request to consolidate their elections to even-numbered years in which statewide general elections are held. A letter outlining our rationale is attached for your consideration.

Kimberly Beal  
Government Affairs Director  
EDCAR

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April 13, 2015

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
Brian K. Veerkamp, Chair  
Ron Mikulaco  
Shiva Frentzen  
Michael Ranalli  
Sue Novasel

Re: April 14, 2015 Agenda Item 7, EID Elections Cycle

Dear Board Members,

The El Dorado County Association of Realtors (EDCAR) is in support of the El Dorado Irrigation District's (EID) request and resolution to consolidate the District's elections (currently held in odd-numbered years) with the statewide general elections held in even-numbered years. EDCAR believes this is good for the community for the following reasons:

- Voter turnout would be greater in even year elections, when consolidated with county and state wide election matters
- The election costs to EID's ratepayers would be reduced
- As EID would be sharing election costs with other agencies in even years, the pro-rata election cost to the county and other agencies should be lower
- The voters elected the five current EID Board Members that would each continue in office for a fifth year, thereby treating all district seats equally

We ask that you vote to approve the consolidation of EID's elections to even-numbered years.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Beal  
Government Affairs Director

Cc: Erlinda Vindler, EDCAR President  
Phyllis Bartosh, EDCAR Executive Officer