

TRUSD Election Discussion

- Currently scheduled for November 2011 if no action is taken
- November 2011 is not a general statewide election and would cost approximately \$400,000 in additional election fees
- District staff have been asked to look into the possibility of avoiding the costly special election by consolidation with a general election
- There are legal, financial, and operational implications with each choice

District Creation July 1, 2008

- No operational authority for schools until July 1, 2008
- Period of planning and community engagement from election to authority
- Previous four districts had operational authority and control of policies, contracts, funding, staff prior to July 2008
 - Still addressing number of legal and fiscal issues created during the November 2007-July 2008 time period

Election Options at a Glance

Option	Financial	Legal	Operational	Term of Authority
November 2010	\$80,000+ additional legal costs	Not allowed by Elections Code	Mid year transition	2 years, 4 months
November 2011	\$450,000	N/A	Mid year transition	3 years, 4 months
June 2012	\$70,000	Allowed by Elections Code	School/fiscal alignment	4 years
November 2012	\$80,000	Allowed by Elections Code	Mid year transition	4 years, 4 months

November 2010 Election

- Although in 2007 the State Board of Education suggested the possibility of a 2010 election, California's Election Code does not allow for consolidation to earlier elections*
- Possible savings of \$370,000 versus November 2011*
- Unplanned costs of \$80,000 in this fiscal year*
 - \$45k election, \$35k mailing would need to be added to this year's budget and cut from another program
- Incomplete term commitment to community
 - Authority for schools began July 2008
 - November 2010 election would be 2 year 4 month board terms
- Board members start in middle of school/budget year

** Would require litigation and additional legal cost to argue against the current California Election Code*

November 2011 Election

- Additional cost of \$380,000 versus consolidating to statewide election
- Must budget \$450,000 in 2010-2011
 - \$450k election, no public notice requirement
- Incomplete commitment to community
 - July 2008 (authority began) – November 2011 for a total of 3 years, 4 months
- Set up cycle of odd-year special elections for district going forward (additional bi-annual cost)

June 2012 Election

- Savings of \$380,000 versus November 2011
- Must budget \$70,000 in 2011
 - \$35k election, 35k mailing
- Better School/Fiscal year alignment and transition for new board members
- Trustees complete 4 year commitment
 - July 2008 (authority began) - June 2012
- 2010 Census completed
 - More accurately reflect numbers of voters in our trustee areas

November 2012 Election

- Savings of \$370,000 versus November 2011
- Must budget \$80,000 in 2011-2012
 - \$45k election, 35k mailing
- Trustees complete 4 year commitment
 - July 2008 (authority began) – November 2012 for a total of 4 years, 4 months
- 2010 Census completed
 - More accurately reflect numbers of voters in our trustee areas

Exhibit A –School Election Consolidation Requests

Consolidating School Board	After or Before Next Election	Authority Cited by District
Woodland Joint Unified Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified Beaumont Unified Winters Joint Unified Davis Joint Unified Belleview SD Chinese Camp SD Columbia Union Curtis Creek SD Sonora SD Sonora Union High SD Soulsbyville Elementary SD Summerville Elementary SD Tuolumne County Board of Education Yolo County Board of Education Twain Harte/Long Barn Union Menifee Union SD	After	Election Code §§ 1302(b) and 10404.5
St Helena Unified SD	Before	None provided