



To: Board of Directors
From: Michael Schwartz, Fire Chief
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Subject: Board of Director Vacancies

Background

The district currently has one vacancy on the board and has been informed of an impending vacancy following the November board meeting. According to Government Code, both vacancies must be filled in different manners.

Nominate Director for Appointment

The district has one vacancy on the board due to insufficient nominees for the number of director seats available at the upcoming election. This requires the board to submit the name of a nominee to El Dorado County Board of Supervisors for a short term appointment per GC1780-1781. If the Board of Directors is unable to nominate someone to fill the position then the Board of Supervisors is required to make the appointment.

Nomination Process

Because Director Beals has verbally informed the board that she is planning to resign from the board following the November meeting, and it is not during the election nomination process, her vacancy will be filled in a different manner than above.

According to GC 1780, a copy of Director Beals' letter of resignation must be submitted to El Dorado County Elections within ten (10) days of the date of resignation, and a Notice of Vacancy must be posted for 15 days.

The remaining members of the board may fill the vacancy either by appointment (within 60 days of receipt of notification) or by calling an election to be held on the next established election date that is 130 or more days after the district board calls the election. An appointment may not be made until 15 days after the district posts a notice of the vacancy (provided by county elections) in three conspicuous places in the district.

If the district takes no action then the board of supervisors may appoint a person to fill the vacancy within 90 days of receipt of notification or call the election.

Whether appointed or elected, the new board member will fill the term until December 2024.

Recommendation

Recommend to the Board of Supervisors one (1) short term nominee to appointment.