



Ditch Maintenance Fee Vote Passes

The Board of Directors and staff of the Dixon Resource Conservation District are glad to announce that the ditch maintenance fee ballots sent to District property owners in June have been tabulated and the certified results are:

50.08% Votes in favor
49.92% Votes in opposition

The Board chose to conduct the election using a weighted ballot, based on each landowner's financial obligation. There were \$22,354.26 votes in favor of the new ditch maintenance fee rate structure, while \$22,275.24 were against. In order to pass, the vote had to be 50% plus one in favor; weighted ballots showed slightly higher than 50% in favor.

“We are humbled and grateful for the trust placed in us by the landowners. It has been 27 years since the District has increased the ditch maintenance fee. The process to prepare the rate study and conduct the election took 2 years. We are so appreciative that we will have the funds needed to maintain and repair the drainage system,” said John Currey, District Manager. “This new rate will address rising operating costs and ensure that repairs can be made in a timely manner. We were particularly impressed with the number of ballots that were returned, well over the average for this type of election.”

The Board adopted the certified ballot results and the revised Drainage Maintenance Fee at their meeting on August 10, 2016. The new rate of \$3.00 per acre will go into effect on December 1, 2016.

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