

Dixon Resource Conservation District

Resolution 2026-003

**A Resolution of the Board of Dixon Resource Conservation District**

- i. Accepting the 2026 Ditch Maintenance Fee Rate Study AND**
- ii. Authorizing the Dixon Resource Conservation District Manager to Mail Notices for a Proposition 218 Hearing on June 9, 2026 to increase Ditch Maintenance Fee Charges**

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of Dixon Resource Conservation District held at the District Office on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026, the following resolution was approved and adopted:

**Whereas**, the Board of Directors (the Board) of Dixon Resource Conservation District (the District) authorized its Staff to perform a Ditch Maintenance Fee Rate Study to evaluate and update the ditch maintenance fee to meet projected financial obligations of the District; and

**Whereas**, the District Staff submitted the 2026 Ditch Maintenance Fee Rate Study on April 14, 2026, including a recommended uniformly allocated ditch maintenance fee increase; and

**Whereas**, in conducting the Proposition 218 process, the Board of Directors finds conducting one District-wide protest procedure is appropriate since the 2026 Ditch Maintenance Fee Rate Study recommended one District-wide rate for all users; and

**Whereas**, the Board of Directors finds that a District-wide protest procedure in these circumstances achieves the objectives of Proposition 218.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the Board of Directors of Dixon Resource Conservation District hereby adopts the District Staff prepared 2026 Ditch Maintenance Fee Rate Study and schedules a Public Hearing for June 9, 2026 at 12:00 PM at the District Conference Room Suite 109 at 1170 N. Lincoln St. Dixon CA 95620 for the purpose of receiving public testimony and accepting written protests as required by California Constitution Article XIID (Proposition 218) on the proposed increases in the District Ditch Maintenance Fee.

**Be it further resolved**, the District Manager is authorized to issue public notice for the aforementioned public hearing pursuant to the requirements of Proposition 218 as presented in Attachment 1.

**Passed and Adopted** on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026, by the following vote:

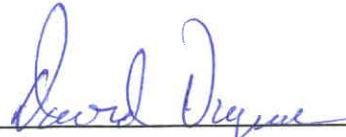
**AYES:** DAVID VIGUIE, SPENCER BEI, ERIC SCHENE, ALEXIS HARVEY

**NOES:** NONE

**ABSTAINING:** NONE

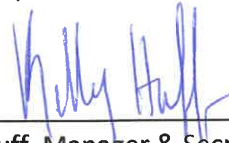
**ABSENT:** DANIEL JONES

DATED: 14 April 2026



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David Viguie, President  
Board of Directors, DRCD

ATTEST: I hereby certify that the foregoing was duly made, seconded and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Dixon Resource Conservation District at a regular meeting of this Board held April 14, 2026.



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Kelly Huff, Manager & Secretary to the  
Board of Directors, DRCD

Dixon Resource Conservation District

Resolution 2026-004

**A Resolution of the Board of Dixon Resource Conservation District approving the guidelines for the submission and tabulation of protests in connection with Rate Hearings conducted pursuant to Article XIID, Section 6 of the California Constitution**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Dixon Resource Conservation District as follows:

**WHEREAS**, Article XIID, Section 6 of the California Constitution requires the Board of Directors to consider written protests to certain proposed increases to utility charges;

**WHEREAS**, this constitutional provision does not offer specific guidance as to who may submit protests, how written protests are to be submitted, or how the District is to tabulate protests; and

**WHEREAS**, upon adoption of this resolution, any and all resolutions, or rules or regulations of this District in conflict with it, shall be repealed and shall have no further force or effect. This resolution supersedes all prior resolutions of the District to the extent that such resolutions established guidelines for the submission and tabulation of protests in connection with rate hearings conducted by the District pursuant to Article XIID, Section 6 of the California Constitution.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Dixon Resource Conservation District that when notice of a public hearing with respect to the adoption or increase of Stormwater (Ditch Maintenance) charges has been given by the District pursuant to Article XIID, Section 6(a) of the California Constitution, the following shall apply:

**SECTION 1: Definitions.**

Unless the context plainly indicates another meaning was intended, the following definitions shall apply in construction of these guidelines.

- A. "Parcel" means a County Assessor's parcel the owner or occupant of which is subject to the proposed charge that is the subject of the hearing.
- B. "Record customer" and "customer of record" mean the person or persons whose name or names appear on the District records as the person who has contracted for, or is obligated to pay for, utility services to a particular utility account.
- C. "Record owner" or "parcel owner" means the person or persons whose name or names appear on the County Assessor's latest equalized assessment roll as the owner of a parcel.

- D. A “fee protest proceeding” is not an election, but the Office Manager will maintain the confidentiality of protests as provided below and will maintain the security and integrity of protests at all times.

**SECTION 2: Notice Delivery.**

Notice of proposed rates and public hearing shall be as follows:

- A. The District shall give notice of proposed charges via U.S. mail to all record owners and customers of record served by the District.
- B. The District will post the notice of proposed charges and public hearing at its official posting sites.

**SECTION 3: Protest Submittal.**

- A. Any record owner or customer of record who is subject to the proposed utility charge that is the subject of the hearing may submit a written protest to the Office Manager, by:
  - (i) Delivery to the Office Manager’s Office at 1170 N. Lincoln St, Dixon, CA, 95620, during published business hours
  - (ii) Mail to Office Manager at 1170 N. Lincoln St, Dixon, CA, 95620, or
  - (iii) Personally submitting the protest at the public hearing.
- B. Protests must be received by the end of the public hearing, including those mailed to the District. No postmarks will be accepted; therefore, any protest not physically received by the close of the hearing, whether or not mailed prior to the hearing, shall not be counted.
- C. Because an original signature is required, emailed, faxed and photocopied protests shall not be counted.
- D. Although oral comments at the public hearing will not qualify as a formal protest, unless accompanied by a written protest, the Board of Directors welcomes input from the community during the public hearing on the proposed charges.

**SECTION 4: Protest Requirements.**

- A. A written protest must include:
  - (i) A statement that it is a protest against the proposed charge that is the subject of the hearing.
  - (ii) Name of the record owner or customer of record who is submitting the protest;
  - (iii) Identification of assessor’s parcel number, street address, or utility account number of the parcel with respect to which the protest is made;
  - (iv) Original signature and legibly printed name of the record owner or customer of record

who is submitting the protest.

- B. Protests shall not be counted if any of the required elements (i thru iv) outlined in the preceding subsection "A." are omitted.

**SECTION 5: Protest Withdrawal.**

Any person who submits a protest may withdraw it by submitting to the Office Manager a written request that the protest be withdrawn. The withdrawal of a protest shall contain sufficient information to identify the affected parcel and the name of the record owner or customer of record who submitted both the protest and the request that it be withdrawn.

**SECTION 6: Multiple Record Owners or Customers of Record.**

- A. Each record owner or customer of record of a parcel served by the District may submit a protest. This includes instances where:
  - (i) A parcel is owned by more than one record owner or more than one name appears on the District's records as the customer of record for a parcel, or
  - (ii) A customer of record is not the record owner, or
  - (iii) A parcel includes more than one record customer, or
  - (iv) Multiple parcels are served via a single utility account, as master-metered multiple family residential units.
- B. Only one protest will be counted per parcel as provided by Government Code Section 53755(b).

**SECTION 7: Transparency, Confidentiality, and Disclosure.**

- A. To ensure transparency and accountability in the fee protest tabulation while protecting the privacy rights of record owners and customers of record, protests will be maintained in confidence until tabulation begins following the public hearing.
- B. Once a protest is opened during the tabulation, it becomes a disclosable public record, as required by state law and will be maintained in District files for two years.

**SECTION 8: Office Manager.**

The Office Manager shall not accept as valid any protest if she determines that any of the following is true:

- A. The protest does not state its opposition to the proposed charges.
- B. The protest does not name the record owner or record customer of the parcel identified in the protest as of the date of the public hearing.

- C. The protest does not identify a parcel served by the District that is subject to the proposed charge.
- D. The protest does not bear an original signature of the named record owner of, or record customer with respect to, the parcel identified on the protest. Whether a signature is valid shall be entrusted to the reasonable judgment of the Office Manager, who may consult signatures on file with the County Elections Official.
- E. The protest was altered in a way that raises a fair question as to whether the protest actually expresses the intent of a record owner or a customer of record to protest the charges.
- F. The protest was not received by the Office Manager before the close of the public hearing on the proposed charges.
- G. A request to withdraw the protest was received prior to the close of the public hearing on the proposed charges.

**SECTION 9: Office Manager's Decisions Final.**

The Office Manager's decision that a protest is not valid shall constitute a final action of the District and shall not be subject to any internal appeal.

**SECTION 10: Majority Protest.**

- A. A majority protest exists if written protests are timely submitted and not withdrawn by the record owners of, or customers of record with respect to, a majority (50% plus one) of the parcels subject to the proposed charge.
- B. While the District may inform the public of the number of parcels served by the District when a notice of proposed rates is mailed, the number of parcels with active customer accounts served by the District on the date of the hearing shall control in determining whether a majority protest exists.

**SECTION 11: Tabulation of Protests.**

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Office Manager shall tabulate all protests received, including those received during the public hearing, and shall report the result to the Board of Directors. If the number of protests received is insufficient to constitute a majority protest, the Office Manager may determine the absence of a majority protest without validating the protests received, but may instead deem them all valid without further examination. Further, if the number of protests received is obviously substantially fewer than the number required to constitute a majority protest, the Office Manager may determine the absence of a majority protest without opening the envelopes in which protests are returned.

**SECTION 12: Report of Tabulation.**

If at the conclusion of the public hearing, the Office Manager determines that she will require additional time to tabulate the protests, she shall so advise the Board of Directors, which may adjourn the meeting to allow the tabulation to be completed on another day or days. If so, the Board of Directors shall declare the time and place of tabulation, which shall be conducted in a place where interested members of the public may observe the tabulation, and the Board of Directors shall declare the time at which the meeting shall be resumed to receive and act on the tabulation report of the Office Manager.

**SECTION 13:** This resolution will become effective immediately upon adoption.

**Passed and Adopted** on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026, by the following vote:

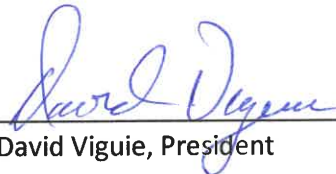
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NOES: NONE

ABSTAINING: NONE

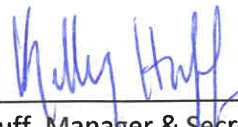
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Kelly Huff, Manager & Secretary to the  
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Dixon Resource Conservation District

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 005**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A MAIL BALLOT PROCEEDING, CALLING A SPECIAL MAIL BALLOT PROCEEDING FOR AUGUST 10, 2026, FOR SUBMITTAL OF PROPOSED DITCH MAINTENANCE FEES TO OWNERS OF REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE FEES, AND ADOPTING PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE MAIL BALLOT PROCEEDING**

**WHEREAS**, on April 14, 2026, the Board of Directors (the Board) of the Dixon Resource Conservation District (the District) of Solano County, California adopted Resolution No. 2026-003 approving the 2026 Ditch Maintenance Fee Study (the Study) by the District’s staff regarding the proposed rate structure for Ditch maintenance fees in order to create equitable rates and generate sufficient revenues to support the operating and capital costs of the Ditch maintenance operation;

**WHEREAS**, Article XIID, Section 6 (Section 6) of the California Constitution requires the District to follow certain procedural and substantive requirements related to the imposition of property-related fees and charges (as defined in Article XIID), such as Ditch maintenance fees;

**WHEREAS**, the District has determined that the Ditch maintenance fees are “property-related” fees and are therefore subject to the requirements and limitations of Section 6, including but not limited to the public hearing and voter approval requirements;

**WHEREAS**, before imposing the new Ditch maintenance fees, the Board must (1) hold a noticed public hearing to consider protests to the proposed Ditch maintenance fee structure, and (2) assuming that a majority protest is not received at the public hearing, submit the question of the imposition of the Ditch maintenance fees to a vote of the owners of property subject to the proposed Ditch maintenance fees;

**WHEREAS**, the Office Manager has advised that a notice for the public hearing has been mailed pursuant to the requirements of the California Constitution and California Government Code at least 45 days prior to the noticed public hearing, as evidenced by a certificate of mailing on file in the District Office; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 6 and the procedures established by Resolution No. 2026-003, the Board has on this date held a duly noticed public hearing on the matters of the proposed rate structure for Ditch maintenance fees and has taken testimony, both written and oral.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Dixon Resource Conservation District as follows:

**SECTION 1: Recitals.**

The above recitals are all true and correct and by this reference made an operative part hereof.

**SECTION 2: No Majority Protest.**

The Board has determined that written protests have not been received from property owners representing a majority of the parcels subject to the proposed Ditch maintenance fees.

**SECTION 3: Proposed Rates for Ditch Maintenance Comply with Substantive Requirements of Article XIII D, Section 6 of the California Constitution.**

The Board finds, in part based upon the Study approved by Resolution No. 2026-003, that the revenue derived from the proposed Ditch maintenance fees (1) does not exceed the funds required to provide ditch maintenance services; (2) shall not be used for any other purpose than that for which the charge was imposed; (3) does not exceed the proportional cost of the service attributable to each customer; (4) provides a service which is immediately available to the customer; and (5) is not levied for general governmental purposes.

**SECTION 4: Authorization and Call for Special Mail Ballot Proceeding**

The Board hereby authorizes and calls for a special ballot tabulation proceeding, to be held on Monday, August 10, 2026, solely by mail ballot, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 6 and the procedures set forth in Exhibit A attached to this resolution, for the purpose of submitting the proposed Ditch maintenance fees to a vote of the owners of the parcels that are subject to the Ditch maintenance fees.

**SECTION 5: Statement of the Ballot Measure**

At the special ballot proceeding called by this resolution, the following measure shall be submitted to the property owners subject to the proposed ditch maintenance fees:

**“Proposed Rates for Ditch Maintenance (\$ Per Acre):**

	Proposed Rates (\$/Acre)					
	Current Rate	Dec. 1, 2026	Dec. 1, 2027	Dec. 1, 2028	Dec. 1, 2029	Dec. 1, 2030
Rate (\$/Ac)	\$4.00	\$6.00	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00

**“Shall the Dixon Resource Conservation District be authorized to establish a new rate for ditch maintenance fees as set forth above for the parcel(s) identified on this ballot, to be effective on December 1 of each of the calendar years identified above?”**

Yes

No

**SECTION 6: Establishment of Ballot Procedures.**

The special ballot proceeding called by this resolution shall be conducted and supervised by the District Office Manager in accordance with procedures as set forth in Exhibit A of this Resolution. No impartial analysis by District Counsel shall be required, and no argument for or against the Ditch maintenance fees shall be filed. To be counted, ballots must be received by the District Office Manager no later than 3:00 p.m. on Monday, August 10, 2026.

**SECTION 7: Ballot Tabulation.**

If according to the final tabulation of the ballots, ballots submitted in favor of the proposed Ditch maintenance rates exceed the ballots submitted against the proposed Ditch maintenance rates, weighted according to the proportional financial obligation of each affected property, the Board may adopt and impose the proposed Ditch maintenance rates set forth in this Resolution.

**SECTION 8: Effective Date of Resolution.**

This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, by the Board of Directors of the Dixon Resource Conservation District at a regular meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026, by the following vote:

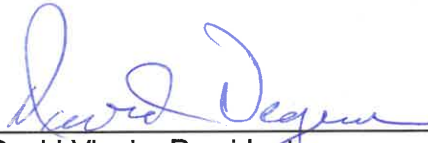
**AYES: David Viguie, Spencer Bei, Alexis Harvey, Eric Schene, Daniel Jones**

**NOES: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

DATED: June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

  
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David Viguie, President  
Board of Directors, DRCD

ATTEST: I hereby certify that the foregoing was duly made, seconded and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Dixon Resource Conservation District at a regular meeting of this Board held June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

  
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Kelly Huff, District Manager & Secretary to  
the Board of Directors, DRCD

**PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE MAIL BALLOT PROCEEDING RELATED TO THE  
PROPOSED DITCH MAINTENANCE RATE STRUCTURE AND FEES**

*The following procedures have been adopted by the Board of Directors of the Dixon Resource Conservation District for the purpose of conducting the mail ballot proceeding required by Section 6 of Article XIID of the California Constitution for consideration of the imposition of the proposed rate structure for Ditch maintenance fees.*

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## **General Procedures**

- A. This mail ballot proceeding shall constitute an election for the purposes of Section 6 of Article XIII D of the California Constitution (Section 6). The Board recognizes that a mail ballot proceeding for property owners pursuant to Section 6, as opposed to registered voters, is a unique circumstance not fully contemplated by the California Elections Code. Thus, it is the intent of the Board that the mail ballot proceeding be conducted in substantial compliance with the requirements of the California Elections Code to the extent feasible, and otherwise in accordance with these procedures. However, in accordance with Government Code section 53755.5, subdivision (c), the ballot proceedings described in these Procedures shall not constitute an election or voting for purposes of Article II of the California Constitution or the Elections Code.
- B. The District Office Manager shall be responsible for the conduct of the ballot proceeding governed by these procedures. The District Office Manager shall designate the Dixon RCD Program Coordinator and/or the Solano RCD Office Manager(s) to assist the District Office Manager in conducting the ballot proceeding and tabulating the ballots. All references hereafter in these procedures to the District Office Manager shall be deemed to include reference to any Deputy Office Manager deputized by the District Office Manager in accordance with the foregoing and to whom the function in question has been delegated by the District Office Manager.
- C. The ballot proceeding shall be by mail ballot only.
- D. The date of the ballot tabulation proceeding shall be August 10, 2026, and the ballot proceeding shall close at 3:00 p.m. on August 10, 2026.

## **Mailing of Ballots**

- A. "Record Owner" means the owner of an identified parcel whose name and address appears on the last Solano County equalized secured property tax assessment roll (the Assessment Roll), or in the case of any public entity, the State of California, or the United States, means the representative of that public entity at the address of that entity known to the District.
- B. The District Office Manager shall cause to be prepared a master list of Record Owners (the Master List) which shall include (1) the names and addresses of the Record owners of the identified parcels as they appear on the Assessment Roll, and (2) in the case of a public entity, the State of California, or the United States, the address of that entity known to the District.
- C. The following shall be mailed to each Record Owner on the Master List:
  - a. A ballot that conceals its content when sealed, enclosed in an envelope with a statement on its face indicating in bold, than 16-point bold type: "OFFICIAL BALLOT ENCLOSED.", and
  - b. A self-addressed return envelope, which shall state on its face that an official ballot is enclosed.

- D. Ballots shall be mailed to the Record Owners on the Master List by depositing the envelopes containing the notice of election/ballot proceeding, the ballot and return envelope in the U.S. Mail, first class, postage prepaid, on or before the 45<sup>th</sup> day prior to August 10, 2026.
- E. Any ballot that is returned to the District Office Manager shall not be forwarded by the District Office Manager.
- F. The District Office Manager shall certify the proper mailing of ballots by an affidavit under penalty of perjury, which shall constitute conclusive proof of mailing in the absence of fraud.
- G. Whenever the District Office Manager is required to mail a ballot to any address outside the territorial limits of the United States, the District Office Manager shall mail the ballot by first-class international mail and, if under any law of the United States election ballots may be mailed without the payment of postage, the District Office Manager shall so mail the ballot.

#### **Eligibility to Vote**

- A. The Master List shall be presumptive evidence of ownership of an Identified Parcel for voting purposes.
- B. If the current owner of an Identified Parcel is not shown as a Record Owner on the last equalized assessment roll, such owner may receive and vote a ballot for such parcel by filing with the District Office Manager evidence of ownership satisfactory to District Counsel. The ballot provided to such current owner shall be marked to identify it as a duplicate ballot. Any evidence must be received by the District Office Manager in advance of submission of a ballot and no later than the close of the ballot proceeding at 3:00 p.m. on August 10, 2026.
- C. To be counted, a ballot must be signed by the Record Owner or current owner of an Identified Parcel, as the case may be, or the authorized representative of the Record Owner or current owner. An authorized representative must provide evidence of such authority to sign on behalf of the Owner of Record.

#### **Conduct of the Election**

- A. All ballots must be received by the District Office Manager by 3:00 p.m. on August 10, 2026, to be counted. After marking, completing and signing the ballot, the voter shall either (1) return the ballot by mail or (2) return the ballot in person to the District Office Manager at 1170 N. Lincoln Street, Suite 110, Dixon, CA. Only ballots, including duplicate ballots that are received by the District Office Manager by 3:00 p.m. on August 10, 2026, will be counted. Postmarks will not be accepted in lieu of timely receipt of ballots by the District Office Manager, and persons choosing to return ballots by mail shall assume the risk if such ballots are not received in time to be counted.

- B. Each business day upon receipt of ballots in the mail, the District Office Manager shall date stamp the return envelopes of the unopened ballots and deposit the unopened, date-stamped envelopes into a secure container to be kept in the Office of the District Office Manager for such purpose. The District Office Manager shall keep the ballots in a secured container until the commencement of tabulating the ballots, which may not occur until the time specified on the ballot, which in any event shall not be prior to 3:00 p.m. on August 10, 2026. All ballots shall remain sealed prior to the time specified for commencement of tabulating the ballots. However, the ballots must be unsealed and tabulated in public view to permit all interested persons to meaningfully monitor the accuracy of the tabulation process.
- C. The ballot tabulation may be continued to a different time or different location accessible to the public, provided that the time and location are announced at the location at which the tabulation commenced and posted by the District in a location accessible to the public. The District Office Manager may use technological methods to tabulate the ballots, including, but not limited to, punchcard or optically readable (bar-coded) ballots.
- D. The form of the ballot shall be as set forth in the resolution to which these election procedures are attached as the form of the ballot is attached hereto.
- E. The District Office Manager shall, upon request by an eligible voter who is part of a language minority group as that term is defined by the Voting Rights Act of 1965, provide a ballot and ballot materials translated into that person's primary language. In addition, the District Office Manager shall, upon request by an eligible voter, take such affirmative steps as are necessary to facilitate voting by qualified individuals with disabilities.
- F. Each ballot shall contain the following:
  - a. The statement of the ballot measure as set forth in the resolution to which these election procedures are attached.
  - b. The Assessor's Parcel Number(s) of the parcel to which the ballot pertains.
  - c. The name of the owner of the parcel to which the ballot pertains.
  - d. The address of that owner.
  - e. Space for the signer to mark the ballot "Yes" or "No."
  - f. Space for the signer to set forth the date on which the ballot is being completed and to print and sign his or her name.
  - g. The address to which the completed ballot should be returned.
  - h. The date and location where the ballots will be tabulated.
- G. To the extent not covered by these procedures, the voting shall be consistent with the provisions of the Elections Code, insofar as the District Office Manager determines such provisions are applicable to these proceeding and are not inconsistent with Section 6.

### **Special Provisions**

- A. Upon receipt by the District Office Manager of written notification from the Record Owner or current owner of a parcel, as the case may be, in either case satisfactory to the District Office Manager, that the ballot pertaining to the parcel has been lost, destroyed or never received and requesting a duplicate ballot, the District Office Manager will mail or otherwise provide a

duplicate ballot (which shall be marked as a duplicate ballot) to such owner; provided that the District Office Manager shall not be responsible in the event that the duplicate ballot is not received on time to enable the applicant to return the completed ballot to the District Office Manager prior to the close of the ballot proceeding.

- B. The District Office Manager will keep a record of each duplicate ballot mailed or otherwise provided, cross-referenced to the parcel to which each such duplicate ballot pertains, and during tabulation of the returned ballot, the District Office Manager will verify that, as to each parcel for which a duplicate ballot was mailed or otherwise provided, only one ballot has been returned for the parcel. In the event that the District Office Manager determines that more than one ballot has been returned for any such parcel, the following shall apply:
  - a. If a parcel has both a ballot from the Record Owner and a duplicate ballot provided to a current owner pursuant to Section B under *Eligibility to Vote* in these procedures, only the duplicate ballot shall be counted.
  - b. If a parcel has both an original ballot and a duplicate ballot, only the duplicate ballot will be counted.
  - c. If more than one duplicate ballot is returned for a parcel, the latest returned duplicate ballot will be counted.

#### **Post-Ballot Proceedings**

- A. The District Office Manager will not accept a ballot:
  - a. That is a photocopy;
  - b. That does not contain an original signature;
  - c. That lacks an identifiable "Yes" or "No" vote; or
  - d. That contains both a "Yes" and "No" vote.
  - e. The cause of the rejection shall be written on the face of the ballot.
- B. The District Office Manager shall tabulate the ballots and certify the results to the Board on August 10, 2026, in anticipation of Board action at its regular meeting on August 11, 2026, to declare the results of the election.
- C. Subject to receipt of the tabulation and certificate of results from the District Office Manager, the Board shall adopt a resolution declaring the results of the ballot proceeding as soon as reasonably feasible following submission of the certificate of results by the District Office Manager.
- D. If according to the final tabulation of the ballots, ballots submitted in favor of the proposed Ditch maintenance rate increase exceed the ballots submitted against the proposed Ditch maintenance rate increase, weighted according to the proportional financial obligation of each affected property, the Board may adopt and impose the proposed Ditch maintenance rates.
- E. During and after the tabulation, the ballots and, if applicable, the information used to determine the weight of each ballot, shall be treated as public records, as defined in Section 6252, subject to public disclosure and made available for inspection by any interested person. The ballots shall be preserved for a minimum of two years, after which they may be destroyed as provided in Government Code Sections 26202, 34090, and 60201.

[End of Special Ballot Procedures]