

**NOTICE OF ELECTIONS  
FOR THE FORMATION OF THE PROPOSED PASO ROBLES BASIN  
WATER DISTRICT AND ELECTION OF THE INITIAL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**LANDOWNER ELECTION**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to the landowners within the proposed Paso Robles Basin Water District (Water District) located in the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, as defined in Water Code Sections 37905 and 37913, that in accordance with applicable law, a special election conducted by all mailed ballot will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, for the following measure and election of the six members of the Board of Directors elected by landowners:

Shall the order adopted on September 17, 2015, by the Local Agency Formation Commission of San Luis Obispo County ordering the formation of a district in the territory described, known as the Paso Robles Basin Water District, be approved subject to the terms and conditions specified in the order, including approval of a Proposition 218 proposal to fund the district?	YES
	NO

The name of the proposed district is the Paso Robles Basin Water District.

The boundaries of the proposed Water District are as approved by the San Luis Obispo County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) on September 17, 2015 through Resolution 2015-05. An interactive map of the proposed Paso Robles Basin Water District searchable by Assessor Parcel Number is available at the following link: <http://pasobasin.org/groundwater-management/legislation/outreach-education/>

If from the election returns, a majority of the votes cast at the election are in favor of approval of the order adopted by LAFCO, the formation of the Water District shall be complete subject to satisfaction of all conditions of approval imposed by LAFCO. A summary of the conditions of approval contained in Resolution 2015-05 is as follows: (1) the Directors shall be qualified and elected in accordance with applicable provisions of the Water Code; (2) the District may exercise all powers in the California Water District Law subject to limitations on its ability to adopt emergency ordinances, its ability to conduct activities normally and historically undertaken by the County, the County Flood Control District or other affected agency and its ability to export groundwater; (3) completion of a successful formation election and Proposition 218 proceeding and establishment of an appropriations limit in the amount of \$950,609; (4) future Water District projects are subject to applicable law, including the California Environmental Quality Act; (5) the effective date of the formation will be determined by the filing of a certificate of completion by LAFCO; (6) provision of a map and legal description to the Board of Equalization and (7) calling of all necessary elections and completion of all Proposition 218 proceedings by the Board of Supervisors.

Upon the formation of the Water District, there shall be a total of six directors elected by landowners, as shown in the table below (three directors are elected by registered voters). A candidate may only be a candidate for one director position for which they are qualified. Candidates for the six landowner positions may be within any landowner class. Should a landowner also be a registered voter, that candidate may only serve in one capacity (i.e. landowner director or registered voter director) but not both.

The qualifications for directors elected by landowners are:

Candidates must hold title to land within the proposed Water District or be persons authorized to vote in elections by landowners, as provided in Water Code Section 37913 and shall reside within the Water District, within two miles of the Water District boundary, or within the boundaries of the City of Paso Robles, the Atascadero Mutual Water Company, the Templeton Community Services District, the San Miguel Community Services District, or the San Luis Obispo County Service Area 16. A person may only be a candidate for one director.

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	<b># OF SEATS</b>	<b>TERM BEGINS</b>	<b>TERM ENDS</b>
Elected by Large Landowners *holders of title owning an aggregate (across parcels) of 400 acres or more	2	TBD	December 6, 2019
Elected by Medium Landowners *holders of title owning an aggregate of 40 acres or more but less than 400 acres	2	TBD	December 6, 2019
Elected by Small Landowners *holders of title owning an aggregate of less than 40 acres	2	TBD	December 6, 2019

## **REGISTERED VOTER ELECTION**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to the registered voters within the proposed Water District described above that in accordance with applicable law, a special election conducted by all mailed ballot will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, for the election of the three members of the Board of Directors elected by registered voters:

The qualifications for directors elected by registered voters are:

Candidates shall be a registered voter residing within the district.

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	<b># OF SEATS</b>	<b>TERM BEGINS</b>	<b>TERM ENDS</b>
Registered Voters *registered voters within the Water District	3	TBD	December 6, 2019

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO BOTH ELECTIONS**

Per Water Code Section 37912, subdivision (c), the Directors elected upon formation of the Water District shall hold office pursuant to Section 10505 of the Elections Code. The directors elected at the formation election shall hold office until noon on the first Friday in December of the second next following odd-numbered year (December 2019) (pursuant to Water Code Section 37912, subdivision (d), the election of the second set of directors will be held in October 2019).

The nomination period opens Monday, November 16, 2015 and will close at 5:00 PM, Friday, December 11, 2015.

The Elections Division of the County Clerk-Recorder's Office, located at 1055 Monterey Street, Suite D-120, San Luis Obispo, urges interested candidates to call our office at 781-5228 to make an appointment to come in and obtain the Declaration of Candidacy.

Pursuant to Water Code Section 37905, subdivision (c)(5), no person shall vote by proxy unless his or her authority to cast that vote is evidenced by an instrument acknowledged and filed with the board of election.

The polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. The County Clerk-Recorder's offices, located at 1055 Monterey Street, Suite D120, San Luis Obispo, and 6565 Capistrano Avenue (2nd Floor Atascadero Library), Atascadero, will be used as the "polls" for these elections.

Date: November 16, 2015

TOMMY GONG, County Clerk-Recorder  
By Elaina Cano, Assistant County Clerk-Recorder