

7. ELECTION PROCESS

7.1 Election Date and Ballot Measure Language

The date of the authorizing vote on the New Los Padres Water Supply Project is set for November 7, 1995, in conjunction with the general election. Sections 118-473 and 118-476 of the District's enabling legislation (District Law) set forth the requirements for project elections. Section 118-473 mandates the ballot measure language for project authorizing elections. For projects that are proposed to be financed through bonds, Section 118-476 requires that bond financing also be approved by the voters.

In accordance with these provisions, both the project and revenue bonds (if used to finance the project) must be approved by the voters. These approvals may be in a single consolidated measure, or in separate measures on the same ballot.

By District Board resolution at the August 7, 1995 meeting, the ballot language for the New Los Padres Project was set as follows:

"Shall the proposed New Los Padres Dam and Reservoir Water Supply Project for Zone No. 6 of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District be approved, and shall that public agency be authorized to use the most cost-effective means to finance the project by issuance of revenue bonds, certificates of participation, and/or public-private partnership for this project in a total amount not to exceed \$116.5 million?"

Yes ___

No ___

Only registered voters within MPWMD Zone No. 6 will be allowed to vote on this measure.

7.2 Schedule of Election Process Milestones

Various sections of the District Law describe the process to be followed to implement a District project or works, and to hold an authorizing election. Following is an outline and schedule of the process that has been followed and is proposed for the New Los Padres Water Supply Project authorizing election, taking into account the District Law and Elections Code provisions.

- May 15, 1995
 - District Board receives Draft Engineer's Report
 - District Board receives Addendum-2 to Final EIR and voluntarily circulates it for comment
- June 19, 1995
 - District Board adopts Resolution of Intent to undertake the New Los Padres Water Supply Project, and sets time and place for Public Protest Hearing
- July 24, 1995
 - Publish notice of Public Protest Hearing with copy of proposed Election Resolution in local newspapers

- August 1, 1995 • Publish notice of Public Protest Hearing with copy of proposed Election Resolution in local newspapers
- August 7, 1995 • District Board adopts findings and re-certifies the Final EIR
- District Board receives draft Final Engineer's Report and directs that it be finalized to reflect the Board's actions regarding project financing and election
- District Board conducts Public Protest Hearing
- District adopts Resolution to Ratify or Change the Defined Project, the methods and amounts of financing, and establishing the boundaries of MPWMD Zone No. 6
- District Board adopts Notice of Election, consolidated with the Resolution Calling the Authorizing Election for the New Los Padres Project
- August 11, 1995 • *District issues Final Engineer's Report*
- August 9, 1995 • Date Notice of Election and Election Resolution filed with Monterey County Clerk and Registrar of Voters for November 7, 1995 election
- October 1, 1995 • Publish Election Resolution once a week for 4 successive weeks, and Notice of Election once a week for 2 successive weeks
- Post map showing the location and including a description of the project for at least 30 days before the election
- November 7, 1995 • Election Day