RESOLUTION NO. R2020-39

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
COUNTY OF ALPINE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION CALLING AN ELECTION FOR, AND
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF AN ADVISORY QUESTION
REGARDING REGULATION OF THE IMPORT OF EFFLUENT INTO THE COUNTY OF ALPINE,
AND CONSOLIDATING THE ELECTION WITH THE
NOVEMBER 3RD, 2020, CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, Alpine County contracted [identify contract numbers] with the South Tahoe Public Utility District (STPUD) for years to control the import of effluent from the Tahoe Basin into Alpine County; and

WHEREAS, STPUD unilaterally withdrew and repudiated the contract and denied any obligation under the contracts but has continued to import effluent across jurisdictional boundaries without permit from the County of Alpine; and

WHEREAS, STPUD has constructed infrastructure in the County of Alpine and secured lands which eliminated significant property tax from the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors wants a determination of the citizens of Alpine County as to their desire to regulate the import of effluent from any source into the County; and

WHEREAS, consolidating an election on the question with the November 3rd, 2020, County and statewide general election significantly reduces the cost to taxpayers for conducting an election while providing for the highest level of voter participation in the election process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Board of Supervisors of the County of Alpine,
State of California, that

1. The foregoing recitals are adopted as findings of the Board of Supervisors as though set forth fully herein.

2. The Board of Supervisors hereby calls an election to be held and conducted in and for the County of Alpine on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020, for the purpose of submitting an advisory question to the electorate.

3. Pursuant to Elections Code section 9140, the Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the voters of the County of Alpine, the following Measure:
"Shall the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alpine enact an ordinance regulating the import of effluent into the County of Alpine from any source and set a permit fee for such imports?"

Yes____

No____

4. The Measure shall pass only if a majority of the votes cast by the voters voting on the Measure are "yes" votes. In the event a majority of the electors voting on the Measure vote in favor thereof, the Board of Supervisors for the County of Alpine will consider an ordinance regulating the import of effluent into the County of Alpine from any source.

5. The Alpine County Clerk as the Ex-officio Registrar of Voters is hereby directed to prepare and conduct all functions for the election and canvass the returns of the election as set forth in the Elections Code, and to do all things required by law to present the proposed Measure to the electorate, including but not limited to, preparing and publishing all required postings, notices and filings.

6. Pursuant to Elections Code section 9160(b), the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the County Counsel to prepare an impartial analysis of the proposed Measure. Arguments for and against the Measure may be filed and published consistent with Elections Code section 9162, et seq.

ADOPTED this 7th day of July 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Ron Hames, Katherine Rakow, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith;
VACANT: Supervisor District 1;
MOTION CARRIED.

Ron Hames, Chair
Board of Supervisors, County of Alpine, State of California

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Margaret Long, County Counsel