



COUNTY OF LASSEN

VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET
WEST PATTON VILLAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
HERLONG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

SPECIAL MAIL BALLOT ELECTION
DEADLINE TO VOTE IS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2007

ATTENTION VOTERS
BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 28, 2007, 8:00 P.M.
TO ENSURE YOUR BALLOT IS RECEIVED, MAIL BY AUGUST 21, 2007

YOUR RETURN ENVELOPE MUST BE SIGNED FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE COUNTED


LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THIS ELECTION: August 13, 2007

If you have moved within the County on or before the date shown above, and did not reregister at your new address, you may vote and register for this election at the County Elections Office.

RETURNING YOUR MAIL IN BALLOT: August 28, 2007

Voted ballots must be received no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR AN ALL MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

TO VOTE, USE BLUE OR BLACK INK PEN TO FILL IN THE OVAL COMPLETELY LIKE THIS: 
DO NOT USE RED/GREEN INK OR PENCIL OR HIGHLIGHTER TO MARK YOUR BALLOT

- (1) **VERIFY**
Open and verify that you have received the mail-in ballot materials; (i) official ballot and (ii) pre-addressed identification/return envelope.
- (2) **READ**
Read the Voter Information Pamphlet.
- (3) **VOTE**
To VOTE on this Measure, completely fill in the oval next to the word "YES" or the word "NO". Mark with a blue or black ink pen. DO NOT USE RED/GREEN INK OR PENCIL OR HIGHLIGHTER.
- (4) **CHECK**
If you over vote, wrongly mark, tear or deface any portion of your ballot, please call (800)273-5167 for a replacement ballot.
- (5) **INSERT & SIGN**
AFTER YOU HAVE COMPLETED VOTING, insert and seal your ballot in the return envelope. BE SURE TO SIGN the reverse side of the return envelope where indicated. Failure to sign your envelope will make your ballot void. Your signature will be compared with the signature on your voter registration card to prevent fraud. Your Lassen County place of residence must be indicated. (Not a P.O. Box.)
- (6) **RETURN**
Mail or hand-deliver your ballot in order for it to be received by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, August 28, 2007. If returning the ballot by mail, allow sufficient mail delivery time. POSTMARKS DO NOT COUNT! Ballots received after 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28, 2007 will not be counted.
Hand delivered ballots will be accepted Monday through Thursday from 9:00am – 12:00pm at the Herlong/West Patton Village Community Services District Office located at 100 Tamarack Street, Herlong, CA 96113. On Election Day, Tuesday, August 28, 2007, hand-delivered ballots will be accepted from 9:00am-12:00pm and 5:00pm-8:00pm at the same location. Hand delivered ballots will be secured in a locked ballot box until 8:00pm on Election Day.

ALL MAIL BALLOT ELECTIONS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is an all mail ballot election?

An all mail ballot election is an election that is conducted using the US Postal Service. The Registrar of Voters' Office directs the ballots to be mailed to all registered voters who are eligible to vote in the election. Voters vote their ballots and mail them back. Ballots must be received by the Official Tabulator no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

When are ballots mailed to voters?

By law, the first day ballots can be mailed to voters is 29 days before an election. Ballots are mailed continuously during the 29 day period before the election.

I will be out of town when the ballots are mailed. How do I get a ballot?

You may request that your ballot be sent to the address where you will be, vote it and mail it back from there.

What if my ballot doesn't come?

Call 800-273-5167 to find out when it was mailed. If you have not received your ballot within a week after it was mailed, we will check your registration, track your ballot and send you a replacement ballot if necessary.

What if I have moved and have not updated my registration?

Absentee ballots cannot be forwarded. If you are registered to vote, but have moved to a new address within the County, notify the election office of your current address in writing either via FAX or US mail. Or you may fill out a voter registration card and mail it to the Election Office by 15 days before the election.

How do I mark my ballot?

Use a pen with dark blue or black ink and completely fill in the oval next to your choice of the YES or NO on the ballot.

What if I lose my ballot?

Call 800-273-5167 for a replacement ballot.

What if I make a mistake on my ballot?

If you make a mistake, you can correct it by marking an X over the incorrect vote, filling in the bubble for the correct vote and writing a "yes" next to the correct vote. Or, you can call 800-273-5167 and request a replacement ballot.

What if I forget to sign my return envelope?

If we get your ballot at least two weeks before the election and you have forgotten to sign the return envelope, we will mail it back to you and ask you to sign and return it. If you do not sign your return envelope, your ballot will not be counted.

How do I return my ballot for this election?

You may return your ballot by mail in the included pre-addressed, postage pre-paid envelope to the Official Tabulator of the Election. Ballots must be received by the Official Tabulator on or before 8:00 p.m. Election Day, August 28, 2007. If returning the ballot by mail, allow sufficient mail delivery time. POSTMARKS DO NOT COUNT! Ballots received after 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28, 2007 will not be counted.

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In order to be counted, your ballot envelope must be signed and must be received no later than Tuesday, August 28, 2007, 8:00 p.m. To ensure your ballot is received in time to be counted, mail by August 21, 2007. For more information call 800-273-5167.



VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

MEASURE A

WEST PATTON VILLAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT HERLONG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2007

Arguments in favor of or against the proposed measure are the opinions of the authors.

SPECIAL TAX MEASURE A

WEST PATTON VILLAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT HERLONG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

To provide local fire protection and rapid emergency response services for the Herlong and West Patton Village areas, so that victims of heart attack, stroke, car accidents and other medical emergencies can receive rapid response care, to receive matching funds from Susanville Indian Rancheria and to keep property insurance rates manageable, shall an annual special property tax be authorized with all revenue staying in our community for local fire protection and emergency medical response services?

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE A

In order to ensure that Herlong continues to receive fire protection and emergency medical services, we need a Local Fire Department with a station right here in our community – The Herlong Volunteer Fire Department! After 60 years of providing fire protection and emergency medical services, the Sierra Army Depot will no longer be able to be the sole provider of these critical services.

If you are in doubt about the Fire Measure, consider the following:

- A Yes Vote will provide a local fire station in our community for vital fire protection and emergency medical response services that we need.
- A Yes Vote will help us protect property and save lives.
- A Yes Vote will also keep our fire insurance premiums affordable.
- A Yes Vote will allow the Herlong Volunteer Fire Department to be able to receive grants for equipment and to enter into mutual aid agreements with other emergency service providers.
- A Yes Vote will generate significant matching funds, including \$12,200 per year from the Susanville Indian Rancheria.

If Measure A fails, no local agency will be responsible for providing fire and emergency medical response services to the Herlong community -- response times for medical emergencies and fires could increase from 4 minutes to 20 minutes. A Yes Vote on this measure will make sure we receive rapid responses to medical emergencies!

Measure A includes strict accountability provisions to ensure that all funds will only be used locally. Annual financial audits are required and an Independent Citizens' Fire Advisory Committee will oversee all expenditures from Measure A funds.

Please vote Yes for a Safer Herlong.

Keenan O'Donnell
Fire Chief, Herlong Volunteer Fire Department

Jack Hanson
Lassen County Board of Supervisors

Jim Swistowicz
Herlong Volunteer Fire Department Advisory Board

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE A WAS SUBMITTED



**LASSEN COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF
WEST PATTON VILLAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
SPECIAL TAX MEASURE A**

The board of directors of the West Patton Village Community Services District has adopted a resolution proposing a special tax for specified purposes.

The ballot measure asks voters to decide whether a special tax should be imposed on taxable parcels of real property within the District. Under the measure, a taxable parcel of real property is any unit of real property in the District that appears on the annual secured Lassen County property tax roll. The special tax will be collected by the County Treasurer-Tax Collector at the same time, in the same manner, and subject to the same penalties as ad valorem property taxes collected by the County Treasurer-Tax Collector.

The special tax will be collected at the following annual rates beginning with the 2007-2008 fiscal year:

- Single-family & Multi-family Residential / Mobile Homes / Commercial / Industrial -- \$114 per parcel.
- Agricultural / Vacant -- \$54 per parcel.
- Institutional / Miscellaneous -- \$24 per parcel.

According to the measure, the proceeds of the special tax will only be used to defray operating expenses, capital improvement expenditures, and debt repayment to ensure local access to fire suppression, protection and emergency medical response services for residents of the District and visitors to the area.

The District's appropriations limit (the maximum amount a public entity may expend in a given fiscal year) will be increased by the amount of the special tax.

The special tax proceeds will be deposited in a separate account, and a citizens' oversight committee will review and report on the expenditure of tax revenues.

Two-thirds of those voting on the ballot measure must approve the measure for it to pass.

A "yes" vote is a vote in favor of authorizing the special tax for such fire protection and emergency medical services.

A "no" vote is a vote against authorizing the special tax for such fire protection and emergency medical services.

Dated: July 12, 2007

R. Craig Settlemire, Esq.
Lassen County Counsel

FULL TEXT OF SPECIAL TAX MEASURE A

**WEST PATTON VILLAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
PARCEL TAX FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION, PROTECTION AND
EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE SERVICES FOR THE
COMMUNITIES OF HERLONG AND WEST PATTON VILLAGE**

The West Patton Village Community Services District will levy a special tax on each taxable parcel of land within the District at the following annual rates:

- Single-family & Multi-family Residential / Mobile Homes on a Separate Parcel / Commercial / Industrial -- \$114 per parcel
- Agricultural / Vacant -- \$54 per parcel
- Institutional / Miscellaneous -- \$24 per parcel

In order to help ensure that the revenues from the special tax grow in line with the inflation adjusted cost of providing local fire protection and emergency medical emergency services, the tax rate may increase in future years by an annual amount not to exceed 3% per year.

Taxable parcels are those parcels that appear on the annual secured Lassen County property tax roll. Assessor's Use Codes are those codes used by the Lassen County Assessor's Office to identify and categorize property.

The purpose of this parcel tax will be to ensure continued local fire suppression, protection and emergency response services for all residents of the District and visitors to the area. The revenues raised by this special tax will only be used to defray operating expenses, capital improvement expenditures and debt repayment to accomplish the foregoing purposes.


The District's appropriations limit will be increased by the amount of this voter-approved tax.

The special tax revenues shall be deposited into a separate account held by the Lassen County Treasurer, in accordance with Government Code Section 50075.1, and shall be expended according to a plan developed annually by the District staff and approved and adopted by the District's Board of Directors. A citizens' oversight committee appointed by the Board will review and report on the expenditure of tax revenues.

The District will cause to be filed an annual report with its Board of Directors, which report shall include the amount of special tax revenues collected and expended, and which shall otherwise comply with the accountability measures established in Government Code Sections 50075.1 et seq.



TALLY SHEET

OF THE West Patton Village CSD ELECTION
 Held on August 28, 2007 In Hurlong Precinct _____
 In Lassen County  State of California

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO ELECTION OFFICERS -- PROCEDURE AFTER CLOSE OF POLLS

References are to Elections Code Sections

AT THE CLOSING OF THE POLLS the count shall be conducted by at least four members of the precinct board. (Sec. 15057)

Those ballots not requested shall be placed in one pile, and the board shall proceed to count by taking off the vote for one or more offices or measures at a time.

THE COUNT SHALL BE PUBLIC, and shall be continued without adjournment until completed and the result declared. (Sec. 15054)

THE BALLOTS, as soon as all the names and measures marked on them as voted for are read and tallied, shall not thereafter be examined by any person, but, as soon as all are counted, shall be carefully sealed in the envelope provided. The signatures of each member of the precinct board shall be written across the seal. (Sec. 15062)

BEFORE ANY BALLOT is taken from the ballot box, members of the Precinct Board must deface each unused ballot by drawing across the face thereof with indelible pencil, two lines which shall CROSS each other, the cross to be more than three inches square, and then place all said ballots in the envelope which has been provided for spoiled, cancelled and unused ballots. (Sec. 14403)

CANVASS BY EIGHT-MEMBER BOARD: See Sections 15120 - 15122

The precinct board members shall ascertain the number of votes cast for each person and for and against each measure in the following manner.

WHEN THE POLLS ARE FINALLY CLOSED the ballots must be taken out of the ballot box, unopened, and counted to ascertain whether the number of ballots corresponds with the number of signatures on the Roster of Voters. (Sec. 15051)

One precinct board member shall read from the ballots. As the ballots are read, at least one other precinct board member shall keep watch of each vote so as to check on any possible error or omission on the part of the officer reading or calling the ballot.

THE PRECINCT BOARD SHALL make a record upon the Roster of the number of ballots in the ballot box, the number of signatures on the roster and the difference, if any. (Sec. 15052)

Two of the precinct member shall each keep a tally sheet which shall be in such form as may be prescribed by the clerk.

THE PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS SHALL NOT constitute themselves into separate squads in an attempt to conduct more than one count of the ballots at the same time.

The precinct board members keeping the tally sheets shall record opposite each name or measure, with pen or indelible pencil, the number of votes by tallies as the name of each candidate or measure voted upon is read aloud from the respective ballot.

The members of the precinct board may relieve each other in the duties of counting ballots.

Immediately upon the completion of the tallies, the precinct board members keeping such tally shall draw two heavy lines in ink or indelible pencil from the last tally mark to the end of the line in which the tallies terminate and initial that line. The total number of votes counted for each candidate and for and against each measure shall be recorded on the tally sheets in words and figures.

All ballots shall be unfolded and examined for irregularities. Any ballot which is not marked as provided by law or is marked or signed by the voter so that it can be identified by other shall be rejected.

No precinct board member shall make any tally of votes in any other manner than is provided in this chapter, nor in any other place than on the tally sheets provided for that purpose. (Secs. 15065 - 15061)

The following do not render a ballot invalid:

- (a) Soiled or defaced.
- (b) Two or more impressions of the voting stamp in one voting square.
- (c) If a voter indicates either by a combination of both stamping and writing in, a choice of more than there are candidates to be elected or nominated for any office, or if for any reason the choice of the voter is impossible to determine, the vote for that office shall not be counted, but the remainder of the ballot, if properly marked, shall be counted.

The precinct board shall complete all furnished forms. (Sec. 15063)

The rejected ballots shall be placed in the package marked for voted ballots or in a separate container as directed by the clerk. All rejected ballots shall have written thereon the cause for rejection and be signed by a majority of the precinct board members.

The precinct board shall sign and post conspicuously on the outside of the polling place a copy of the result of the votes cast. The copy shall remain posted for at least 48 hours after the official time fixed for the closing of the polls. (Sec. 15064)

— CERTIFICATE OF RESULT OF ELECTION AND CERTIFICATE OF PERFORMANCE —

We hereby certify that the total number of votes received by each candidate for each office and the total number of votes cast for and against each measure is as indicated and is the correct result of the election in the precinct.

We further certify that the results of votes cast forms posted outside the polling place and transmitted to the county clerk show the total number of votes received by each candidate for each office and the total number of votes cast for and against each measure is as indicated.

<p><u>Quiana Smith</u> Clerk</p> <p><u>Elyse Johnson</u> Clerk</p> <p><u>Melissa Regal</u> Clerk</p> <p><u>Shirley</u> Clerk</p>	<p>..... Inspector</p> <p>..... Ass't. Inspector</p> <p>..... Judge</p> <p>..... Judge</p>
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NOTE: The law provides for a various number of officers on Precinct Boards. Draw a line through spaces not required for signatures.

VACANCIES: If substitutive appointments to the precinct board are made on election day fill out the FILLED VACANCIES CERTIFICATE.

Enclose this Tally Sheet in Envelope Provided

Sign Declarations of Election Officers in Roster of Voters

JOHN SMITH
 had Twenty-Three votes
 for Governor

TALLY SHEET

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TALLY AS ILLUSTRATED with indelible pencil (The Number of Votes Must be Written Out at FULL LENGTH in this column)		NUMBER OF VOTES CAST FOR AND AGAINST THE MEASURES										TOTAL VOTE (In Figures)																															
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SIGN CERTIFICATE ON FRONT COVER