

Santiago Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD) Election Procedure

General Information

The following selected sections of California Public Resources Code Section 26500 (“GHAD Law”) and Election Code apply to election of members of a Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD) Board of Directors.

Public Resources Code § 26567

If owners of real property within the district are appointed as the initial board of directors, then following the initial term, the board of directors shall be elected as provided by Section 26583. This section shall apply to all districts formed on or after January 1, 1980.

Public Resources Code § 26583

Following the four-year term of the initially appointed board of directors formed pursuant to Section 26567 and composed of owners of real property within the district, the board of directors shall be composed of five elected directors. The term of office of directors shall be four years. The expiration of the term of any director shall not constitute a vacancy and he or she shall hold office until his or her successor has qualified. Elections shall be called and conducted, and the results canvassed, returned, and declared pursuant to the Uniform District Election Law (Part 4 (commencing with Section 10500) of Division 10 of the Elections Code). This section shall not apply to a district where the legislative body has appointed itself as the board of directors.

Elections Code § 10505

The terms of office of elective officers in all new districts shall be determined as follows:

- (a) If the district is formed in an odd-numbered year, the officers elected at the formation election shall hold office until noon on the first Friday in December of the next following odd-numbered year, provided officers elected at an election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November shall hold office as provided in subdivision (c).*
- (b) If the district is formed in an even-numbered year, the officers elected at the formation election shall hold office until noon on the first Friday in December of the second next following odd-numbered year.*
- (c) The directors elected at the first general district election held in a district and at a formation election held at the same time as the general district election shall meet as soon as practicable after taking office and classify themselves by lot into two classes, as nearly equal in number as possible, and the terms of office of the class having the greater number shall be four years and the terms of office of the class having the lesser number shall be two years. All other elective officers*

elected at the election shall hold office for a term of four years or until their successor is elected and qualifies.

Contact Information

Orange County Registrar of Voters

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Registrar of Voters

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Schedule and Deadlines

2024 Schedule

November 5, 2024, Election Deadlines

July 3, 2024 – Resolution and Notice to Orange County Registrar of Voters (Board of Directors and GHAD Manager)

July 15, 2024 – Declaration of Candidacy forms available (Candidate)

August 9, 2024 - Declaration of Candidacy submittal deadline (Candidate)

August 14, 2024 – Election Determination (Orange County Registrar of Voters)

Background

1. On the 125th day prior to the day fixed for the general district election, the GHAD Manager will deliver a notice to the Orange County Registrar of Voters. The notice shall bear the Manager's signature and the district seal and shall also contain both of the following:
 - (a) The elective offices of the district to be filed at the next general district election, specifying which offices, if any, are for the balance of an unexpired term.
 - (b) Whether the district or the candidate is to pay for the publication of a statement of qualifications pursuant to Section 13307. (Section 10509).

2. On the 113th day prior to the general district election, forms for declarations of candidacy for all district offices shall be obtained from the Orange County Registrar of Voters. The forms shall be filed not later than 5 p.m. on the 88th day prior to the general district election in the office of the Orange County Registrar of Voters during regular office hours or may be filed by certified mail so that the forms reach the Orange County Registrar of Voters no later than the deadline. No candidate shall withdraw his or her declaration of candidacy after 5 p.m. on the 88th day prior to the general district election.
3. If, by 5 p.m. on the 83rd day prior to the day fixed for the general district election the number of persons who have filed a declaration of candidacy for director at large does not exceed the number of offices of director at large to be filled at that election, the election will be canceled pursuant to Section 10515.

An online candidate filing system is available through the Orange County Registrar of Voters website. The online candidate filing will include a:

- A "Declaration of Candidacy" form.
- A "Ballot Designation Worksheet".
- An "Oath of Office" form.

Fees

As provided in Section 10520 of the Elections Code, each district involved in a general district election shall reimburse the county for the actual costs.