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Voter Information Guide

Guía de Información para el Votante

Scotts Valley Fire Protection District Election

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Ballots will be mailed October 9 to all voters.

Elección del Distrito de protección contra incendios de Scotts Valley

Martes, 7 de noviembre de 2023

Las boletas se enviarán por correo el 9 de octubre a todos los votantes

← **In-person voting locations and hours with ballot.**

← **Lugares de votación en persona y horas con la boleta.**

Santa Cruz County Elections Department

701 Ocean Street, Room 310, Santa Cruz
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Dear Voter,

In this guide you will find the information for Measure W. You will also find information on how to return your vote-by-mail ballot or how to vote in-person.

In this packet you will also find two cards, the first has instructions and the second card is your official ballot.

While we want to encourage you to vote from home using the ballot we mail you, you may need to vote in-person. Our office will be open for voting starting on October 9 and we will have another location that will be open beginning Saturday, November 4. At these locations you can obtain a second ballot, drop off your voted ballot, vote an accessible ballot on the tablet, vote a Spanish ballot on the tablet, register and vote on the same day, vote provisionally, or any other voter service.

Additionally, postage is paid on the vote-by-mail ballot envelopes. Or instead of returning your ballot by mail, we encourage you to drop it off at one of the ballot drop boxes available 24/7 – locations are listed in this guide and on our website at **www.votescount.us**.

We are here to help and answer your questions. Please call us at 831-454-2060 or email **info@votescount.us**.

Your vote counts! Thank you for being a voter!

Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Department

Estimado votante,

En esta guía encontrará la información para la Medida W. También encontrará información sobre cómo devolver su boleta de voto por correo o cómo votar en persona.

En este paquete también encontrará dos tarjetas, la primera tiene instrucciones y la segunda tarjeta es su boleta oficial.

Si bien queremos alentarle a votar desde su hogar utilizando la boleta que le enviamos por correo, es posible que deba votar en persona. Nuestra oficina estará abierta para votar a partir del 9 de octubre y tendremos otro lugar que estará abierto a partir del sábado, 4 de noviembre. En estos lugares puede obtener una segunda boleta, dejar su boleta votada, votar una boleta accesible en la tableta, votar una boleta en español en la tableta, registrarse y votar el mismo día, votar provisionalmente o cualquier otro servicio electoral.

Además, gastos de envío para votar por correo son prepagados. O en lugar de enviar su boleta por correo, lo animamos a dejar su boleta en uno de los buzones para boletas electorales disponibles las 24 horas, 7 días de la semana – las localidades se enumeran en esta guía y en nuestra página web en **www.votescount.us**.

Estamos aquí para ayudarlo y responder sus preguntas. Llámenos al 831-454-2060 o envíe un correo electrónico a **info@votescount.us**.

¡Tu voto cuenta! ¡Gracias por ser un votante!

Departamento de Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elecciones

2 ways to vote

Vote using the ballot mailed to you

County elections will mail a ballot to all active registered voters by October 9. If you spoil your ballot, see back cover on how to obtain a replacement. You may also sign up to have your ballot emailed to you.

To return your ballot, mail it, drop it off at any drop box or voting location or deliver it to the County Elections office by 8pm, Tuesday, November 7.

If you mail it, make sure your ballot is postmarked on or before **November 7**. Mail it early or walk it into the post office and get your ballot envelope postmarked.

For more details, see **page 4**.

Vote in person

You may vote in person beginning on **October 9**.

Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections office (**October 9 – November 7**)

701 Ocean St Room 310, Santa Cruz

Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm.

Saturday, October 28: 9am to 5pm

Sunday, October 29: 9am to 5pm

Saturday, November 4: 9am to 5pm

Sunday, November 5: 9am to 5pm

Election Day, Tuesday, November 7: 7am to 8pm

Scotts Valley High School (**November 4 – November 7**)

555 Glenwood Dr Room W2 (portable classroom near locker room and gym)

Saturday, November 4: 9am to 5pm

Sunday, November 5: 9am to 5pm

Monday, November 6: 8am to 5pm

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Any voter can go to either location to: obtain a second ballot, drop off your ballot, register and vote on the same day, use the tablet to vote an accessible ballot or Spanish ballot, or any other voter service.



How to return the ballot mailed to you

Ballots will be mailed to all voters for this election.

County elections will mail a ballot to all active registered voters by October 9. Once you get your ballot:

1. Mark it by filling in the bubble to the left of your choice. Voting is not a test, you do not have to vote on every issue.
2. Sign the envelope with your name and address on it in your own handwriting and print your name, address, and a way to contact you, and
3. Drop it off or mail it.

How to return your vote-by-mail ballot



Drop it off at one of the 24/7 drop boxes.

Scotts Valley City Hall Parking Lot – 1 Civic Center Dr. Scotts Valley
County Government Center Parking Lot – 701 Ocean St. Santa Cruz



Deliver your ballot to the Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections office.
701 Ocean St. Room 310 Santa Cruz

Drop off your ballot at any voting location open November 4 –
November 7.



Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections office, 701 Ocean St. Room 310
Santa Cruz

Scotts Valley High School

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and gym)



Mail your ballot, so that it is postmarked on or before Election Day,
November 7.



How to vote in person

All voters will be mailed a ballot for the November 7, 2023, Scotts Valley Fire Protection District Election.

However, in-person voting locations will be available for voters to:

- Obtain a replacement ballot
- Register and vote on the same day
- Vote an accessible ballot on the tablet
- Vote a Spanish ballot on the tablet
- Drop off their voted ballot
- Any other voter service

Starting October 9, the Santa Cruz County Elections Office will open for voting and other voter services.

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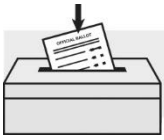
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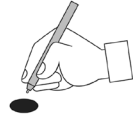
Any voter can go to any location.



How to vote a paper ballot

Mark your ballot

Fill in the bubble to the left of your choice.



Use only a blue or black ballpoint ink pen. Do not use red ink pens, Sharpies, markers or any other type of pen.

Do not sign your name on your ballot, write your initials, or write any other words or marks on your voted ballot.

Check your ballot carefully

If you make a mistake, and you are voting from home, call us at 831-454-2060 or email us at 2ndballot@votescount.us and we will mail you a new ballot. If you are voting in person, ask a poll worker for a new ballot.

- Vote for only one replacement candidate.
- Always fill in the bubble on a write-in vote.

Return your voted ballot

Deposit your ballot into the ballot box. Your ballot will be scanned and counted at the Elections Office located at 701 Ocean Street, Room 310, in Santa Cruz.



How to vote with the tablet to mark your ballot

At the voting location, you can choose to use the tablet to mark a paper ballot or use a pen to mark a paper ballot.

The tablet serves as a marking device that will print the voter's choices on a piece of paper that is the ballot. All voters – including those with disabilities – can vote privately and independently.

1. Tell the election officer you want to use the tablet

- The election officer will give you a ticket.
- Take it to the tablet area.
- When it is your turn, an election officer will activate the tablet so you can vote.



2. Mark your ballot

- Touch the box to the right of your choices. A check mark will appear in the box.
- To change your vote, touch the box again.



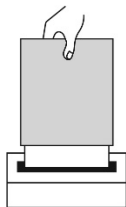
3. Print your ballot

- Touch the screen to print your ballot.
- Your choices are printed on the ballot for you to review.



4. Deposit your ballot in the ballot box

- Take your ballot to the ballot box station.
- Deposit your ballot into the ballot box.





Accessible Voting

At the voting location

In some voting locations, temporary thresholds, ramps, signage, cones, and door props are used to improve access to the facility.

Curbside voting

If the voting location is not accessible, you may vote on a paper or an electronic ballot from a nearby accessible location, including a car. An election officer will qualify you to vote and will return the voted ballot to the voting location.

To request curbside voting assistance, you can:

- call in advance to coordinate a time and place
- have an assistant make the request inside the voting location

Accessible voting system

Each voting location in the county has a tablet with:

- an audio option that reads the ballot to you
- a universal plug for personal assistive device
- large print (24 points)
- a choice of English or Spanish

A ride to your voting location

We can arrange to have an accessible van pick you up and take you to a voting location in Santa Cruz County to vote. Please call 831-454-2060 by Friday, November 3 to make an appointment.

Ballot delivery to your home

We can deliver a ballot to your home and return it to the Elections Department. Please call 831-454-2060 before Election Day so there will be enough time to assist you.

Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail Ballot (RAVBM)

The RAVBM system allows voters to download and mark your ballot privately and independently using your own assistive technology, select the language for your ballot, print your marked ballot, sign your return envelope, and return it to the Elections Office to be counted.

RAVBM is not “internet voting.” You must print and return your marked ballot. RAVBM used to be limited to military/overseas voters and voters with disabilities, but due to a new law any voter may request a RAVBM.



You must request your RAVBM ballot by 7pm on November 7.

How to vote from home (accessibly!) with RAVBM:

- 1. Request an RAVBM ballot access link by 7pm on November 7**
Request a RAVBM ballot online at www.votescount.us or contact the elections office by phone at 831-454-2060, or by email at vbm@votescount.us.
- 2. Mark your ballot**
Use the access link to open your ballot. Review and mark the ballot on your own computer, with your own assistive technology if needed.
- 3. Review and print your ballot**
Check your ballot and make corrections. Download and print your ballot.
- 4. Seal and sign the ballot envelope**
Put your RAVBM ballot in the envelope you received in the mail. Sign the voter's declaration (punched holes tell you where to sign). Seal the envelope. If you don't have the envelope we sent you, use your own envelope and sign the outside, print your name, write your address, and provide a way to contact you. You can use a second envelope if you don't want your information exposed.
- 5. Return your ballot – see page 4.**

How to request assistance

To request any of these options, or for assistance with accessible voting:



Phone Santa Cruz County Elections: 831-454-2060



Disability Rights California operates a statewide Voting Hotline year-round 1-888-569-7955 TDD: 711



Language services

The Santa Cruz County Multilingual Voter Services program was established to provide services to voters who need language assistance.

The following election materials will be translated into Spanish and will be available at all our voting locations:

- A copy of the ballot
- Voting Instructions
- Voter Bill of Rights
- As a voter, you may bring up to two individuals with you to your voting location to help you cast your ballot if those individuals do not represent your employer or your union. Your voting location may have election officers ready to assist you who speak Spanish.

Spanish ballot will be mailed to you

Since all voters will be mailed a ballot for this election, we will also mail you a copy of your ballot in Spanish. It will be in a separate mailing from your official ballot.

Background

California law requires the Secretary of State, in January before the primary election for Governor, to identify which precincts have 3% or more of the voting-age residents who are members of a single language minority and lack sufficient skills in English to vote without assistance.



For more information in English, please call 831-454-2060

Para más información en español, por favor llame al 831-454-2060

若需更多中文資訊，請致電 831-454-5137

Para sa karagdagang impormasyon sa Tagalog, mangyaring tumawag sa 831-454-5135

2 formas de votar

Vote usando la boleta que se le envió por correo

Las elecciones del condado enviarán por correo una boleta a todos los votantes registrados activos el 25 de septiembre. Si estropea su boleta, vea la contraportada sobre cómo obtener un reemplazo. También puede inscribirse para que le envíen su boleta por correo electrónico.

Para devolver su boleta, déjela en cualquier buzón o lugar de votación, entréguela en la oficina de Elecciones del Condado antes de las 8 pm del martes 24 de octubre.

Si la envía por correo, asegúrese de que su boleta tenga el matasellos del **17 de octubre** o antes. Envíela temprano o camine hasta la oficina de correos y obtenga el matasellos en el sobre de la boleta.

Para obtener más detalles, vea la **página 12**.

Votar en persona

Puede votar en persona a partir del **9 de octubre**.

La oficina de Elecciones del Condado (**9 de octubre – 7 de noviembre**)
701 Ocean St Room 310, Santa Cruz

Lunes a viernes de 8am a 5pm.

Sábado, 28 de octubre: 9am a 5pm

Domingo, 29 de octubre: 9am a 5pm

Sábado, 4 de noviembre: 9am a 5pm

Domingo, 5 de noviembre: 9am a 5pm

Día de las elecciones, martes, 7 de noviembre: 7am a 8pm

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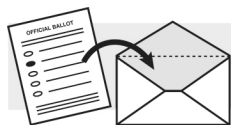
Sábado, 4 de noviembre: 9am a 5pm

Domingo, 5 de noviembre: 9am a 5pm

Lunes, 6 de noviembre: 8am a 5pm

Día de las elecciones, martes, 7 de noviembre: 7am a 8pm

Cualquier votante puede ir a cualquier lugar para: obtener una segunda boleta, entregar su boleta, registrarse y votar el mismo día, usar la tableta para votar en una boleta accesible o en una boleta en español, o cualquier otro servicio electoral.



Cómo devolver la boleta que se le envió por correo

Las boletas se enviarán por correo a todos los votantes para esta elección.

Las elecciones del condado enviarán por correo una boleta a todos los votantes registrados activos el 9 de noviembre. Una vez que obtenga su boleta:

1. Márquelo llenando el óvalo a la izquierda de sus opciones. Votar no es una prueba, no tienes que votar en todos los temas.
2. Firme el sobre con su nombre y dirección con su propia letra e imprima su nombre, dirección y una forma de contactarlo, y
3. Déjelo o envíelo por correo.

Cómo devolver su boleta de voto por correo



Déjelo en uno de los buzones de entrega 24 horas al día, 7 días a la semana.

Scotts Valley City Hall Parking Lot – 1 Civic Center Dr. Scotts Valley
County Government Center Parking Lot – 701 Ocean St. Santa Cruz



Entregue su boleta a la oficina de Elecciones/Secretario del
Condado de Santa Cruz. 701 Ocean St. Santa Cruz

Entregue su boleta en cualquier lugar de votación abierto del 4 de
noviembre a 7 de noviembre.



Santa Cruz County Clerk/Elections Office, 701 Ocean St. Santa Cruz
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gimnasio)



Envíe su boleta de manera que tenga matasellos del 7 de noviembre
o antes del día de las elecciones.



Como votar en persona

Todos los votantes recibirán por correo una boleta para las 24 de octubre de 2023, Elección de Scotts Valley Fire Protection District.

Sin embargo, habrá lugares de votación en persona disponibles para que los votantes:

- Obtenga una boleta de reemplazo
- Regístrese y vote el mismo día
- Vote una boleta accesible en la tableta
- Vote una boleta en español en la tableta
- Entregar su boleta votada
- Cualquier otro servicio electoral

A partir del 7 de noviembre, la Oficina de Elecciones del Condado de Santa Cruz y estará abierta para la votación y otros servicios para los votantes.

La oficina de Elecciones/Secretario del Condado de Santa Cruz
701 Ocean St. Room 310, Santa Cruz

Lunes a viernes de 8am a 5pm.

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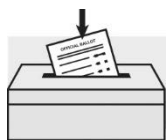
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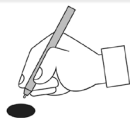
Lunes, 6 de noviembre: 8am a 5pm

Día de las elecciones, martes, 7 de noviembre: 7am a 8pm

Cualquier votante puede acudir a cualquier lugar.



Cómo votar por boleta electoral de papel



Marque su boleta

Rellena la burbuja a la izquierda de su elección.

Use un bolígrafo con tinta azul o negra solamente. No utilice bolígrafo de tinta roja, Sharpies, marcadores o ningún otro tipo de bolígrafo.

No firme su nombre en su boleta, no escriba sus iniciales, no escriba otras palabras o hacer algún otro tipo de marca en la boleta que ha completado.

Revise su boleta cuidadosamente

Si comete un error y está votando desde casa, llámenos al 831-454-2060 o envíenos un correo electrónico a 2ndballot@votescount.us y le enviaremos una nueva boleta por correo. Si está votando en persona, pídale a un trabajador electoral una nueva boleta.

- Vote solo por uno candidatos sustitutos.
- Siempre rellene la burbuja incluso en un “voto escrito”.

Devuelva su boleta votada

Deposite su boleta en la urna. Su boleta será escaneada y contada en la Oficina de Elecciones ubicada en 701 Ocean Street, Room 310, en Santa Cruz.



Cómo votar por boleta electrónica

En el lugar de votación usted puede elegir usar la tableta para marcar una boleta de papel o usar un bolígrafo para marcar una boleta de papel.

La tableta sirve como un dispositivo de marcado que imprimirá las elecciones del votante en un papel que es la boleta. Todos los votantes, incluyendo aquellos con discapacidades, pueden votar de forma privada e independiente.

1. Dígale al trabajador electoral que quiere usar una tableta para votar

- El trabajador electoral le entregará un boleto.
- Llévelo al área de la tableta.
- Cuando sea su turno, el trabajador electoral activará la tableta para que usted pueda votar.



2. Marcar su boleta

- Toque la casilla junto a la derecha de sus elecciones. Aparecerá una marca de verificación en el cuadro.
- Para cambiar su voto, toque el cuadro nuevamente.



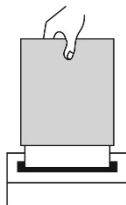
3. Imprima su boleta

- Toque la pantalla para imprimir su boleta.
- Sus elecciones están impresas en la boleta junto para que las revise.



4. Deposite su boleta en la urna electoral

- Lleve su boleta a la estación de urnas electorales.
- Deposite su boleta en la urna electoral.





Como votar por voto accesible

En el lugar de votación

En algunas mesas electorales, umbrales temporales, rampas, señales, conos, y sostenes para las puertas, se utilizan para mejorar el acceso a las instalaciones.

Votar en la acera

Si su lugar de votación no es accesible, usted puede votar por boleta de papel o electrónica desde un lugar cercano y accesible, incluyendo de un vehículo. Un trabajador electoral lo calificara para votar y entregara su boleta completa al lugar de votación.

Para solicitar asistencia para votar en la acera, usted puede:

- llamar por adelantado para coordinar la hora y el lugar.
- pedir a un asistente que haga la solicitud dentro del lugar de votación.

Equipo accesible para votar

Cada centro de lugar de votación en este condado tiene una unidad de pantalla táctil para votar con:

- una opción de audio que lee la boleta para usted
- un enchufe universal para dispositivos de asistencia personal
- letra grande (24 puntos)
- la opción de inglés o español

Transporte a su lugar de votación

Podemos hacer arreglos para enviar una camioneta con accesibilidad para recogerle a usted y llevarle al centro de lugar de votación para votar. Por favor llame al 831-454-2060 antes del viernes 3 de noviembre para programar una cita.

Entrega de boleta a su domicilio

Podemos entregar la boleta a su domicilio y regresarla al departamento de elecciones. Por favor llame al 831-454-2060 antes del día de la elección para asegurar que haya suficiente tiempo para proveerle asistencia.

Boleta de voto por correo de acceso remoto (RAVBM)

El sistema RAVBM permite a los votantes con discapacidades descargar y marcar su boleta de forma privada e independiente utilizando su propia tecnología de asistencia, seleccione el idioma de su boleta. imprimir su boleta marcada, firmar su sobre de devolución y devolverlo a la Oficina de Elecciones para que sea contado.

RAVBM no es "votación por Internet". Debe imprimir y devolver su boleta marcada. RAVBM solía estar limitado a votantes militares / extranjeros y votantes con discapacidades, pero debido a la nueva ley cualquier votante puede solicitar un RAVBM.



Debe solicitar su boleta RAVBM antes de las 7pm del 7 de noviembre.

Cómo votar desde casa (¡de forma accesible!) con RAVBM:

1. **Solicite un enlace de acceso a la boleta RAVBM antes de las 7pm del 7 de noviembre.** Solicite una boleta de votación RAVBM en línea en www.votescount.us o comuníquese con la oficina de elecciones por teléfono al 831-454-2060, o por correo electrónico a vbm@votescount.us.
2. **Marque su boleta**
Utilice el enlace de acceso para abrir su boleta. Revise y marque la boleta en su propia computadora, con su propia tecnología de asistencia si es necesario.
3. **Revise e imprima su boleta**
Revise su boleta y haga correcciones. Descargue e imprima su boleta.
4. **Selle y firme el sobre de la papeleta**
Coloque su boleta de la RAVBM en el sobre que recibió por correo. Firme la declaración de votante (los agujeros perforados le indican dónde firmar). Selle el sobre. Si no tiene el sobre que le enviamos, use su propio sobre y firme el exterior, escriba su nombre, escriba su dirección y proporcione una forma de contactarlo. Puede utilizar un segundo sobre si no desea que se exponga su información.
5. **Devuelva su boleta – vea a pagina 12.**

Como solicitar asistencia

Para solicitar cualquiera de estas opciones o para obtener ayuda con la votación accesible:



Teléfono Elecciones del Condado de Santa Cruz: 831-454-2060



Disability Rights California operará una línea directa de votación en todo el estado durante todo el año: 1-888-569-7955 TDD: 711



Servicios de idiomas

El programa de Servicios de Votante Multilingüe del Condado de Santa Cruz se estableció para proporcionar servicios a los votantes que necesitan asistencia con el idioma.

Los siguientes materiales electorales se traducirán al español y estarán disponibles en todos nuestros centros de votación:

- Una copia de la boleta
- Instrucciones de votación
- Declaración de derechos del votante
- Como votante, usted puede traer dos individuos a la estación de votación para que le ayuden a emitir su voto. Sus acompañantes no pueden ser representantes de su empleador o sindicato. La estación de votación emplea trabajadores que le puedan asistir en español.

Se le enviará la boleta en español

Dado que todos los votantes recibirán una boleta para esta elección, también le enviaremos una copia de su boleta en español. Estará en un envío por correo separado de su boleta oficial.

Fondo

La ley de California requiere que el Secretario de Estado, en enero antes de la elección primaria del Gobernador, identifique qué precintos tienen el 3% o más de los residentes en edad de votar que son miembros de una minoría de un solo idioma y carecen de las habilidades suficientes para votar en inglés sin asistencia.



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Para más información en español, por favor llame al 831-454-2060

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Para sa karagdagang impormasyon sa Tagalog, mangyaring tumawag sa 831-454-5135

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Measure W – Scotts Valley Fire Protection District Bond Measure

Ballot question

FIRE PROTECTION AND SAFETY BOND MEASURE. To construct a new strategically located fire operations facility, command center and repair/replace outdated stations, to be fully operational during a disaster, and seismically safe and accessible, thereby maintaining essential safety services including medical emergency lifesaving services, improved 911 response, wildfire protection and disaster response, shall the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District levy approximately \$27.50 per \$100,000 of assessed value to repay general obligation bonds through maturity?

Pregunta de Boleta

MEDIDA DE FIANZA DE PROTECCIÓN CONTRA INCENDIOS Y SEGURIDAD. Para construir una nueva instalación de operaciones contra incendios, un centro de comando estratégicamente ubicado y reparar/reemplazar estaciones obsoletas, para que estén en pleno funcionamiento durante un desastre y sean sísmicamente seguras y accesibles, manteniendo así los servicios de seguridad esenciales, incluidos los servicios de emergencia médica para salvar vidas, una mejor respuesta al 911 y protección contra incendios forestales y respuesta a desastres, ¿debería el Distrito de protección contra incendios de Scotts Valley recaudar aproximadamente \$27.50 por cada \$100,000 de valor tasado para pagar los bonos de obligación general hasta su vencimiento?

What your vote means

YES	NO
A “yes” vote is a vote to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$22,240,000 to be financed by the levy of <i>ad valorem</i> taxes on real property in the District.	A “no” vote is a vote against the issuance of the proposed general obligation bonds.

For and against Measure V

<p>FOR</p> <p>Daron Pisciotta*, President, Scotts Valley Fire Protection District Board Russell E. Patterson*, Member, Scotts Valley Fire Protection District Board Andrew Sundermier*, President, Scotts Valley Firefighters Local 3577 Union Mark Correira, Fire Chief, Scotts Valley Fire Protection District Ron Whittle, Retired Fire Chief, Scotts Valley Fire Protection District</p>
<p>AGAINST</p> <p>No argument against was filed</p>

Titles used by argument signers are for identification purposes only and does not necessarily reflect the position of the organization in question. If an asterisk (*) follows a name, it means the person is signing on behalf of agency/organization.



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Arguments and replies are the opinions of the authors. We print them exactly as submitted, including errors.

Argument for Measure W

Vote YES on Measure W for Improved Community Safety!

The fire station headquarters at Erba Lane does not meet essential services building and safety standards, putting the community of Scotts Valley at risk in the event of a disaster. The ballot measure will allow for the construction of a new strategically located fire station on La Madrona Drive across from the Hilton Hotel. Once built, the Erba Lane fire station will be decommissioned.

YES on W will keep our friends, family, firefighters and community members safe.

Community Safety

Currently, the 60-year-old Scotts Valley Fire Station on Erba Lane:

- Is seismically unsafe and has reached the end of its useful life - according to two different third-party professional evaluations.
- Will not likely withstand an earthquake, trapping your firefighters and preventing them from responding to the community.
- Is not built to modern building codes and firefighting safety standards.
- Is not in the most effective location to respond to all areas of the Fire District.
- Does not have a command center to handle large-scale incidents to support the District or City.

YES on W will:

- Provide a safe, strategically located fire station that meets seismic standards and building codes.
- Keep our firefighters and community members safe.
- Improve District coverage and response times.
- Support responsible community growth.

Financial Impact

- The Fire District already owns the land on La Madrona Drive – it was purchased in 2002 for this purpose.
- These bond funds can only be used to pay for the station relocation effort.
- Building costs will continue to rise in the years to come.
- Investing in a new station will meet the needs of the community now and into the future.

Safety is a Community Responsibility - Please join us in voting YES on Measure W.



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VOTE YES on Measure W

Daron Pisciotta*, President, Scotts Valley Fire Protection District Board

Russell E. Patterson*, Member, Scotts Valley Fire Protection District Board

Andrew Sundermier*, President, Scotts Valley Firefighters Local 3577 Union

Mark Correira, Fire Chief, Scotts Valley Fire Protection District

Ron Whittle, Retired Fire Chief, Scotts Valley Fire Protection District

Argument against Measure W

No argument against Measure W was filed.

Impartial Analysis of Measure W

Jason M. Heath, County Counsel

By: Ruby Márquez, Chief Assistant County Counsel

Under the California Constitution, Health and Safety Code, and other related statutes, fire protection districts may issue general obligation bonds for very limited purposes. The sale of such bonds must be approved by at least two-thirds (66 percent) of voters within the boundaries of that district. These bonds are sold to the public and constitute a debt of the district. They are repaid by the levy of an *ad valorem* tax, which is calculated based on the current assessed value of each property, and collected at the same time as other county taxes on real property.

Measure W was placed on the ballot by the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District (“the District”). The District proposes the sale of General Obligation bonds of a maximum amount not to exceed \$22,240,000 for a period up to 30 years. The total amount of bonds incurred cannot exceed 10 percent of the assessed value of all taxable property within the district. The maximum interest rate to be paid on the bonds will not exceed 12 percent per year.

As limited by law, the funds from the sale of these bonds shall only be used for specific purposes related to acquisition or construction of any real property, other capital expenses, and/or costs related to the authorization, issuance, and sale of the bonds. The law does not allow these bond funds to be used for salaries or other operational expenses.

The District has submitted a Bond Project description and additional information in the full body of the Measure and the Exhibits. The projects funded may include, but are not limited to:



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- Acquiring and constructing a new fire station; and/or
- Upgrading and properly repairing existing fire stations to meet current needs.

The District must also follow certain accountability measures, such as depositing the proceeds of the bonds into a special account and the filing of annual report by the Fire Chief. The report shall contain detailed information regarding the amount of funds that have been collected and expended, as well as the status of the project(s).

At the time of filing, the District has provided the best estimate of the highest tax rate to be levied at approximately \$27.50 per \$100,000 of assessed property value per year. The average annual tax can be collected for a term not to exceed 30 years. The measure does not include an estimated amount of funds to be raised on an annual basis.

A “yes” vote on Measure W is a vote to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$22,240,000 to be financed by the levy of *ad valorem* taxes on real property in the District.

A “no” vote on Measure W is a vote against the issuance of the proposed general obligation bonds.

Full text of Measure W

INTRODUCTION

The following is the abbreviated form of the bond measure:

FIRE PROTECTION AND SAFETY BOND MEASURE. To construct a new strategically located fire operations facility, command center and repair/replace outdated stations, to be fully operational during a disaster, and seismically safe and accessible, thereby maintaining essential safety services including medical emergency lifesaving services, improved 911 response, wildfire protection and disaster response, shall the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District levy approximately \$27.50 per \$100,000 of assessed value to repay general obligation bonds through maturity?



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BOND AUTHORIZATION

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District (the “District”), has found that it is necessary to improve and enhance essential fire services to the community by levying an ad valorem tax on taxable property in the District to secure general obligation bonds (the “General Obligation Bonds”) that will finance the acquisition and construction of capital improvements, including (i) facilities that support emergency lifesaving medical services, reduce 911 response times and enhance wildfire protection services, (ii) replacing/repairing outdated stations, and (iii) retrofitting fire facilities for earthquake safety (collectively, the “Project”).

The amount of revenue currently available to the District from property taxes and special taxes is inadequate to meet the cost of providing services pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 13862. Therefore, the District must establish a larger stable source of supplementary revenue to assist in meeting the costs of providing such services and exercising other rights and powers of the District.

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the authority of Government Code Section 53978, Article XIII A and Article XIII B of the California Constitution, and Health and Safety Code Section 13911, this Measure, if passed by two-thirds voter approval, would create a Scotts Valley Fire Protection District voter-approved special tax levied for strategic fire protection, rescue, and emergency medical services for the benefit of qualified voters of the District.

OBJECT AND PURPOSE

This measure (the “Fire Safety Bond Measure”) authorizes the levy of an ad valorem tax on taxable property in the District to secure the issuance of the General Obligation Bonds, the object and purpose of which is to finance the Project and certain costs in connection with the issuance of the General Obligation Bonds. In particular, the proceeds from this Measure will be used to maintain and improve the level of community-based fire protection services provided by the District.

ESTIMATED COSTS OF PROJECT

The estimated total cost of the Project to be paid from General Obligation Bond proceeds is \$22,240,000. The estimated costs include design, engineering, architect, planning and construction costs, rating agency fees, insurance fees, legal and consulting fees and other costs and expenses incidental to or connected with the



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Project as well as the authorization, issuance, and sale of the General Obligation Bonds. The final cost will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded, or projects are completed.

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF BONDS

The aggregate principal amount of the General Obligation Bonds to be issued will not exceed \$22,240,000.

MAXIMUM INTEREST RATE

The maximum rate of interest to be paid on the General Obligation Bonds will not exceed 12% per annum.

ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The following accountability measures apply to the issuance of the General Obligation Bonds pursuant to this Fire Safety Bond Measure:

- (a) The specific purpose of the General Obligation Bonds is to finance the Project; and
- (b) The proceeds from the sale of the General Obligation Bonds will be used only for the purposes specified in this Fire Safety Bond Measure, and not for any other purpose; and
- (c) The proceeds of the General Obligation Bonds will be deposited into an account to be created and held by the District; and
- (d) The Fire Chief of the District shall file an annual report with the Board which report shall contain pertinent information regarding the amount of funds collected and expended, as well as the status of the Project.

IDENTIFICATION OF TAX; USE OF REVENUE

The tax imposed by this Fire Safety Bond Measure is an ad valorem tax levied upon taxable real property in the District. The tax will be used to pay the principal and interest on the General Obligation Bonds.

If you need a replacement ballot, you may request one by Oct. 31:

- Online at www.votescount.us
- By phone at 831-454-2060
- Fill out the application below and mail or bring it to 701 Ocean St., Room 310, Santa Cruz CA 95060 or FAX to 831-454-2445.

Si necesita una boleta de reemplazo, puede solicitar una antes de 31 de oct:

- *en línea a www.votescount.us*
- *por teléfono a 831-454-2060*
- *Complete la solicitud a continuación y envíela por correo o tráigala a 701 Ocean St., Room 310, Santa Cruz CA 95060 o FAX al 831-454-2445.*

- I spoiled my ballot - *Estropeé mi papeleta*
- I request a Remote Accessible Vote by Mail ballot. You must provide an email below. We will email you a ballot, you will vote it and print it, then return it in the envelope we provide or use your own envelope. - *Solicito una boleta de voto por correo accesible a distancia. Debe proporcionar un correo electrónico a continuación. Le enviaremos una boleta por correo electrónico, la votará e imprimirá, luego la devolverá en el sobre que proporcionamos o usaremos su propio sobre.*
- I request my election materials in Spanish. *Solicito mis materiales electorales en español.*

First name – Primer nombre

Middle – Segundo nombre

Last Name – Apellido

Number and street – calle y número

City – ciudad State – Estado Zip code – cp

Tel.#:

Email

Read and sign – I am registered to vote in Santa Cruz County. I have not applied for any other vote-by-mail ballot for this election. I certify under penalty of perjury under California state law that the information above is true and correct. *Lea y firme – Soy votante inscrito en el Condado de Santa Cruz. No he solicitado ninguna otra boleta de votar por correo para esta elección. Certifico bajo pena de perjurio según las leyes del Estado de California que la información anterior es verdadera y correcta.*

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Voter's signature (as registered)

Firma del votante (tal como la registró para votar)

Date

Fecha