

RESOLUTION NO. 20-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FAIR OAKS
WATER DISTRICT**

**A RESOLUTION FINDING A PUBLIC PURPOSE IN PARTICIPATING
IN CVRA ISSUES AFFECTING FOWD CUSTOMERS AND FOWD FINANCES**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Fair Oaks Water District as follows:

1. Whereas, the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) imposes obligations on local public agencies to transition to the “by district” election system, particularly in circumstances where certain thresholds are met related to minority voting populations;
2. Whereas, the Fair Oaks Water District (FOWD) is currently in the process of transitioning to a “by district” election system to ensure its minority customers are adequately represented and that the CVRA is respected;
3. Whereas, recently several public agencies overlapping with or adjacent to FOWD have pursued changing to “by district” elections;
4. Whereas, the San Juan Water District (“SJWD”) and other neighboring public agencies each recently received letters alleging that their current election system violates the CVRA and likely will be transitioning to a “by district” election system in the future;
5. Whereas, the SJWD has informally requested assistance from FOWD with respect to public outreach and other issues related to CVRA compliance; and
6. Now therefore, the Board of Directors of the Fair Oaks Water District hereby finds and determines that the use of resources to participate in the process of transitioning to a “by district” election system under the CVRA for both FOWD and neighboring or overlapping agencies accomplishes a public purpose for FOWD.
7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and the District’s General Manager is authorized and directed to carry out the intentions of this Resolution.

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Fair Oaks Water District at a special meeting held on the 15th day of April 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Marx, McRae, Page, and Reid

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Director Sarkovich

Gary Page, President
Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Tom R. Gray, General Manager / Secretary