



Board Elections & Election Procedures

The Southern Cascades Community Services District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors. Directors are elected at large by registered voters within the District and serve staggered four-year terms. The District's election documents identify eligibility for Board office as being a registered voter within the District.

District elections are conducted in coordination with the Modoc County Elections Department and may be consolidated with statewide general elections.

Becoming a Candidate for the Board

Individuals interested in running for the Southern Cascades Community Services District Board of Directors should contact the Modoc County Elections Department to obtain the required candidate filing documents and current election instructions.

Candidates must meet all qualifications for office at the time required by law. The District's current election documents specify that a nominee must be a registered voter within the District.

Under California Elections Code section 10510, the regular nomination period for special district offices generally begins on the 113th day before the election and closes at 5:00 p.m. on the 88th day before the election.

If an incumbent whose office is up for election does not file nomination papers by the regular deadline, state law may provide an extended filing period for persons other than that incumbent. Candidates should confirm all applicable deadlines directly with the Modoc County Elections Department.

Candidate Statements

A candidate may submit a Candidate's Statement of Qualifications in accordance with applicable California election law and County procedures.

For the 2026 election, Southern Cascades Community Services District selected a 200-word maximum for candidate statements. The District's election documents also provide

that the candidate is responsible for the cost of printing the statement in the County Voter Information Guide or posting it online.

Candidates should obtain current statement requirements, estimated costs, formatting rules, and filing instructions from the Modoc County Elections Department.

Campaign Disclosure Requirements

Candidates for public office may also be subject to campaign disclosure and Statement of Economic Interests requirements under California's Political Reform Act.

The California Fair Political Practices Commission recommends that candidates review applicable requirements before beginning campaign activity. For example, candidates generally file a Form 501, Candidate Intention Statement, before soliciting or accepting campaign contributions, and other forms may be required depending on campaign activity.

Candidates are also required to file a Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests, no later than the final filing date for their declaration of candidacy or nomination documents.

[FPPC Candidate Getting Started Guide](#)

[FPPC Campaign Filing Schedules](#)

[FPPC Forms](#)

What Happens if There Are Not Enough Candidates?

Special districts are subject to procedures under California law when the number of qualified candidates does not exceed the number of offices to be filled.

The District's 2026 election documents state that, for special districts, an election will not be held when there is an insufficient number of nominees, subject to the procedures provided by law.

In those circumstances, qualified candidates may be appointed to the offices rather than appearing on the ballot. The County Elections Department determines the applicable election procedure based on the circumstances of the particular election.

Vacancies Between Regular Elections

A vacancy occurring on the Board between regular elections is filled in accordance with applicable California law, including Government Code section 1780.

Depending on the circumstances, the remaining Board members may appoint a qualified individual to fill the vacancy or call an election. Because the requirements and deadlines

depend on the particular vacancy, the District will follow the procedures and public notice requirements in effect when a vacancy occurs.

Tie Votes

Tie votes in city and district elections are generally resolved pursuant to California Elections Code sections 15651 and 10551. The Board's 2026 election paperwork selected the option permitting resolution through a special runoff election rather than resolution by lot, as permitted by applicable law.

Election Administration

For nomination papers, filing deadlines, Candidate Guides, voter registration information, ballot questions, and other election administration matters, contact:

Modoc County Elections Department

Modoc County, California

The County Elections Department is the best source for current candidate filing instructions and election-specific deadlines.

The California Fair Political Practices Commission provides information concerning campaign finance, disclosure requirements, and Statements of Economic Interests.

[California Fair Political Practices Commission \(FPPC\)](#)