Order to Call a General Election
Pine Strawberry Water Improvement District

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA, PURSUANT TO ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES §16-204 and 48-1016 CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PINE STRAWBERRY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; DESIGNATING THE DATE FOR THE ELECTION; DESIGNATING THE FILING PERIOD FOR RECEIPT OF THE CANDIDATE NOMINATION PETITIONS; DESIGNATING THE LAST DAY FOR VOTER REGISTRATION; AND INVITING NOMINATION PETITIONS.

WHEREAS, on November 26, 2013, the Gila County Board of Supervisors accepted the resignations of Ray Pugel, Gary Lovetro, Richard Dickinson, Ron Calderon and Michael Claxton; and

WHEREAS, on November 26, 2013 the Gila County Board of Supervisors revoked the authority of the Pine Strawberry Water Improvement District in accordance with ARS 48-1016; and

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. A general election is called to elect governing board members for the Pine Strawberry Water Improvement District.
2. The election shall be held on November 4, 2014.
3. The deadline for voter registration shall be October 6, 2014

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice is hereby given as follows:

Qualified electors within the Pine Strawberry Water Improvement District are hereby invited to submit a candidate nomination petition for the position of district governing board member.

Nomination packets shall be available in the Gila County Department of Elections Office or the Gila County Complex in Payson 610 E. HWY 260 Payson, Arizona 85541. The filing period for candidate nomination petitions shall begin on July 7, 2014, and ending at 5:00 p.m. on August 6, 2014

APPROVED this 17th day of January 2014.

GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Michael A. Pastor, Chairman

Attest:

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Marian Sheppard, Clerk of the Board

16-204. Declaration of statewide concern; consolidated election dates; definition

A. The legislature finds and determines that for the purposes of increasing voter participation and for decreasing the costs to the taxpayers it is a matter of statewide concern that all elections in this state be conducted on a limited number of days and, therefore, the legislature finds and declares that the holding of all elections on certain specific consolidated days is a matter of statewide concern. This section preempts all local laws, ordinances and charter provisions to the contrary.

B. For elections held before 2014 and notwithstanding any other law or any charter or ordinance of any county, city or town to the contrary, an election held for or on behalf of a county, city or town, a school district, a community college district or special districts organized pursuant to title 48, chapters 5, 6, 8, 10, 13 through 16 and 33 may only be held on the following dates:

1. Except for regular elections for candidates in a city or town with a population of one hundred seventy-five thousand or more persons, all elections, including recall elections and special elections to fill vacancies, shall be held on:

(a) The second Tuesday in March.

(b) The third Tuesday in May.

(c) The tenth Tuesday before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

(d) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Notwithstanding any other law, an election must be held on this date for the approval of an obligation or other authorization requiring or authorizing the assessment of secondary property taxes by a county, city, town, school district, community college district or special taxing district, except as provided by title 48.

2. For regular elections that are only for candidates in a city or town with a population of one hundred seventy-five thousand or more persons and not including recall elections and special elections to fill vacancies in those cities or towns, elections shall be held on:

(a) The tenth Tuesday before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

(b) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

C. For elections held before 2014, for any city or town, including a charter city, that holds its regularly scheduled candidate elections in even-numbered years pursuant to subsection B, paragraph 2, the term of office for a member of the city council or for the office of mayor begins on or after the second Tuesday in January in the year following the election.

D. Subsections B and C of this section do not apply to an election regarding a county or city charter committee or county or city charter proposal that is conducted pursuant to article XIII, section 2 or 3 or article XII, section 5, Constitution of Arizona.

E. Beginning with elections held in 2014 and later and notwithstanding any other law or any charter or ordinance to the contrary, a candidate election held for or on behalf of any political subdivision of this state other than a special election to fill a vacancy or a recall election may only be held on the following dates and only in even-numbered years:

1. The tenth Tuesday before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. If the political subdivision holds a primary or first election and a general or runoff election is either required or optional for that political subdivision, the first election shall be held on this date, without regard to whether the political subdivision designates the election a primary election, a first election, a preliminary election or any other descriptive term.

2. The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. If the political subdivision holds a general election or a runoff election, the second election held shall be held on this date. If the political subdivision holds only a single election and no preliminary or primary or other election is ever held for the purpose of reducing the number of candidates, or receiving a partisan nomination or designation or for any other purpose for that political subdivision, the single election shall be held on this date.

F. Beginning with elections held in 2014 and later that are not candidate elections, an election held for or on behalf of any political subdivision of this state, and including a special election to fill a vacancy or a recall election, may only be held on the following dates:
1. The second Tuesday in March.
2. The third Tuesday in May.
3. The tenth Tuesday before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.
4. The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Notwithstanding any other law, an election must be held on this date for the approval of an obligation or other authorization requiring or authorizing the assessment of secondary property taxes by a county, city, town, school district, community college district or special taxing district, except as provided by title 48.
G. Notwithstanding any other law, for an election administered by a county recorder or other officer in charge of elections on behalf of a city, town or school district and that is an all mail ballot election for that city, town or school district, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections may use a unified ballot format that combines all of the issues applicable to the voters in the city, town or school district requesting the all mail ballot election.
H. For the purposes of this section, "political subdivision" means any governmental entity operating under the authority of this state and governed by an elected body, including a city, town, county, school district, community college district or any other district organized under state law but not including a special taxing district.

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48-1016. Revocation of authority of elected board of directors

The board of supervisors of the county in which a domestic water improvement district or domestic wastewater improvement district is located may at any time revoke the authority of an elected board of directors in order to protect the residents of the district. Any district in which the authority of an elected board of directors is revoked pursuant to this section shall be governed by the board of supervisors as provided by section 48-908 and the board of supervisors shall have the option of calling for new elections for the district board of directors.

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