

## RESOLUTION 10-15

### RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TEHACHAPI-CUMMINGS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ENCOURAGING THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY TO ADOPT RANGE VOTING RATHER THAN PLURALITY VOTING OR INSTANT RUN-OFF VOTING

#### Section 1. WHEREAS:

- (a) Plurality voting forces voters to express their preference in the least way, limiting their input to a single name;
- (b) The objective mathematics of game theory shows plurality voting rewards voter tactics of not voting for who they want;
- (c) The action of factionalism as decried as far back as George Washington's farewell Address, is created by the weakness of plurality voting;
- (d) By the use of candidate clones plurality voting can be secretly manipulated;
- (e) The objective measurement of voter will transmission, called Bayesian Regret, shows there is the vastly superior method of Range Voting more suitable than plurality voting in all situations;
- (f) Range Voting, also known as Score Voting, is already successfully used by many widely known institutions;
- (g) Range Voting allows an expression of preference on all candidates;
- (h) Range Voting encourages honest voting over tactical voting;
- (i) Range Voting is impervious to the secret fraud of clone candidates;
- (j) Range Voting does not create the factionalism that shuts out free speech and open debate;
- (k) The wisdom of evolution, manifesting trillions of elections, has created systems of range voting, such as the honey bee scout election to determine new hive sites;
- (l) The widespread adoption of Range Voting would make substantial improvements to not just the means of democracy, but to elevating its conduct from its currently despised status, and yield substantial improvement to democracy's work

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(m) The Association of California Water Agencies / Joint Powers Insurance Authority, is widely recognized for excellence and leadership in public service;

(n) TCCWD is an enthusiastic participant and supporter of that excellence.


**Section 2. NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of Tehachapi-Cummings County Water District, as follows:

1. The Board of Directors condemns any and all uses of Plurality Voting, and its close cousin Instant Run off Voting.

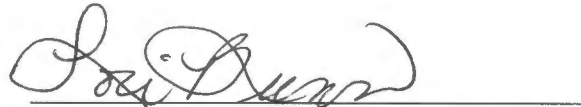
2. The Board of Directors encourages all public agencies to adopt Range Voting or any other means which is superior still in transmitting voter will.

3. The Board of Directors specifically encourages the ACWA/JPIA to adopt Range Voting for all its elections or any other means which is superior still in transmitting voter will.

**Adopted:** June 17, 2015

  
David E. Worden, President

Attest:

  
Lori Bunn, Secretary

**SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE**

I, LORI BUNN, Secretary to the Board of Directors of Tehachapi-Cummings County Water District do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of said District held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2015, by the following vote:

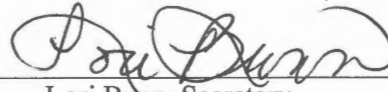
AYES: Hadley, Hall, Pack, Prel and Worden

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:



Lori Bunn, Secretary