ORDINANCE NO. 138

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LEUCADIA WASTEWATER DISTRICT ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT BASED ELECTION PROCESS PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 10010

WHEREAS, members of the Board of Directors ("Board") for the Leucadia Wastewater District ("District") are currently elected in "at-large" elections, in which each director is elected by the registered voters of the entire District and serves a four-year term;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code section 10650, the Board has authority to adopt an ordinance changing the system of elections in the District from an at-large system to a by-district elections system;

WHEREAS, this change in method for electing members of the Board is made in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (Elections Code section 14025 et seq.);

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of Elections Code section 10010, the Board held public hearings on October 10 and October 24, 2018 to receive testimony regarding the potential composition of electoral districts;

WHEREAS, also pursuant to the requirements of Elections Code section 10010, the Board held public hearings on December 12, 2018 and January 9, 2019 to receive testimony regarding two draft Electoral District Maps: Map 101 and Map 102;

WHEREAS, draft Electoral District Maps 101 and 102 were published for review and consideration by the public in accordance with the requirements of Elections Code section 10010; and

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to adopt this Ordinance to establish by-district elections and adopt a map identifying the five separate electoral districts,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. By-District Elections. Beginning with the general election in November 2020, members of the Leucadia Wastewater District Board of Directors shall be elected by-district in five single member districts, meaning one member of the Board shall be elected from each district, by the voters of that district alone. Each member of the Board shall serve a four-year term.

Section 2. Electoral Districts.

- A. The boundaries and identifying number of each of the five electoral districts are described on District Map 102 attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.
- B. The districts described in District Map 102 shall continue in effect until they are amended or repealed in accordance with law. The boundaries of the districts shall be reapportioned from time to time as required by the Elections Code or any other applicable law.

Section 3. Implementation of By-District Elections.

- A. Board members from Districts 1, 3, and 5 shall be elected beginning at the General Election in November 2020, and every four years thereafter.
- B. Board members from Districts 2 and 4 shall be elected beginning at the General Election in November 2022, and every four years thereafter.
- **Section 4. Eligibility Requirements**. Board members elected to represent a district must reside in that district and be a registered voter in that district, and any candidate for a Board position must live, and be a registered voter in, the district in which he or she seeks election. Termination of a residency in a district by a Board member shall create an immediate vacancy for that district unless a substitute residence within that district is established within 30 days after the termination of residency.
- **Section 5. No Impact on Current Board members.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, each of the Board members in office at the time this Ordinance takes effect shall continue in office until the expiration of the full term for which he or she was elected. Vacancies in Board member offices elected at-large may be filled from the District at-large. At the end of the term for each at-large Board member, that member's successor shall be elected on a by-district basis in the districts established by this Ordinance as shown on Map 102. Any vacancies in a Board member office elected by-district shall be filled by a person qualified to hold office who is a resident and a registered voter of the district.

Section 6. Effective Date. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of January 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:

Kulchin, Juliussen, Hanson, Sullivan

NOES:

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ABSENT:

None.

ABSTAIN:

None.

David Kulchin President

ATTEST:

Paul J. Bushee General Manager

