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County Clerk Aimee Espinoza
Kern County Elections Division
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Subject: TWO (2) INITIATIVE MEASURES TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS OF BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT.

County Clerk Espinoza,

Pursuant to Elections Code § 9300, et seq. [District Elections, Initiative], we, the undersigned proponents, are herein filing with your office—as the district elections official for Bear Valley Springs Community Services District—the following two Initiative Measures to be Submitted Directly to the Voters of Bear Valley Community Services District, respectively entitled:

- **Repeal of Water Rate Increases Enacted by Resolution No. 26-29 of the Bear Valley Community Services District Board of Directors on March 26, 2026.**
- **Repeal of Legacy Measure A (1997) Annual Special Tax for Police and Dispatch Salaries and Benefits in Order to Pave a Path for an Updated and Modernized Special Tax Measure.**

In accordance with Elections Code § 9304, please find attached:

- A copy of the notices of intention and statements of the reasons for each proposed petition, together with the written text of each initiative.
- An affidavit(s) made by a representative of *Tehachapi News*, a newspaper of general circulation (Government Code § 6000), certifying the publication of the notices of intention and statements and texts of both initiatives on April 8, 2026 in that publication (Elections Code § 9303.)
- Proponent Certifications Regarding Use of Signatures (Elections Code § 9608).

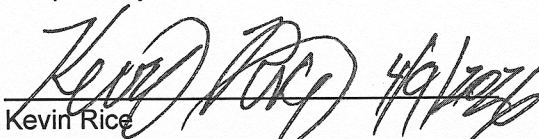
Notice of Reduced Signature Requirements

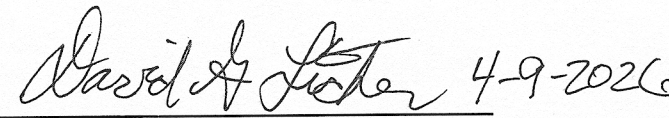
Each of these initiatives is subject to the rights and signature requirements of Section 3 of Article XIII C of the Constitution of the State of California, which reduces the signature requirement to that specified in Section 8 of Article II of the Constitution, to wit: "signed by electors equal in number to 5 percent in the case of a statute [...] of the votes for all candidates for Governor at the last gubernatorial election."

You are requested to calculate the signature requirement for these two initiatives and notify the proponents of your determination.

Having fulfilled the obligations of notice, publication and filing with your office, we intend to circulate these initiative petitions forthwith. We, the undersigned, are the proponents of these measures and registered qualified voters of Bear Valley Community Services District. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Respectfully Submitted,


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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CIRCULATE INITIATIVE PETITION.

Notice is hereby given of the intention of the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate the petition within the Bear Valley Community Services District for the purpose of REPEAL OF ONEROUS WATER RATES which took effect on April 1, 2026 and increasing annually to nearly DOUBLE the former rates by 2030, thereby reestablishing the lawful water rates in effect immediately prior.

A statement of the reasons for the proposed action as contemplated in the petition is as follows: The Bear Valley Community Services District Board of Directors voted to nearly DOUBLE WATER RATES within four years, which began April 2026 and includes annual increases through 2030. These outrageously high and destructive increases threaten home values and the ability of families, seniors and fixed income residents to continue to live in Bear Valley. The Board of Directors is instructed herein to respect the finances of residents and accord great deference to affordability when enacting rate, fee and tax increases.

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SECTION 2. This measure may not be amended, except upon voter approval.

/S/ Kevin Rice 26800 Sutter Ct Tehachapi 93561

/S/ David Licher 23040 Lakeview Dr Tehachapi 93561

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4/6/2026

David Licher
4-7-2026

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A statement of the reasons for the proposed action as contemplated in the petition is as follows: Bear Valley's legacy and outdated police tax must be modernized and updated. The legacy tax measure includes no citizen oversight or fiscal audits or reports. Legacy tax revenues are limited to salaries and benefits and may not be used for operational costs, facilities and other necessary police expenses.

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For modernization to occur, it is necessary to first repeal the existing, outdated legacy tax measure so that voters can consider a single modernized tax measure in 2027 not subject to the limits and shortcomings of the legacy special tax. Modernization will ensure a police tax that is unified under a single transparent umbrella instead of piece-meal.

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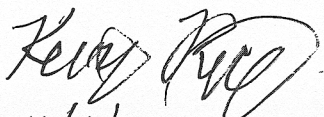
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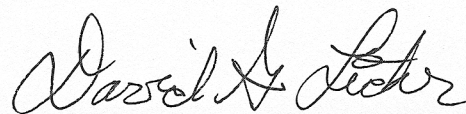
SECTION 2. The special tax measure adopted as Measure A by voters on May 6, 1997 is hereby REPEALED in accordance with Section 3 of Article XIII C of the Constitution of the State of California. The full-text of Measure A to be repealed is as follows: "Shall the present \$80.00 per-parcel police assessment be replaced by an annual special tax in the maximum amount not to exceed \$80.00 on each parcel in the Bear Valley Community Services District? The revenues from the special tax shall be used only for the limited purpose of paying salaries and benefits to police and dispatch personnel. In no event shall the revenue be used for capital improvements, including but not limited to the construction of any buildings or facilities."

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COUNTY OF KERN

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I AM A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY AFORESAID: I AM OVER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS, AND NOT A PARTY OR INTERESTED IN THE ABOVE ENTITLED MATTER. I AM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CLERK OF THE PRINTER OF THE TEHACHAPI NEWS, A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION, PRINTED AND PUBLISHED WEEKLY IN THE CITY OF TEHACHAPI COUNTY OF KERN,

AND WHICH NEWSPAPER HAS BEEN ADJUDGED A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION BY THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THAT THE NOTICE, OF WHICH THE ANNEXED IS A PRINTED COPY, HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN EACH REGULAR AND ENTIRE ISSUE OF SAID NEWSPAPER AND NOT IN ANY SUPPLEMENT THEREOF ON THE FOLLOWING DATES, TO WIT:

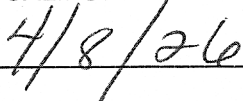
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I CERTIFY (OR DECLARE) UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.



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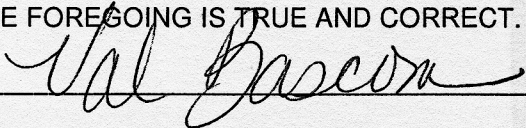
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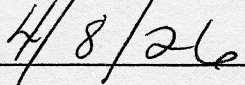
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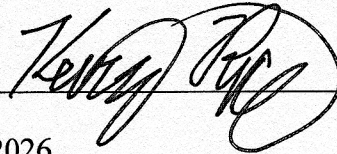
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PROPONENT CERTIFICATION REGARDING USE OF SIGNATURES

(Elections Code § 9608, subd. (a)^{1,2})

I, KEVIN RICE, acknowledge that it is a misdemeanor under state law (Section 18650 of the Elections Code) to knowingly or willfully allow the signatures on an initiative petition to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the proposed measure for the ballot. I certify that I will not knowingly or willfully allow the signatures for this initiative to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the measure for the ballot.

Signature of Proponent: _____



Dated this 9th day of April, 2026.

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