



STAFF REPORT

DATE July 16, 2024

TITLE:

Proposed New Elections Committee 2024 Task

RECOMMENDATION:

By Motion:

The Board of Directors approves the following added task to the Elections Committee 2024 Task List:

- Prepare an analysis of AB-2159 and its potential impact on the Tahoe Donner Association voting processes. The analysis will be completed within a reasonable timeframe, keeping in mind the progress of the legislation. The analysis will evaluate potential risks and benefits associated with adopting internet based electronic voting as presented in AB-2159.

BACKGROUND

At the June 28, 2024 regular board meeting, the Board of Directors requested the Elections Committee develop a scope and content of a proposed new task regarding Assembly Bill-2159 (Electronic Voting) which is proceeding through the California legislative process.

The Board request intended that after receiving a response from the Elections Committee, the Board would confirm and/or refine the task and add it to the Elections Committee 2024 Task List. The Elections Committee discussed this at their July 2, 2024 meeting. In the July 2nd discussion, the Elections Committee noted that:

- AB-2159 passed the Assembly with no votes in opposition. Tahoe Donner should be prepared for the possibility that the bill will be passed by the Senate, enacted into law, and available as an option for homeowner association elections.
- In the past, the Committee has received questions from members regarding why electronic voting is not available at Tahoe Donner. Tahoe Donner presently has a Q&A item on the Elections website stating that electronic voting for homeowner association elections is not allowed by law in California. Tahoe Donner can anticipate that if electronic voting becomes available, there will be member questions about it, and the Committee and Board should give it thoughtful consideration.

ANALYSIS:

The Elections Committee agreed unanimously that taking on this new task is appropriate for the Elections Committee. The recommended task is:

The Election Committee will prepare an analysis of AB-2159 and its potential impact on Tahoe Donner voting processes. The analysis will be completed within a reasonable timeframe, keeping in mind the progress of the legislation. The analysis will evaluate potential risks and benefits associated with adopting internet based electronic voting as presented in AB-2159.





The Elections Committee intentionally did not include developing a cost estimate in the proposed task and notes that if the Board wants a cost estimate to support any decision regarding electronic voting, it would be more appropriate that it be developed by Staff.

OUTREACH:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

ALTERNATIVE:

The Board may choose to modify the task or to abandon the task.

ATTACHMENTS:

EXHIBIT A Assembly Bill-2159

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Board Meeting Date: July 26, 2024

