

SANTA CRUZ

COUNTY OF



SCHOOL DISTRICT REORGANIZATION

(Transfer of 7 parcels from
San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District to
Scotts Valley Unified School District)

TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2001

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS AND VOTER'S INFORMATION PAMPHLET

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO VOTERS – This election is being conducted only with ballots mailed to all voters who reside in the seven parcels on Lockhart Gulch Road who are the subject of transfer from San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District to Scotts Valley Unified School District. The Santa Cruz County Elections Department will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day to assist voters. See back cover for more information.

Please refer to the next page for "Instructions to Voters" regarding how to mark your ballot. The back cover contains information on returning your ballot.

Voted ballots must be received by the Santa Cruz County Elections Department no later than 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5, 2001. Postmark is not acceptable.

***THE ENCLOSED BALLOT IS THE ONLY ONE
YOU WILL RECEIVE.***

PLEASE DO NOT DISCARD.

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

USE ONLY A NO. 2 PENCIL TO MARK YOUR BALLOT

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BLUE ENVELOPE: The blue envelope your ballot was mailed in provides instructions with an illustration on how to mark your ballot.

VOTING ON THE MEASURE: To vote on the measure, FILL IN THE RECTANGLE in the square to the right of the word "YES" or the word "NO."

MARKS NOT ALLOWED: All distinguishing marks on the ballot (such as your name, written comments, drawings, etc.) or erasures are forbidden and make the ballot void.

DAMAGED BALLOTS: If you wrongly mark, tear or deface any portion of your ballot card, replace the card in the gray Secrecy Envelope, check the "SPOILED" box on the green return envelope, and mail the ballot to the Santa Cruz County Elections Department. A second ballot will be mailed to you.

If you damage your ballot seven or fewer days before election day, there may not be sufficient time for you to return your damaged ballot to the Santa Cruz County Elections Department and time for the department to send you a new ballot. At that late date, you are advised to come to the Santa Cruz County Elections Department in person to surrender your damaged ballot and obtain a second one, or on election day, go to the polling place listed on the back page of this booklet and surrender your ballot and receive a second one.

AFTER YOU HAVE COMPLETED VOTING, carefully remove the top stub end from the voted ballot card. (The stub is your record of having voted.) Place the voted ballot card in the gray secrecy envelope. Place the gray envelope containing the voted ballot card in the green postage-paid return envelope provided.

SIGNING THE ENVELOPE: In order for your ballot to be counted, you must sign your name on the green envelope used to return your voted ballot. Your signature must compare to the signature on your voter registration affidavit in order for your ballot to be counted.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY VOTERS BEWARE: The school district includes voters both in Santa Cruz and Santa Clara county. Each county is independently conducting the election for their portion of the district. Therefore, Santa Cruz County voters must vote the ballot provided by Santa Cruz County and return it by mail to Santa Cruz County Elections or the polling place provided for Santa Cruz County voters.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, or need assistance, please call us at the Santa Cruz County Elections Department at 831-454-2060. FAX: 831-454-2445. E-mail: gail.pellerin@co.santa-cruz.ca.us

FOR VOTER'S INFORMATION AND ELECTION NIGHT RESULTS ON THE INTERNET:

<http://www.votescount.com>

VOTER'S INFORMATION PAMPHLET

MEASURE, ANALYSIS AND ARGUMENT

Arguments in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed laws are the opinions of the authors.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT REORGANIZATION
(Transfer of 7 parcels from San Lorenzo Valley Unified
School District to Scotts Valley Unified School District)**

W Shall the common boundary line between the San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District and the Scotts Valley Unified School District be reorganized in such a manner that parcels 073-141-13[2044 Lockhart Gulch Road], 073-151-07[2220 Lockhart Gulch Road], 073-171-05[2036 Lockhart Gulch Road], 073-171-08[2028 Lockhart Gulch Road], 073-181-04[3835 Lockhart Gulch Road], 073-181-37[uninhabited], 073-181-39[2030 Lockhart Gulch Road] shall no longer be a part of the San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District and shall become a part of the Scotts Valley Unified School District?

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL
MEASURE W**

An election has been called to determine whether the parcels of real property listed in the ballot question should be transferred from the San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District and into the Scotts Valley Unified School District. If approved by a majority of those voting on this measure, the territory will be transferred to Scotts Valley Unified School District. The reorganization requires approval by a majority of those voting on this measure in order to pass.

A "yes" vote is to approve the transfer of this territory from San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District into Scotts Valley Unified School District.

A "no" vote is against transferring this territory from San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District into Scotts Valley Unified School District.

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COUNTY COUNSEL

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Assistant County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE W

The Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization urges you to vote "YES" to reorganize the common boundary line between the San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District and the Scotts Valley Unified School District. Your "YES" vote will transfer seven parcels from the San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District into the Scotts Valley Unified School District.

The Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization held public hearings and received public and school district input regarding this matter. The Committee concluded that it is in the best interest of current and future students residing in the area for the transfer to be made. The seven parcels proposed to be transferred are located on Lockhart Gulch Road and a private road that branches off of Lockhart Gulch Road.

All parcels have Lockhart Gulch Road addresses in the City of Scotts Valley. The most generally accepted and used access to and from the area is by way of Mount Hermon Road. When leaving the residences located on the parcels proposed for transfer, residents cross the boundary line separating the Scotts Valley Unified School District and the San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District and drive through the Scotts Valley Unified School District south on Lockhart Gulch Road to Mount Hermon Road. If their children attend school in the San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District, they turn right on Mount Hermon Road and continue to drive through the Scotts Valley Unified School District for approximately three-quarters of a mile to again reach the San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District boundary line.

While the differences in mileage and travel time from the Lockhart Gulch Road parcels affect by the proposed transfer to the different Districts was not significant, the Committee found that the desires of parents to send their children to schools within their defined community was significant.

Your "YES" will honor the wishes of these Lockhart Gulch Road residents to be a part of the Scotts Valley Unified School District.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
s/ Mary Bryant, President

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE W WAS FILED.

RETURNING YOUR BALLOT

To be counted, your voted ballot must be returned in one of the following ways:

1. **By Mail** – The ballot must be received by the Santa Cruz County Elections Department no later than 8 p.m. on June 5, 2001. Your ballot cannot be counted if received after 8 p.m. on election day, regardless of postmark.
2. **By You in Person Prior to Election Day** – to the Santa Cruz County Elections Department. The Elections Department is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
3. **By an authorized representative of the voter.** If you are unable to personally deliver your ballot because of illness or other disability, you may authorize, on the green envelope, your spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother or sister to deliver the voted ballot on your behalf. The ballot may be delivered on Election Day to the Santa Cruz County Elections Department.
4. **By You in Person on Election Day** – to the Santa Cruz County Elections Department from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day, June 5, 2001. The County Building, which meets American with Disabilities Act accessibility standards, will be open on election day for voters who:
 - wish to deliver their ballot in person;
 - prefer to take the ballot mailed to them and vote it in a voting booth;
 - need a second ballot;
 - have questions regarding their eligibility to vote; or
 - need assistance with voting.

Santa Cruz County Elections Department
701 Ocean St., Room 210
Santa Cruz
831-454-2060

IF YOU LOSE YOUR BALLOT: If you lose or discard the enclosed ballot mailed to you, you may vote a provisional ballot at the location listed above on election day, or at the Santa Cruz County Elections Department beginning May 7, 2001. Once election officials confirm that you did not vote the ballot mailed to you, your provisional ballot will be counted.