



SAFE-D 2020 Annual Conference Panel Discussion: Funding New Services – Overlay District

Pedernales Fire Department ESD 8 and ESD 16

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The Overlay Project

- Beginning the Journey.
 - Define the Need.
 - Strategic planning
 - Staffing needs.
 - Equipment/apparatus needs.
 - Leveraging resources from affiliated ESD.
 - Budget forecast – plan on no more than five- year forecast.
 - Get buy-in of County Commissioner for your precinct. Plan to meet with all County Commissioners and County Judge.
 - Engage professionals or consultants as needed.
 - Clearly understand deadlines and build realistic timelines and deliverables.
 - Statutory references. Refer to Health and Safety Code Ch. 775 and Election Code (see attachment).
 - Beware of walking quorums.

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MAY 4, 2019 ELECTION CREATION OF TRAVIS COUNTY ESD NO. 16			
Due Date	Action	Notes	Completion Date
September 2018	Verify boundaries and extraterritorial jurisdiction		
October 2018	Circulate Petition for Signatures		
November 1 – 30, 2018	File Petition with County Judge and County Clerk	H&S Code 775.011	
December 1, 2018	File written request for inclusion of territory within District with any City that has ETJ to be included (City of Lakeway and Village of Briarcliff) <i>AFTER</i> filing Petition with County officials	H&S Code 775.014(a)	
December 4, 2018	Travis County Commissioners Court Regular Meeting to Accept Petition and Call Public Hearing (<i>meets every Tuesday of each month</i>)	H&S Code 775.015(a)	
December 11, 2018	Travis County Commissioners Court sends notice of petition and copy to Travis County ESD No. 8	H&S Code 775.018(f)	
December 17, 2018	Travis County ESD No. 8 to adopt Statement of Services	<i>Must be adopted before election</i> H&S Code 775.018(g)	
December 17, 2018	City of Lakeway to discuss request for consent (<i>meets 3rd Monday of each month</i>)		
December 5, 2018	Village of Briarcliff to discuss request for consent (<i>meets last Wednesday of each month</i>) *Wednesday vary.		
January 15, 2019	Last day for County to publish 1 st Notice of Hearing and Post Notice at Courthouse (if hearing on February 5 th)	<i>21st day before hearing</i> H&S Code 775.015(e)	
January 22, 2019	Last day for County to publish 2 nd Notice of Hearing (if hearing on February 5 th)	<i>1st day before hearing</i> H&S Code 775.015(e)	
January 21, 2019	City of Lakeway to adopt resolution granting consent (<i>meets 3rd Monday of each month</i>)	<i>Must be no later than 60 days after request is filed</i> H&S Code 775.014(a)	
January 31, 2019	Village of Briarcliff to adopt resolution granting consent (<i>meets last Wednesday of each month</i>) * Subject to change.	<i>Must be no later than 60 days after request is filed</i> H&S Code 775.014(a)	

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MAY 4, 2019 ELECTION CREATION OF TRAVIS COUNTY ESD NO. 16			
Due Date	Action	Notes	Completion Date
January 14, 2019	DEADLINE TO OBTAIN WRITTEN CONSENT of any City with city limits or ETJ to be included in District	<i>before County Calls Election and no more than 60 days after notice</i> H&S Code 775.014	
February 5, 2019	Travis County Commissioners Court regular meeting to conduct public hearing, grant petition & call election (<i>meet every Tuesday of each month</i>)	H&S Code 775.016 & 775.017	
February 12, 2019	Optional Travis County Commissioners Court regular meeting to discuss petition further, grant petition & call election (<i>meet every Tuesday of each month</i>)	H&S Code 775.016 & 775.017	
February 15, 2019	DEADLINE TO CALL ELECTION (would require special meeting of Commissioners Court)	78 days before; Election Code 3.005	
April 10, 2019	First day for County to publish notice of election	30 to 10 days prior to election; Election Code 4.003(a)(1)	
April 13, 2019	Deadline for County to Post Notice of Election at customary posting locations plus polling place(s) *date pushed to next business day since deadline falls on the weekend	21 days prior to election, Election Code Secs. 1.006, 4.003 (a)(2)	
April 15, 2019	Deadline for County to <u>post</u> Notice of Election *date pushed to next business day since deadline falls on the weekend	21 days prior to election; Election Code 4.003(b)	
April 17, 2019	First day of Early Voting	17 days prior to election; Election Code 85.001(a)	
April 24, 2019	Last day for County to <u>publish</u> Notice of Election	10 days before; Election Code 4.003(a)(1)	
April 30, 2019	Last day of Early Voting	4 days prior to election; Election Code 85.001(a)	
May 4, 2019	Election Day at county polling places	Election Code 41.001	
May 7, 2019	Travis County Commissioners Court meeting to canvass election	3-11 days after election; Election Code 67.003	

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MAKE IT HAPPEN

- The Political Stuff
 - Petition creation, signature collection, & petition submission
 - PAC creation?
 - Block walking/election day polling location staffing
- Know who you need to help you & who can hurt you?
 - Do you have a relationship with your County Commissioners? How about your county's Emergency Management Coordinator/Executive?
 - Are you aware of any people/groups who are adamantly against the overlay concept?
- Schedule your meetings early
 - Meet with community groups, HOA's, etc.. to spread your message, answer questions, and stop bad info
 - Meet with the key players (County Commissioners, County execs, etc...) speak early and often, and keep them in the loop

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- Implementing Success.
 - Execute the strategic plan
 - Buy vs build delivery system for services to be provided by new ESD.
 - Buy delivery system – less initial cost, expeditious process; develop Contractual relationship with affiliated ESD to provide services. However, be explicit that these are two distinct ESD's.
 - Build delivery system – capital intensive; will take time to develop separate Property, Plant, and Equipment.
 - Accessing funds
 - Establish tax rate for new ESD.
 - Communicate with taxing authority.
 - Confirm that new ESD is getting appropriate amounts of tax revenue.
 - Establish accounts to receive funds from taxing authority.

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Any questions or discussion?

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