

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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1. AUTHORITY

Zone 7 Water Agency ("Agency") is a special district formed and operating under the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Act ("District Act"). The Agency is governed by a seven-member Board of Directors. The Board is the legislative body that governs the Agency, sets the Agency's policies, hires its General Manager, appoints its officers, and is ultimately responsible and accountable to the residents of Zone 7. It exercises these powers pursuant to Section 36 of the District Act.

2. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy establishes Zone 7's policy for the recovery of the cost of the publication of a candidate's statement by a candidate for election to the Zone 7 Board, pursuant to Elections Code Sections 10509 and 13307.

3. GENERAL

Each candidate for a position on the Zone 7 Board of Directors may file a 200-word candidate statement to be circulated with ballot materials. The candidate's statement may include the name, age and occupation of the candidate and a brief description of no more than 200 words about the candidate's education and qualifications. The statements will be printed on the ballot and will be translated to languages consistent with federal laws and State Elections Code 13301(b).

4. COST RECOVERY

Zone 7 board candidates who submit statements of qualification for inclusion on the ballot will be charged the actual costs associated with printing, translating (Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, English and Vietnamese) and typesetting the statements. All cost figures are provided by the Alameda County Registrar of Voters and are based on actual costs and the number of registered voters in Zone 7. **There is no charge for candidates who choose not to have a ballot statement.**

5. ADVANCE DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT

The estimated cost of the statement of qualifications is provided by the Registrar of Voters prior to the election. The Registrar of Voters will collect this estimated cost from each candidate that chooses to have a statement of qualifications printed on the ballot at the time of filing. If actual costs are less than the estimate, candidates will receive refunds. If the costs are more, Zone 7 will bill each candidate for the difference. There is no charge for candidates who choose not to have a ballot statement.

6. HISTORY

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