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Ripon Consolidated Fire District Provides Update on Proposition 218 Balloting Process

On May 22, 2024, the RCFD Board of Directors held a special public meeting, during which the Proposition 218 Resolution was read, public comment was opened, and the board voted to approve the resolution. This action paves the way for the creation, printing, and mailing of new ballots to property owners.

The new ballots are currently undergoing multiple proofreading to ensure accuracy and prevent a recurrence of the issues that rendered the previous ballots invalid. Mailing of the new ballots to property owners at their addresses on file with the San Joaquin County Assessor's Office is anticipated to commence by the end of June. Notably, if a property owner's mailing address is not in Ripon, the assessment, if approved, will be applied to the Ripon property address, not the mailing address.

The new ballots will be distinguishable by their pink envelopes. Completed ballots may be returned by mail to the RCFD administration office at 142 S. Stockton Ave, Ripon, CA 95366, or dropped off in person during business hours (Monday-Friday, 8am-12pm and 1pm-5pm). Once received, ballots will be secured in the Board Clerk's office until the August 8, 2024, board meeting, at which time they will be tabulated following a public hearing.

Property owners with questions about the new ballots or Proposition 218 are encouraged to call the RCFD Board of Directors at 209-924-0977 and leave a voicemail.

The Ripon Consolidated Fire District reaffirms its commitment to transparency, integrity, and the fair treatment of all parcel owners. The district regrets the

inconvenience caused by the previous balloting error and is taking all necessary steps to ensure the new balloting process is conducted fairly and transparently.