

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS MEASURES "D" AND "E"

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Colusa on July 7, 1987, the Board resolved to submit two advisory measures concerning financing of County Ambulance Services within the County of Colusa, as authorized by California Elections Code Section 5353.

Both of these measures are advisory. That is, they present an opportunity to receive from the resident voters within the County an expression of opinion which does not bind the Board of Supervisors but which will assist them in determining the answers to the questions presented in the ballot measures.

Measure "D" asks whether the County and the Cities of Williams and Colusa jointly apply to form a countywide service area or community facilities district for the purpose of providing ambulance service to all areas within the County and Cities. This measure has to do with the basic ambulance service now provided in the County and financed from the general fund.

Measure "E" asks the same question but pertains only to alternative financing of additional service of providing staff with an EMT-2 Rating which is higher and more sophisticated than the EMT-1 Rating now provided by the ambulance contractor.

A "Yes" vote on measure "D" will indicate the voter's approval of formation of the area and/or district to finance the basic ambulance service through assessment or imposition of a special tax. In the case of a special tax, another election on that issue would have to be held, under present law, after formation of the district. A "No" vote would indicate the voters disapproval of the plan.

A "Yes" vote on measure "E" will indicate the voter's approval of formation of the area and/or district for the purpose of alternatively financing only the additional service providing EMT-2 Staff Rating through assessment or imposition of a special tax. Again, an additional election would have to be held, under present law, in the event of financing through a special tax. A "No" vote will indicate the voters disapproval of this plan.

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