



**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Steve Leighton, Fire Chief  
**Date:** April 27, 2022  
**Subject:** Resolution 2022-09 Opposing Initiative #21-0042A1

**Background:**

Attached is Resolution 2022-09 is requested by California Special Districts Association (“CSDA”) calling for special districts to oppose Initiative #21-0042A1 proposed by the Attorney General of California which limits the ability of voters and state and local governments to raise revenues for government services (the “Initiative”). The District usually agrees with CSDA in these matters.

Adopting this Resolution would show our solidarity with CSDA and would allow us the ability to raise revenues for government services by way of election.

**Recommendation:**

Waive the reading and adopt Resolution 2022-09, which opposes Initiative #21-0042A1.

# Meeks Bay Fire Protection District



## **RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors**

**No: 2022-09**

**OPPOSING INITIATIVE #21-0042A1 LIMITING THE ABILITY OF VOTERS AND  
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO RAISE REVENUES FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES.  
INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**WHEREAS**, at the special meeting held at 3:30 p.m. on April 27, 2022 at 222 Fairway Drive, Tahoe City, California, the Board of Directors of the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District of Placer County reviewed Initiative 21-0042A1, which limits the ability of voters and state and local governments to raise revenues for government services (the “Initiative”). This information has been used to develop an opposition to the Initiative.

**WHEREAS**, an association representing California’s wealthiest corporations and developers is spending millions to push a deceptive proposition aimed for the November 2022 statewide ballot; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed proposition, Initiative 21-0042A1, has received the official title: “LIMITS ABILITY OF VOTERS AND STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO RAISE REVENUES FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.”

**WHEREAS**, the measure includes provisions that would make it more difficult for local voters to pass measures needed to fund local services and infrastructure, and would limit voter input by prohibiting local advisory measures where voters provide direction on how they want their local tax dollars spent; and

**WHEREAS**, the measure exposes taxpayers to a new wave of costly litigation, limits the discretion and flexibility of locally elected boards to respond to the needs of their communities, and injects uncertainty into the financing and sustainability of critical infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the measure severely restricts state and local officials’ ability to protect our environment, public health and safety, and our neighborhoods against corporations and others who violate the law; and

**WHEREAS**, the measure creates new constitutional loopholes that would allow corporations to pay less than their fair share for the impacts they impose on our communities, including local infrastructure, our environment, water quality, air quality, and natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the measure threatens billions of dollars currently dedicated to state and local services, and could force cuts to fire and emergency medical services provided by Meeks Bay Fire Protection District as well as public schools, law enforcement, public health, parks, libraries, affordable housing, services to address homelessness, mental health services, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, the measure would also reduce funding for critical infrastructure like streets and roads, public transportation, ports, drinking water, sanitation, utilities, and more.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District opposes Initiative 21-0042A1;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District will join the No on Initiative 21-0042A1 coalition, a growing coalition of public safety, labor, local government, infrastructure advocates, and other organizations throughout the state.

We direct staff to email a copy of this adopted resolution to the California Special Districts Association at [advocacy@csga.net](mailto:advocacy@csga.net).

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MEEKS BAY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO AT A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF SAID BOARD, HELD ON THE 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2022 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE OF SAID BOARD:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTENTIONS:  
ABSENT:

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PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
BY: Edward I Miller

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A CORRECT COPY OF A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY SAID BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE DATE THEREIN SET FORTH.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
BY: Kelly Martin