

FALLEN LEAF LAKE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT VOTING SURVEY

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This survey is from an Advisory Committee of the Board of Directors of the Fallen Leaf Community Services District. The Committee's assignment is to examine voting alternatives that would resolve the issue of who may lawfully vote at Fallen Leaf, and then conduct a survey to determine if a particular solution has the support of the community. If a plan has the support of the community and the CSD Board, we will attempt to get the California legislature to approve it.

The Committee met on a weekly basis through the spring and early summer. Two public meetings were held at Fallen, one on the Memorial Day Weekend and another on the Fourth of July Weekend. In the course of its meetings the Committee identified certain goals that a voting plan should serve. In addition to settling the issue of who may lawfully vote in CSD elections, the proposal should:

- 1) Increase the voter base at Fallen Leaf so that election results will be representative of the community as a whole;
- 2) Increase the number of people who qualify to run for the CSD Board (a qualification for Board membership is the right to vote in CSD Elections);
- 3) Encourage the younger generation to participate in CSD elections and Board membership; and
- 4) Allow a residents to vote at their winter residence in general elections, but also vote in Fallen Leaf CSD special elections.

The committee considered a number of voting alternatives, and for various reasons rejected all but one. The Committee's report regarding the plan we unanimously recommend; the plans which we do not recommend; and the reasoning behind those decisions is not very long, but it is too long to post here. Survey Monkey has a limit with regard to the length of background information that can be included on the survey. To get around this limitation we have posted the Committee's report at:

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/11682866/2013-06-25%20Committee%20Report.docx>

Please copy and paste this link into your internet browser to get to that document.

In brief, the system which the committee believes best serves our needs is one that allows both registered voters as well as Fallen Leaf real property owners (which would include Forest Service Permit holders) to vote in CSD elections. Property owners would vote by cabin, with three votes allotted to each cabin. This may seem strange, but an explanation for allotting more than one vote to each cabin is contained in the committee report.

We are asking for an up or down vote on the Committee's proposal. If you have comments or concerns about some aspect of this proposal, please note them in the comments area at the end of the survey. We believe we have the framework of a solution, but there will always be details to be worked out, and we would appreciate any insight you may have.

The survey requests that you provide some background and/or biographical information about yourself. That information will be used to evaluate how difficult and/or expensive it would be to administer a new voting system. It will also be used to provide the facts necessary to convince our legislators of the necessity for a new voting system. All responses will be confidential. No data tied to a named individual will be released. We request your name and address to ensure that multiple votes are not counted for the same person.

Thank you for your interest in this issue and for the time it takes for this very short survey.

Fallen Leaf Advisory Committee On Voting
Ben Andersen, Chairman

1. What is your name?

2. What is your Fallen Leaf Address?

3. Is your cabin located on

- ☐ Emigrant Road:
- ☐ East Side:
- ☐ West Side:
- ☐ South End:
- ☐ Stanford Hill/Lily Lake/Glenn Alpine

4. Are you currently a registered voter in El Dorado County?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

5. Is your cabin held in fee simple (owned) or Forest Service Leased?

- ☐ Fee simple
- ☐ Forest Service Permit

6. Is title your cabin in the name of:

- ☐ An Individual
- ☐ Multiple Persons
- ☐ A Trust
- ☐ An LLC
- ☐ A Corporation
- ☐ A Partnership
- ☐ Other

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7. Are you the person to whom El Dorado County mails its property tax bill?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

8. If you are the person to whom El Dorado mails its tax bil, what is your age:

- ☐ Under 30 years:
- ☐ 31 years to 50 years:
- ☐ 50 years to 65 years:
- ☐ 66 and over:

9. How many families share an ownership interest in your cabin?

- ☐ One:
- ☐ Two to Three:
- ☐ Four to Six:
- ☐ Over Six:

10. How many members of families with an ownership interest in your cabin are voting age (18 years old or over)?

- ☐ One to Two:
- ☐ Three to Four:
- ☐ Five to Seven:
- ☐ Eight or over:

11. The Proposed Voting Plan for Fallen Leaf CSD:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, qualified voters for Fallen Leaf Community Service District Elections shall consist of:

- 1. Voters who are residents of the District, and**
- 2. Owners of real property (including Forest Service Permit holders) within the district.**
- Each parcel of real property shall be allotted three votes. The person or persons listed on the last El Dorado County equalized assessment roll will cast the votes for that property unless that person or persons designate some other person with an interest in the property to cast some or all of those votes. If the property is held in the name multiple persons, a corporation, LLC, partnership, trust, or some other legal entity, the legal representative of that property shall designate the individuals who will cast the votes for that property.**

I approve of the proposed voting plan:

- ☐ Yes:
- ☐ No:

12. Please provide any concerns or comments you have regarding this issue.