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News Media:

The Special District Election in Coos County will be held on May 16, 2023. Coos County ballots will be mailed to all active, registered voters on April 27, 2023. Voters should receive their ballots between April 28th – May 4th. Military, overseas and out of state ballots are mailed earlier. If voters in Coos County have not received their ballot in the mail by Thursday, May 4th they should contact the Coos County Election's Office. **The last day for new registrations in Oregon for this election is April 25th, 2023.**

I would also like to stress that ballots are not forwarded by the post office, so if a voter has moved or changed a mailing address, they must complete a new registration form to update their address. This may be done online at www.oregonvotes.gov or by completing a new registration card and returning it to the Elections Office.

As of January 1, 2022 postmarks now count. However, it is still recommended that voters mail their ballots no later than a week prior to the date of the election. If mailing, your ballot must have been received by the United States Postal Service no later than May 16, 2023 and be received in the office of the County Clerk no later than May 23, 2023. If you are returning your ballot after May 9, 2023, it is recommended, voters utilize one of the permanent outside drop site locations; which are available 24 hours/7 days a week beginning April 27th until 8pm on Election Day. The list of available drop site locations is listed on our website at <https://www.co.coos.or.us/clerk/page/ballot-drop-site-locations> and will also be printed on the ballot.

Secrecy sleeves are no longer being included in ballot packets in Coos County. This additional envelope has always been optional for voters but now it is no longer needed. The outer signature envelope (with the pink stripe) has a printed security weave on the inside that protects each voter's privacy. Voter privacy and the secrecy of each vote has always been, and will continue to be, protected throughout the ballot counting process. This decision has been reviewed and approved by the Oregon Secretary of State's Office and will save money and staff time.

An elector may verify that their ballot has been received by the Elections Office through the Oregon Secretary of State's website at www.oregonvotes.gov. Electors may also register or update their registration through this site.

A public certification and demonstration of ballot programming and tabulation will be held on Friday, April 28th, at 9:00 AM in the Elections Office at the Courthouse in Coquille.

The first report of election results will be available on the Coos County Elections website at approximately 8:00 pm on Election Day. A schedule for posting election results can be found on the elections website as well.

Please give me a call if you have any questions or concerns about the tabulation reporting on election night. I hope this information will be helpful.

Sincerely,

Lark Blocher
Lead Election Deputy