



# Ripon Consolidated Fire District

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## News Release

### For Immediate Release

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### **Important Notice Regarding Proposition 218 Ballot Error**

Ripon residents who recently received a Proposition 218 ballot requesting a vote on the Ripon Consolidated Fire District Parcel Assessment may have noticed an error on the ballot. The word "NOT" was inadvertently omitted from the instructions for how to void a ballot. The correct instructions should read: "The ballot will be void if any markings are in both boxes ('Yes' and 'No') or if NOT signed."

We sincerely apologize for this oversight. We understand that this may have caused confusion and concern among the community. Please be assured that the Ripon Consolidated Fire District is taking all necessary steps to ensure the integrity of the balloting process.

### **Ballot Nullification and Reissuance**

Due to this error, the current ballots will be null and void. Parcel owners are advised to discard these ballots. New, corrected ballots will be sent via mail in late May, following a public hearing where the Proposition 218 Resolution will be read. This hearing is scheduled for May 9, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Ripon Consolidated Fire District Station 1, located at 142 S Stockton Avenue, Ripon, CA.

Ballots will be counted at an open meeting of the Ripon Consolidated Fire District Board of Directors on July 11, 2024, at 2 p.m. Mailed and in-person ballots must be received by this date to be counted. After the public hearing concludes, ballots will no longer be accepted.

Please note that there is no taxpayer expense associated with the printing or mailing of the Proposition 218 ballots.

For further information, please call and leave a message on the Proposition 218 voicemail at 209-924-0977 and a member of the Fire District's Board of Directors will call you back. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to resolve this issue.

The Ripon Consolidated Fire District remains committed to transparency, integrity, and the fair treatment of all parcel owners. We apologize for the inconvenience caused by this ballot error and assure you that we are taking all appropriate actions to rectify the situation.