

In 2012 an election of the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District will be held. New directors will be selected; and, important ballot measures, related to the operation of the District, may be submitted to the voters –including approval of amendments to the contract had between the District and the United States Bureau of Reclamation for the Operation and Maintenance of the Newlands Federal Reclamation Project. In 2011, a special election was conducted during which a bond issue for District improvements was approved. Many persons were unable to vote during the special election. Voter registration, made for purposes of participation in other local, state, and national elections, does not qualify a person for voting in a District Election. Being an “elector” of the District is tied to and land ownership; and, additionally, “[a] surface water right must be appurtenant to the acreage.” (NRS 539.123(1)(c)).

To be eligible to vote in District Elections, a person must qualify as an “elector”: He or she must be at least 18 years of age or older and satisfy certain conditions of land ownership:

- *The elector must be the bona fida holder of title or evidence of title, to land within the district; or,
- *The elector holds a contractual right to acquire title to land within the district; or,
- *The elector must be the holder of an undivided interest in land; and,
- *A surface water right must be appurtenant to the acreage.

Unlike other local, state, or national elections, a person who lives out of state, who meets the conditions of land ownership, may vote in a District election. Moreover, guardians, executors, administrators, or trustees may also vote where conditions of land ownership have been satisfied. Corporations, partnerships or limited-liability companies may also vote where conditions of land ownership have been satisfied.

In anticipation of our 2012, we encourage all persons to verify their voter eligibility. Please contact the District, by telephone, at (775) 423-2141 to verify your voter eligibility; or, visit us at 2666 Harrigan Road in Fallon, Nevada.