

Harris County Water Control & Improvement District No. 99

Notice of Postponed May 2, 2020 Directors Election

Due to the on-going novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the May 2, 2020 Directors Election for Harris County Water Control & Improvement District No. 99 has been postponed to the next legally available date, November 3, 2020.

On March 18, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott issued a proclamation authorizing political subdivisions to postpone their May 2, 2020 elections to the next uniform election date, November 3, 2020. Additionally, Gov. Abbott strongly encouraged political subdivisions to postpone all elections.

Since then, Gov. Abbott and Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo have issued “Stay-At-Home” Orders through April 30, 2020. Due to the Stay-At-Home Orders through April 30, 2020 preventing voters from exercising their right to vote during the early voting period, the Texas Secretary of State, Elections Division, issued the following statement to political subdivisions, “If you don’t move your May 2nd election, you are subjecting voters to health risks and potential criminal violations. Failure to postpone your election will put your election at severe risk for an election contest.”

Harris County Water Control & Improvement District No. 99 is committed to protecting the health and safety of its residents and ensuring that every resident has an opportunity to vote in its election without the fear of or the risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus. For the above stated reasons, the District’s May 2, 2020 Directors Election has been postponed to November 3, 2020. Below are links to the Governor’s Proclamation authorizing the postponement of the May 2, 2020 elections and the Texas Secretary of State’s Election Advisory on the effect of the postponement.

Governor’s Proclamation: https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/PROC_COVID-19_May_2_Election_Date_IMAGE_03-18-2020.pdf

Secretary of State Election Advisory: <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/advisory2020-12.shtml>