

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL  
BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT POLICE TAX REPEAL  
MEASURE S

This initiative measure was placed on the ballot after a petition was signed by at least 10% of the registered voters of the Bear Valley Community Services District and submitted to the District Board of Directors.

A “Yes” vote on this measure will repeal Measure A, a legacy annual special tax originally enacted by District voters in 1997 to fund salaries and benefits for police and dispatch personnel. A “No” vote will leave the existing 1997 Measure A special tax in place.

In 1997, voters within the Bear Valley Community Services District approved Measure A to provide dedicated funding for local police and dispatch operational expenses. Following the collection of signatures from eligible voters, a citizens’ initiative qualified for the ballot seeking a full repeal of the 1997 special tax to pave the way for an updated special tax measure.

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9310, the Board voted on July 9, 2026, and adopted Resolution No. 26-51 on August 12, 2026, ordering the proposed repeal ordinance to be submitted to the voters without alteration at the November 3, 2026 Statewide General Election.

Approval of this measure requires a majority vote of the electors voting on the measure.

**The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure S. A copy of the full text of Measure S is printed in this voter information guide. If you desire a copy of the District’s resolution placing Measure S on the ballot, please call Kern County Elections at (661) 868-3590 or (800) 452-8683 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.**