

Measure D Fact Sheet



Election Day is Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Absentee Ballots Arrive: Week of May 9, 2016

Ballot Question:

"To add approximately \$4,800,000 in funding annually for general city services such as police, fire, paramedics, parks, libraries and senior services while stabilizing electric utility rates; shall an ordinance be adopted authorizing a transfer not to exceed 20% of annual electric utility revenues to the City's General Fund reverting back to 12.39% on June 30, 2021, and establishing a freeze on electric utility rates for 5 years, except in cases of financial emergency?"

Safeguards:



REQUIRED: ALL funds (100%) generated by Measure D stay **IN** Colton **FOR** Colton.



REQUIRED: An Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee—for FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY.



REQUIRED: Mandatory financial audits and annual public reports to ensure funds are spent properly.

Measure D will:

- 1 FREEZE** City of Colton electric rates for five years.
- 2 With NO increase in electric rates or city taxes**, authorize the City to transfer a limited amount of funding each year from the City's Electric Utility Revenue Fund to the City's General Fund, for a period of five years **ONLY**.
- 3** Approve items 1 and 2 above **by a vote of the people**, as state law requires.

Measure D will NOT increase your electric rates or taxes.

It simply authorizes the City to transfer a limited amount of money each year from one fund to another fund, where it can be used for general services for the community.

What is Measure D?

Measure D is a ballot measure on the June 7th Primary election ballot for City of Colton voters **ONLY**. Measure D seeks voter approval (as required by state law) simply to allow the City to transfer a limited amount of money each year from its Electric Utility Surplus Reserves to the City's General fund, where the money can be used for general services for the community.

Why is Measure D needed?

Measure D will help the City of Colton to maintain current funding levels for basic city services like police, fire, 911 emergency paramedics, streets and road maintenance, parks, library and senior services, and recreational activities for our kids. All funds (100%) generated by Measure D will stay **IN** Colton—**FOR** Colton.

Will my taxes or electric rates go up?

NO. Measure D will NOT increase your taxes or electric rates. It simply authorizes the City to transfer a limited amount of money from one fund to another fund, where it can be used for general services for the community.

How do we know the City will manage funds responsibly?

Measure D includes **strict fiscal accountability provisions**—including Independent Citizen Oversight, mandatory audits, and public reports to the community to ensure fiscal responsibility.

What types of City Services are impacted?

- ▶ 911 Emergency Response (police, fire, emergency paramedics)
- ▶ Fire Protection
- ▶ Neighborhood Police Patrols
- ▶ Streets and Park Maintenance Services
- ▶ Services for Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents
- ▶ Library and Recreational Programs for Our Community

How long will Measure D last?

If City of Colton voters approve Measure D, it will last for 5 years only—and it cannot be extended further without a new vote of the people.

When will we vote on Measure D?

Measure D is on the June 2016 ballot. Absentee ballots for this election will arrive the week of May 9th.

What if Measure D doesn't pass?

Without Measure D, the City may be required to reduce current service levels in the near future.

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