

## ORDER CANCELLING ELECTION

### WHEREAS:

1. In accordance with the Texas Water Code and the Texas Election Code, Zapata County Water Control and Improvement District (Highway 16E) shall hold an election on May 2, 2026, at which three (3) Directors are to be elected to membership on the Board of Directors of Zapata County Water Control and Improvement District (Highway 16E), each to serve a term of four (4) years beginning May 13, 2026;
2. The deadlines for filing an application for place on the ballot and declaration of write-in candidacy have passed;
3. Pursuant to Texas Water Code § 49.101 and Election Code § 146.051, a write-in vote may not be counted unless the name written-in appears on the list of write-in candidates, and no declaration of write-in candidacy was filed;
4. The candidates whose names are to appear on the ballot are:  

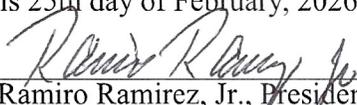
Place 3	Santiago Hernandez
Place 4	Sergio A. Lozano
Place 5	Ramiro Ramirez, Jr.
5. No proposition is to appear on the ballot;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby determined by the Board of Directors of Zapata County Water Control and Improvement District (Highway 16E) that in accordance with Texas Election Code Chapter 2, Subchapter C, the May 2, 2026 election can be cancelled and the unopposed candidates can be declared elected. Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that:

1. The election to be held on May 2, 2026 is cancelled.
2. Each of the following unopposed candidates is hereby elected to membership on the Board of Directors of Zapata County Water Control and Improvement District (Highway 16E), each to serve a term of four (4) years beginning May 13, 2026:  

Place 3	Santiago Hernandez
Place 4	Sergio A. Lozano
Place 5	Ramiro Ramirez, Jr.
3. A copy of this Order shall be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 25th day of February, 2026.

  
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Ramiro Ramirez, Jr., President-Board of Directors  
Zapata County Water Control and Improvement  
District (Highway 16E)

## CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED STATUS

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ZAPATA COUNTY WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (Highway 16E)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Jesse A. Porras, who after being by me duly sworn upon oath deposes, says, and certifies:

1. I am the Secretary of Zapata County Water Control & Improvement District (Highway 16E), and responsible for preparation of the official ballot for the election to be held on May 2, 2026.
2. The filing deadlines for placement on the ballot and placement on list of write-in candidates for said election have passed.
3. Each of the following candidates whose names are to appear on the ballot is unopposed:  

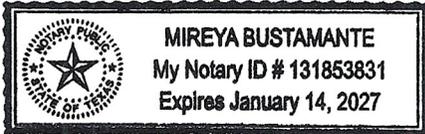
Place 3	Santiago Hernandez
Place 4	Sergio A. Lozano
Place 5	Ramiro Ramirez, Jr.
4. No proposition is to appear on the ballot.

SIGNED: February 25, 2026.



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Jesse A. Porras, Secretary

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by Jesse A. Porras this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

  
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Notary Public

This CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED STATUS was delivered to the Board of Directors of Zapata County Water Control & Improvement District (Highway 16E) at its regular meeting held on February 25, 2026.

  
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Ramiro Ramirez, Jr., President