

Dixon Resource Conservation District Ditch Maintenance Fee Vote Passes

The Board of Directors and staff of the Dixon Resource Conservation District are glad to announce that the Ditch Maintenance Fee ballots sent to District landowners in June were tabulated on Monday August 10th and accepted by the Board on Tuesday August 11th. The Board chose to conduct the election using a weighted ballot, based on each landowner's financial obligation. Ballots were returned for 36.81% of the total billed acres. Of the returned ballots the certified results were:

59.64% Votes in favor
40.36% Votes in opposition

In order to pass, the ballots submitted in favor of the proposed Ditch maintenance rate increase needed to exceed the ballots submitted against the increase, weighted according to the proportional financial obligation of each affected property. The submitted ballots in favor of the new ditch maintenance fee structure represent \$42,831.18 in landowner obligations, while the votes submitted in opposition represent \$28,980.78.

Thank you to the landowners and operators who participated in the rate increase election process and for continuing to entrust the District board and staff with maintenance of the drainage system. The last rate increase process was ten years ago. The new rates will help to address rising operating costs and will ensure that we can continue to make repairs as needed. As a special district formed by and governed by local agricultural landowners and operators, Dixon RCD is committed to continuing to provide the highest level of service at the lowest cost possible.

The Board accepted the certified ballot results and adopted the revised Ditch Maintenance Fee at its meeting on August 11, 2026. **The new rate of \$6.00 per acre will go into effect on December 1, 2026.**

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