**Rio Rico Fire District 2024 Election Timeline**

\*Assumes the Nov. Regular meeting will be held 11/20/24, the normal meeting date of 11/27 is after the deadline for canvass of election

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|  | Resolution Calling Election (at least 150 days before election) *ARS16-226.A* **Deadline: 6-8-24** | Meeting Date: | 05-29-24 |
|  | Notify the Board of Supervisors that an election has been called | In writing: | 06-03-24 |
|  | Publish Notice of Call of Election (1x a week for 2 weeks within 6wks preceding 90 days before the election) *ARS 16-227.A* **Between June 26 and August 7**  | Publish Dates: | 07-02-24 &07-09-24 |
| To newspaper: | 06-21-24 |
|  | Call County to find out candidates who have filed, if = to number of seats **After write-in deadline** | Call on: | 08-26-24 |
|  | Publish Notice of Election (Notice 1x a week for 2 weeks within 6wks preceding 20 days before election) *ARS 16-228.A, B and C*, **Between September 5 and October 16** (Different deadline in case of mail ballot election) | Publish Dates: | 09-10-24 &09-17-24 |
| To newspaper: | 08-30-24 |
|  | Send Affidavit of Compliance to Board of Supervisors signed by Clerk of the Board (no later than 5 days before election), *ARS 16-229* **Deadline October 31.**  | Send Date | 10-03-24 |
|  | Election Day |  | **11-05-24** |
|  | Obtain Certificates of Election from Clerk of Board of Supervisors **Before December 1** | No later than: | 12-01-24 |
|  | Resolution Canvassing Election (Within 6 and 20 days following election) *ARS 16-642.A.* Include length of terms. **Between November 11 and November 25** | Meeting Date: | 11-20-24\* |
|  | Administer Oath of Office **Must be done before taking office December 1** | Meeting Date | 11-20-24\* |
|  | Certified copy of canvass sent to Board of Supervisors, *ARS 16-642.B* **1st meeting after election** | Send Date: | 11-21-24 |
|  | Elected board members take office |  | 12-01-24 |
|  | Chairman and Clerk selected **First meeting in December** | Meeting Date | 12-XX-24 |

The election will be for two seats, Dora Urias and Hank Thysell. The term of office is 4 years. Persons on the permanent early voting list will automatically receive a ballot by mail approximately 26 days prior to the election. Early ballots must be received by the county no later than election day. For information on the early voting list, registering to vote, ballot drop off locations, voting centers, etc. go to [www.santacruzcountyaz.gov/173/Elections](http://www.santacruzcountyaz.gov/173/Elections)

First day candidates may file: 06-10-24 (150 days prior to election, ARS 16-311)

Deadline for candidates to file, 5pm on: 07-08-24 (120 days prior to election, ARS 16-311)

Deadline for write in candidates to file: 07-22-24 (Different Nomination Paper, available on-line)

Last day to register to vote: 10-07-24 (approx. 29 days preceding election, County to provide)

Early voting begins: 10-09-24

Last day to request early ballot by mail: 10-25-24

Last day to vote early in person: 11-01-24

[**Statement of Interest**](https://www.santacruzcountyaz.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11188/Candidate-Statement-of-Interest---Fillable)**:**

According to ARS 16-341 (I) elected office for special taxing districts that are established pursuant to title 48 do not need to file a Statement of Interest form.

Minimum # of signatures: 40

Maximum # of signature: 250

**Candidate Forms:**

Interested persons may obtain candidate packets and campaign finance forms from the Santa Cruz County

Elections Department in person by appointment or on-line at <https://www.santacruzcountyaz.gov/173/Elections>. Candidates must file papers directly with Santa Cruz County Elections Department by email: **elections@santacruzcountyaz.gov** fax: 520-761-7843 or via mail at Santa Cruz County Elections, 2150 N Congress Drive Suite 119, Nogales, AZ 85621

**Campaign Finance:**

Candidates who raise or spend, in aggregate, more than $1,400 [A.R.S. §§ 16-905 and 16-931] must form a candidate committee also known as Statement of Organization. For more information see <https://www.santacruzcountyaz.gov/177/Information-for-Candidates>.