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Recall backers miss deadlines

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County supervisor Brian Veerkamp. Courtesy photo

Four El Dorado County supervisors escaped potential recall elections as the deadlines to submit valid recall petitions passed uneventfully last week.

Petitions to recall District 5 Supervisor Sue Novasel and District 3's Brian Veerkamp were due March 29. Petitions for District 1 Supervisor Ron Mikulaco and District 2's Shiva Frentzen were due March 31.

Assistant Registrar of Voters Linda Webster confirmed with the Mountain Democrat Friday that no petitions had been turned in.

Veerkamp and Frentzen are running for re-election this year. Mikulaco is running for the state's 6th Assembly District seat currently held by Beth Gaines.

Proponents have until April 12 to file their petition to recall District 4 Supervisor Michael Ranalli and petitions against Auditor-Controller Joe Harn and District Attorney Vern Pierson come due May 22.

Citing the “tyranny of our elected officials ... who have failed to effectively and efficiently operate county government,” proponents under the title of El Dorado County Total Recall announced their plans to recall all five supervisors last fall. All notices, including those received by Pierson and Harn, contained relatively similar charges and non-specific accusations of corruption, cronyism, political retaliation and malfeasance. Under California Elections Code, the formal recall petition were required to be much more specific than the notice of intent, Webster previously told the Mountain Democrat.

The supervisor notices were served by several different individuals with El Dorado County Total Recall. Former county Information Technologies manager Kelly Webb initiated the Harn and Pierson notices. In both of the latter cases, there are ongoing Human Resources issues that involve Webb and the two elected officials.

All recall procedures and deadlines are set by the Elections Department under the rules established by the California Secretary of State’s office.



Sue Novasel



SHIVA FRENTZEN . Democrat photo by Pat Dollins



Ron Milulaco



Brian Veerkamp