

## **JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT**

**Between**

**The Cities of Pinehurst and Orange, West Orange-Cove C.I.S.D., Little Cypress-Mauriceville C.I.S.D., Orange County Drainage District, and Orange County Navigation & Port District, hereinafter called the Entities.**

**WHEREAS**, Texas Election Code Section 271.002 authorizes the governing bodies of political subdivisions conducting elections on the same day to enter into an agreement to hold joint elections in election precincts that can be served by common polling places; and

**WHEREAS**, the above mentioned entities will hold elections on the same day, being May 7, 2016, and it would benefit the Entities and the citizens and voters thereof to conduct the elections jointly;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED** that a joint election will be held by the Entities under the following terms and conditions:

The Entities may share polling locations in precincts in which common polling places may be served on election day and/or during the early voting period;

Each Entity will be responsible for conducting its own election, including ordering, posting and publishing notice of its election, securing polling locations, securing election materials and supplies, printing and use of its own ballots, appointment and payment of election judges and clerks, and all other procedures and costs involved in conducting the election except as contracted with the Orange County Elections Administrator;

Each Entity will be responsible for its own preclearance submission (if applicable) to the U. S. Department of Justice;

The Entities will share in the cost of the lease of the ESS Automark accessible voting system from the Orange County Elections Administrator when used in common polling places;

The Entities may contract with the Orange County Elections Administrator for other services as deemed necessary by each Entity;

If one or more of the Entities cancels its election, the manner in which the election is conducted will remain the same for the remaining Entities. Common polling places will continue to be shared in election precincts in which common locations may be used. The remaining Entities will continue to share in the cost of the ESS Automark accessible voting system leased from the Orange County Elections Administrator.

