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Mariette pleads no contest to voter fraud

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The former manager of the Mountain Gate Community Services District accused of voter and registration fraud will no longer go to trial after changing his plea to no contest today in Shasta County Superior Court.

Ken Mariette originally pleaded not guilty to 10 felony counts of voter and registration fraud and perjury.

Mariette, who could have faced about 11 years in prison if convicted, would have started trial July 12.

He pleaded no contest to a felony count each of voting and registration fraud in exchange for 36 months of conditional/revocable release.

Mariette also will have to serve 30 days on the adult work program, said Shasta County Superior Court Judge Anthony Anderson.

It's was charged that Mariette, who previously had worked for the district as an electrical contractor, used a former girlfriend's address to register as a voter in Mountain Gate in 2004. He later was appointed to the district board and then managed the district from 2005 to 2009, when he was fired.

