



San Diego County
Local Agency Formation Commission
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AGENDA REPORT
 Consent | Action

February 4, 2019

TO: Commissioners

FROM: Keene Simonds, Executive Officer
 Ruth Arellano, Executive Assistant

**SUBJECT: Service Commendations |
 Past Members of the Special Districts Advisory Committee**

SUMMARY

The San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will recognize the service contributions for three past members – Dennis Sheppard, Teresa Thomas, and Tony Michael – of the Special Districts Advisory Committee. This recognition follows all three members’ recent departure from the Committee and involves the adoption of draft commendation resolutions. Staff recommends adoption of the draft commendation resolutions for presentation to the three members off dais at a future Committee meeting.

BACKGROUND

Special Districts Advisory Committee

The Special Districts Advisory Committee was created in August 1971 by San Diego LAFCO and consists of 16 members collectively drawn from the 59 independent special districts in San Diego County. Members serve four-year terms and are appointed by the independent special districts through an election process administered by LAFCO staff. (Committee rules allow its Chair to appoint members to fill unexpired terms as needed.) The Committee is tasked with providing feedback – including recommendations – on germane topics to assist LAFCO in fulfilling its regulatory and planning functions. The Committee meets quarterly with its current roster provided as an attachment.

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DISCUSSION

This item is for San Diego LAFCO to take action to formally recognize the service contributions of three past members of the Committee upon their recent departures. The three past members are Tony Michel with Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District, Dennis Shepard with North County Cemetery District, and Teresa Thomas with South Bay Irrigation District. Recognition includes adopting the attached draft commendation resolutions for presentation by staff off dais at a future Committee meeting.

ANALYSIS

All three past members – Tony Michel, Dennis Shepard, and Teresa Thomas – served with distinction and regularly contributed to advancing the value of the Committee in assisting San Diego LAFCO in making informed decisions. All three members merit recognition with special appreciation extended to Dennis Shepard given his 25 years of service make him one of the longest tenured members in the Committee’s history. Adopting commendation resolutions serve to officially memorialize the recognition as part of LAFCO’s official records.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended San Diego LAFCO formally recognize the dedicated service of Tony Michel, Dennis Shepard, and Teresa Thomas on the Committee and adopt resolutions of commendation. This recommendation is consistent with taking the actions identified in the proceeding section as Alternative One.

ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION

The following alternatives are available to San Diego LAFCO through a single motion:

Alternative One (recommended):

Adopt the attached draft commendation resolutions with any desired changes for the following persons:

- Tony Michel
- Dennis Shepard
- Teresa Thomas

Alternative Two:

Continue to the next regular meeting and provide direction to staff as needed.

Alternative Three

Take no action.

PROCEDURES

This item has been placed on San Diego LAFCO's agenda as part of the consent calendar. A successful motion to approve the consent calendar will include taking affirmative action on the staff recommendation unless otherwise specified by the Commission.

Respectfully,



Keene Simonds
Executive Officer

Attachments:

- 1) Draft Resolutions of Commendation
 - Dennis Shepard
 - Tony Michel
 - Teresa Thomas
- 2) Current Committee Roster

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**RESOLUTION OF THE
SAN DIEGO COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COMMENDING DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ON THE SPECIAL DISTRICTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**DENNIS SHEPARD
NORTH COUNTY CEMETERY DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) established the Special Districts Advisory Committee (“Committee”) in 1971; and

WHEREAS, the Committee consists of 16 members drawn from the independent special districts in San Diego County and elected by their peers to four-year terms; and

WHEREAS, the Committee is tasked with providing feedback and recommendations on germane topics to assist LAFCO in fulfilling its regulatory and planning duties; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Shepard served on the Committee between 1995 and 2018 and most recently as the General Manager of the North County Cemetery District; and

WHEREAS, with over 25 years of service, Dennis Shepard became one of the longest tenured members of the Committee; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Shepard earned the respect and gratitude of his colleagues on the Committee and among LAFCO staff with his constructive approach in carrying out the business of the Committee with a focus on improving local governmental services;

WHEREAS, LAFCO wishes Dennis Shepard continued happiness and success upon his recent retirement from the North County Cemetery District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the members of San Diego LAFCO, individually and collectively, convey their appreciation for the service rendered by Dennis Shepard to the Committee and acknowledge and commend the value his service has added to LAFCO and to the people of San Diego County.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Commission at a public meeting held on February 4, 2019.

Jo MacKenzie
Chair

Ed Sprague
Vice Chair

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**TONY MICHEL
RANCHO SANTA FE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) established the Special Districts Advisory Committee (“Committee”) in 1971; and

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WHEREAS, the Committee is tasked with providing feedback and recommendations on germane topics to assist LAFCO in fulfilling its regulatory and planning duties; and

WHEREAS, Tony Michel served on the Committee in 2018 in conjunction with being Fire Chief of the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, Tony Michel earned the respect and gratitude of his colleagues on the Committee and among LAFCO staff with his measured approach in carrying out the business of the Committee with a focus on improving local governmental services;

WHEREAS, LAFCO wishes Tony Michel continued happiness and success upon his recent retirement from the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the members of San Diego LAFCO, individually and collectively, convey their appreciation for the service rendered by Tony Michel to the Committee and acknowledge and commend the value his service has added to LAFCO and to the people of San Diego County.

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**TERESA THOMAS
SOUTH BAY IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) established the Special Districts Advisory Committee (“Committee”) in 1971; and

WHEREAS, the Committee consists of 16 members drawn from the independent special districts in San Diego County and elected by their peers to four-year terms; and

WHEREAS, the Committee is tasked with providing feedback and recommendations on germane topics to assist LAFCO in fulfilling its regulatory and planning duties; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Thomas served on the Committee between 2009 and 2018 in conjunction with being a Director of the South Bay Irrigation District; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Thomas earned the respect and gratitude of her colleagues on the Committee and among LAFCO staff with her thoughtful approach in carrying out the business of the Committee with a focus on improving local governmental services;

WHEREAS, LAFCO wishes Teresa Thomas continued happiness and success upon her recent departure from the South Bay Irrigation District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the members of San Diego LAFCO, individually and collectively, convey their appreciation for the service rendered by Teresa Thomas to the Committee and acknowledge and commend the value her service has added to LAFCO and to the people of San Diego County.

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