



**San Diego County**  
**Local Agency Formation Commission**  
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**AGENDA REPORT**  
 Consent | Information

March 2, 2020

**TO:** Commissioners

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

**SUBJECT:** Update on the Special Districts Advisory Committee

**SUMMARY**

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will receive an update on composition of the Special Districts Advisory Committee and the results of a recent election affecting eight of the sixteen Committee seats. The update is for information only.

**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 58 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 meets quarterly and is tasked with providing feedback – including recommendations – on germane topics to assist LAFCO in fulfilling its regulatory and planning functions.

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**DISCUSSION**

This item provides San Diego LAFCO with an update on the current composition of the Special Districts Advisory Committee following the recent conclusion of an election affecting eight of the sixteen Committee seats. The election preceded a call for nominations that produced 11 candidates and concluded with a quorum of ballots being received by the January 6, 2020 deadline. Elections results follow with a full Committee roster attached.

Election Results   Special Districts Advisory Committee, January 2020			
	Candidate	District	Vote Total
1	Kimberly Thorner *	Olivenhain Municipal Water District	24
2	Tom Kennedy *	Rainbow Municipal Water District	23
3	Jack Bebee *	Fallbrook Public Utility District	22
4	James Gordon	Deer Springs Fire Protection District	22
5	Robert Thomas *	Pomerado Cemetery District	19
6	Albert Lau	Santa Fe Irrigation District	19
7	Mark Robak *	Otay Water District	19
8	Mike Simms	Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Protection District	18
	Brian Boggeln	Alpine Fire Protection District	15
	Courtney Provo	Mission Resource Conservation District	11
	Fred Cox *	Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District	8
	Richard Williams	Yuima Municipal Water District	0

Notes:

- a) Incumbents identify with an asterisk (\*)
- b) The election to the Advisory Committee involves the top eight voter receipts
- c) Mr. Cox was a write-in-candidate

**ANALYSIS**

The Special Districts Advisory Committee continues to provide value to San Diego LAFCO with respect to providing timely feedback on jurisdictional proposals and studies ahead of consideration by the Commission. The Committee also serves as a venue for staff to preview potential workplan projects and resolve jurisdictional disputes between two or more special districts. The next quarterly meeting of the Committee is scheduled for March 20, 2020.

**RECOMMENDATION**

This item is presented to San Diego LAFCO for information only. It is recommended the Commission review the report with the invitation to discuss and ask questions of staff.

**ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION**

This item is being presented for information only; no action.

## PROCEDURES

This item has been placed on the 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.

On behalf of staff,



Ruth Arellano  
Executive Assistant  
Clerk to the Advisory Committee

Attachment:

- 1) Current Committee Roster

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**SAN DIEGO COUNTY LAFCO  
SPECIAL DISTRICTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROSTER**

*2020 Officers | Chair: Kimberly Thorner | Vice Chair: Julie Nygaard*

GARY ARANT Valley Center MWD 29300 Valley Center Road Valley Center, CA 92082 (760) 749-4500	(10/20)	AUGIE SCALZITTI Padre Dam MWD 9300 Fanita Parkway Santee, CA 92071 (619) 448-3111	(10/20)
JACK BEBEE Fallbrook PUD PO Box 2290 Fallbrook, CA 92089-2290 (760) 728-1125 Ext. 1105	(10/23)	JOEL SCALZITTI Helix Water District 7811 University Avenue La Mesa, CA 91941 (619) 667-6205	(10/20)
BILL HAYNOR Whispering Palms CSD 605 Third Street Encinitas, CA 92024 (760) 942-4147	(10/20)	SHERYL LANDRUM RCD of Greater San Diego County 11769 Waterhill Road Lakeside, CA 92040 (619) 562-0096	(10/20)
TOM KENNEDY Rainbow MWD 3707 Old Highway 395 Fallbrook, CA 92028-9372 (760) 728-1178	(10/23)	ROBERT THOMAS Pomerado Cemetery District 14361 Tierra Bonita Road Poway, CA 92064 (858) 748-5760	(10/23)
JAMES GORDON Deer Springs FPD 8709 Circle R Drive Escondido, CA 92026 (760) 479-8001	(10/23)	HECTOR MARTINEZ South Bay Irrigation District 505 Garrett Avenue Chula Vista, CA 91911 (619) 427-0868	(10/20)
JULIE NYGAARD Tri-City HCD 4002 Vista Way Oceanside, CA 92056 (760) 940-3347	(10/20)	KIMBERLY THORNER, ESQ Olivenhain Municipal Water District 1966 Olivenhain Road Encinitas, CA 92024 (760) 753-6466	(10/23)
FRED COX Rancho Santa Fe FPD P.O. Box 410 Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067 (858) 756-5971	(10/20)	ALBERT LAU Santa Fe ID 5920 Linea Del Cielo Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067 (858) 756-2424	(10/23)
MIKE SIMMS Bonita-Sunnyside FPD 4900 Bonita Road Bonita, CA 91902 (619) 479-2393	(10/23)	MARK ROBAK Otay Water District 2554 Sweetwater Springs Boulevard Spring Valley, CA 91978-2096 (619) 670-2280	(10/23)

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