



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

March 4, 2024

**TO:** Commissioners

**FROM:** Erica Sellen, Commission Clerk  
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**SUBJECT:** Update on Special District Election

**SUMMARY**

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will receive an update on the scheduled election called by the Executive Officer to seat a special district board member to serve on the Commission with a four-year term beginning May 6, 2024. The election involves one of the two voting seats dedicated to special districts and presently held by Commissioner MacKenzie. The item is for information only.

**BACKGROUND**

**Responsibility to Conduct Special District Elections**

San Diego LAFCO is responsible under statute to conduct elections by mail on behalf of the 56-member Independent Special Districts Selection Committee whenever the Executive Officer determines achieving an in-person quorum is not feasible. The mailed process spans a minimum of 60 days and includes delivering a call for nominations followed by written ballots assuming more than one nomination is made. All nominations and ballots must be signed by the districts’ presiding officers. In order for the election to be valid, a quorum majority of special districts must participate and submit ballots.

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## DISCUSSION

This item is for San Diego LAFCO to receive an update on the scheduled election called by the Executive Officer to seat a special district board member to serve on the Commission with a four-year term beginning May 6, 2024. The by-mail election has been called in advance of Commissioner Mackenzie's current term expiring on May 5, 2024. Actions to date involve staff transmitting on January 24, 2024 a call for nominations via certified mail to all independent special districts with a deadline of February 26, 2024. Staff also provided an announcement on the election and call for nominations at the most recent California Association of Special Districts' quarterly meeting held on February 15, 2024 at the Butcher Block restaurant in Kearny Mesa.

Assuming two or more nominations are received by the preceding deadline, LAFCO staff will proceed with issuing ballots tentatively by March 1, 2024 with a corresponding return date of April 29, 2024. Additional updates will be provided at future meetings.

## RECOMMENDATION

This item is presented to San Diego LAFCO for information only.

## ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION

None.

## 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,



Erica Sellen  
Commission Clerk

Attachments: none