



Date: April 22, 2024

via Electronic Mail

To: Presiding Officers (c/o Clerks) and General Managers of Independent Special Districts in Riverside County

Re: Results of Special District Selection Committee Election (Eastern Region & Countywide Alternate)

As you are aware, over the past two months the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) has been conducting ballot proceedings on behalf of the Special District Selection Committee for election of the Regular Special District Commissioner for the Eastern Region and The Countywide Alternate Commissioner. This election was held by electronic mail balloting for purposes of filling the subject expiring Commission seats. The purpose of this notice is to announce the results of the election pursuant to Government Code Section 56332(f)(6).

Thirty-two (32) valid ballot package responses were returned, exceeding the quorum requirement of twenty-nine (29) ballot packages necessary, therefore validating the election as meeting quorum. However, in some cases, some districts only voted for one or the other Commission position, and not both, but most voted for each. Additionally, several districts did not rank more than one candidate for the Alternate Commissioner, which when applying the Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) process lowers the voting threshold to the vote total for the last two candidates after the IRV process is performed.

The 50% plus one threshold of first ranked votes for the Eastern Region Regular Special District Commissioner was sixteen (16) based on the thirty (30) ballots cast for this position. Note that two districts did not cast any votes for an Eastern Region nominee. The vote for the Regular Special District Commissioner for the Eastern Region resulted in a tie vote and is shown below.

The Special Districts Selection Committee will determine what process will be used to break the tie vote and advise.

LAFCO Regular Special District Member (Eastern):

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Initial First Place Votes</u>
Bruce Underwood (Coachella Valley Cemetery District)	15
Cástulo Estrada (Coachella Valley Water District)	15

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The threshold of 50% plus one first ranked votes for the Countywide Alternate Commissioner position was not met on the initial balloting, therefore the Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) procedure was applied. The winning nominee for the Alternate Countywide Special District Commissioner is shown following in bold, after the instant runoff voting procedure was applied. The original first ranked vote tally for each nominee for the Countywide Alternate position for all nominees is shown below the final vote tally. Note that three (3) districts did not cast any votes for the Countywide Alternate Special District Commissioner nominees, and four (4) #1 rank votes for nominees that were eliminated through the IRV process were not included in the final tally due to lack of designation of additional nominee rankings by the four (4) districts. Upon conclusion of the IRV process, the nominee with the most #1 ranked votes of the last two remaining nominees is deemed selected.

The winning nominee for the Countywide Alternate Special District Commissioner is shown following in bold. The original first ranked vote tally for each nominee for the Countywide Alternate position for all nominees is shown below the final vote tally.

LAFCO Alternate Special District Member (Countywide):

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>First Place Votes</u>
Harvey Ryan (Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District)	14
Angela Little (Valley-Wide Recreation & Park District)	12

<u>Candidate (Ballot Order)</u>	<u>Initial First Place Votes</u>
Bernard Murphy (Rubidoux Community Services District)	3
Steve A. Pastor (Lake Hemet Municipal Water District)	4
Angela Little (Valley-Wide Recreation & Park District)	6
Harvey Ryan (Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District)	10
Richard Lawhead (Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation & Park District)	7

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Gary Thompson
Executive Officer