



Date: April 20, 2023

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

Re: County-wide Oversight Board Election

I am writing to alert you to upcoming proceedings for filling the special district representative vacancy for the County-wide Oversight Board (CWOB). A call for nominations to the CWOB will be issued in the next few weeks. Please start considering potential nominees. Although all members of the Independent Special Districts in Riverside County (SDSC) are eligible to vote on the appointment, eligibility for appointment to the Oversight Board is limited to members of the legislative bodies of independent special districts eligible to receive property tax distributions pursuant to Health and Safety Code 34188. A list of those qualifying districts whose members would be eligible for appointment is attached. Current Alternates retain their current appointment, and are eligible for appointment to the regular position.

The Oversight Board reviews complex governmental financial documents. Although not a statutory requirement, previous experience or skills involving financial matters or prior experience on an existing Oversight Board might be helpful.

Each Independent SDSC was granted the authority to appoint one (1) special district representative to the oversight board pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34179. Current law (Government Code Sec. 56332) requires the Executive Officer of LAFCO to conduct the proceedings. Within the next two weeks, we will begin the process for an appointment to the COWB.

Background: As part of the dissolution of redevelopment agencies (RDAs), oversight boards were established for each of the redevelopment successor agencies charged with winding down the affairs of the former RDAs. In September of 2015, Governor Brown signed SB 107, a bill which required the consolidation of RDA oversight boards. SB 107 mandated the consolidation of these boards by July 1, 2018, with a single new county-wide board in each county. In Riverside County, the existing 25 oversight boards were consolidated into a Countywide Oversight Board. The law further directs the Independent SDSC in each county to appoint special district representatives to the board.

Provide contact info. The CWOB proceedings will be conducted by email. Statute makes provisions for nominations and ballot materials to be transmitted and returned by email. It would be most helpful if you provide us with the name, telephone number and appropriate email address of the presiding officer of your district board or alternate board member designated by your board (by resolution). Please send that contact information as soon as possible to Rebecca Holtzclaw at rholtzclaw@lafco.org.

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Follow up. After we have issued the call for nominations and upon the close of the nomination period, we will issue ballot materials, including instructions, to each member of the Independent SDSC (presiding officers or board designated alternates), via each district's Board Clerk, with copies to each district's General Manager. Please follow up to ensure ballots are signed and returned to LAFCO in a timely manner. It is important that we achieve a quorum in order to have a valid election.

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

Sincerely,



GARY THOMPSON
Executive Officer

Attachments:
List of qualifying District Boards