



January 3, 2023

## Notice to all Special District Board Presiding Officers c/o District Clerks:

Recently, both special district regular member seats for the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) became vacant, therefore necessitating an election to fill the corresponding positions. Later this month, we will begin the process of selecting the two special district regular members for Riverside LAFCO. The purpose of this letter is to inform all districts of the process in advance so each district can be prepared.

Historically, the Special District Selection Committee (SDSC) has conducted its elections at a physical meeting in conjunction with a dinner meeting hosted by the Special District Association of Riverside County. Due to cost and logistics, it was determined by the SDSC such a physical meeting is not entirely feasible. Therefore, until determined otherwise by the SDSC, all elections will be conducted by Riverside LAFCO utilizing electronic mail (e-mail), as explained below, and as was conducted for the most recent Special District Election.

Specifically, the election will be for two LAFCO position as follows: a Regular Special District Member from the western portion of the County (any district with the majority of its assessed value west of the intersection of I-10 and Highway 111), and a Regular Special District Member from the eastern portion of the County (any district with the majority of its assessed value east of the intersection of I-10 and Highway 111). Please see attached list denoting those districts that are either in the west area, or east area. Presiding officers from all Districts are eligible to vote for each position. The term of the western vacant position will run through May 4, 2026. The term of the eastern vacant position will run through May 6, 2024.

The SDSC is comprised of the <u>presiding officers</u> of each independent special district of Riverside County. In approximately 2 weeks, Riverside LAFCO will transmit a formal call for nominations to SDSC members, in care of each District's Clerk. The District Clerks are responsible for transmitting the nomination package to the Board Presiding Officer. Formal nominations must be submitted by SDSC members (i.e., presiding officers) or designated alternates (see below). The nomination period will be approximately 30 days. If only one candidate is nominated, that candidate will be deemed appointed. After nominations are received, an emailed ballot will be sent to the voting member, in care of the District Clerks, to cast a vote.

If the presiding officer is unable to submit a nomination or vote, the <u>governing body of the District</u> may designate another board member to act in place of the presiding officer. District managers or other staff members may not nominate candidates or vote. Please note that neither nominations nor votes of the presiding officer require action of the governing body. Board members designated by their governing body to vote in place of the presiding officer should provide that authorization (in the form of a resolution or minute order) to LAFCO no later than the time the ballot is cast.

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Ballots will be due approximately 30 days from receipt and will be annotated with a required submittal date.

**Note**: there are 55 voting districts in Riverside County. To meet the 50% + 1 quorum requirement for this election, we need at least 28 ballots returned from SDSC members for the election to be valid.

Again, in order to expedite this process, please ensure this information is passed to your Presiding Officer when received. Please contact Rebecca Holtzclaw at <a href="mailto:rholtzclaw@lafco.org">rholtzclaw@lafco.org</a> with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Gary Thompson Executive Officer

cc: District General Managers

Attachment:

Special District List by Areas

## SPECIAL DISTRICT SELECTION COMMITTEE LIST OF ELIGIBLE INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Independent Special Districts	Region
Chiriaco Summit County Water District	east
Citrus Pest Control District No. 2	east
Coachella Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District	east
Coachella Valley Public Cemetery District	east
Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District	east
Coachella Valley Water District	east
Desert Healthcare District	east
Desert Recreation District	east
Desert Water Agency	east
Mission Springs Water District	east
Palm Springs Cemetery District	east
Palo Verde Cemetery District	east
Palo Verde Healthcare District	east
Palo Verde Irrigation District	east
Palo Verde Resource Conservation District	east
Palo Verde Valley Library District	east
Southern Coachella Valley Community Services District	east
Valley Sanitary District	east
Banning Library District	west
Beaumont Library District	west
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation & Park District	west
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District	west
Cabazon County Water District	west
De Luz Community Services District	west
Eastern Municipal Water District	west
Edgemont Community Services District	west
Elsinore Valley Cemetery District	west
Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District	west
Fern Valley Water District	west
High Valleys Water District	west
Home Gardens County Water District	west
Home Gardens Sanitary District	west
Idyllwild Fire Protection District	west
Idyllwild Water District	west
Jurupa Area Recreation & Park District	west
Jurupa Community Services District	west
Lake Hemet Municipal Water District	west
Murrieta Valley Cemetery District	west
Northwest Mosquito & Vector Control District	west
Pine Cove Water District	west
Pinyon Pines County Water District	west
Rancho California Water District	west
Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District	west
Rubidoux Community Services District	west
San Gorgonio Memorial Healthcare District	west
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	west
San Jacinto Basin Resource Conservation District	west
San Jacinto Valley Cemetery District	west
Summit Cemetery District	west
Temecula Public Cemetery District	west
Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District	west
Temescal Valley Water District	west
Tenaja Community Services District	west
Valley-Wide Recreation & Park District	west
. Western Municipal Water District	west