



via electronic mail

March 2, 2020

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

Later this month, we will begin the process of selecting a Special District Member and an Alternate Special District Member of the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). The purpose of this letter is to inform all districts of the process in advance in order to avoid any confusion. 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 has been determined such a physical meeting is not entirely feasible. Therefore, this next election (and likely subsequent elections) will be conducted by electronic mail (e-mail), as explained below, and as was conducted for the most recent Special District Elections.

Specifically, the election will be for two LAFCO positions as follows: 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) and an Alternate Special District Member from any special district within the County. Presiding officers from all Districts are eligible to vote for both positions. The terms of the incumbents, Nancy Wright, the eastern District Member, and Robert Stockton, the Alternate District Member, expire on May 4, 2020. However, by statute incumbents will continue to serve until a successor is appointed. The new terms will run through May 6, 2024.

The SDSC is comprised of the presiding officers of each independent special district of Riverside County. In approximately 2 days, 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 mailed 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 governing body of the District 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. Ballots will be due approximately 30 days from receipt. A quorum consisting of ballots from a majority of the SDSC members is required to conduct a valid election.

Again, in order to expedite this process, please ensure this information is passed to your Presiding Officer when received. Please send this information to Rebecca Holtzclaw at rholtzclaw@lafco.org.

Sincerely,

Gary Thompson
Executive Officer

cc: District General Managers