



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

January 16, 2026

TO: Special Districts Advisory Committee
FROM: Erica Sellen, Commission Clerk
SUBJECT: Special Districts Advisory Committee Election Results

SUMMARY

The Special Districts Advisory Committee (“Committee”) will receive results from the recent election to fill seven of the Committee’s 15 seats. An open nomination process conducted by LAFCO staff and extended to all 58 independent special districts resulted in ten nominees. A special mail-ballot election to select the seven representatives concluded on December 22, 2025, with ballots submitted by 31 districts. The newly elected members will serve four-year terms beginning January 1, 2026. This item is presented for information only.

BACKGROUND

The Special Districts Advisory Committee is composed of 15 elected representatives from independent special districts, with eligibility extended to both governing board members and senior agency staff. A listing of the current Committee membership is provided below and is organized to distinguish the seven newly elected members, whose terms expire in October 2029, from the remaining eight members, whose terms are scheduled for election in December 2028.

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| Members with Current Terms | Members with Expired Terms |
|---|---|
| December 2025 Election | December 2028 Election |
| Kimberly Thorne (Chair) Olivenhain Municipal Water District | Ann Baldridge RCD of Greater San Diego County |
| Jack Bebee (Vice Chair) Fallbrook Public Utility District | Paul Bushee Leucadia Wastewater District |
| James Gordon Deer Springs Fire Protection District | Jeff Egkan North County Fire Protection District |
| Albert C. Lau Rancho Santa Fe Irrigation District | Tracy Largent San Diego Unified Port District |
| * Lindsay Leahy Valley Center Municipal Water District | Hector Martinez South Bay Water |
| Dave McQuead Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District | Rachel Mason Fallbrook Regional Healthcare District |
| Mike Sims Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Protection District | Marty Miller Vista Irrigation District |
| | Joel Scalzitti Helix Water District |

* Lindsay Leahy was elected to the position over incumbent Mark Robak.

DISCUSSION

The required quorum for the Special Districts Advisory Committee election was achieved, with 31 of the 58 independent special districts returning ballots by the December 22, 2025 deadline. A total of 198 votes were cast among the 10 nominees. A list of districts that submitted ballots, along with a complete summary of the election results, is provided as part of Appendix A.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is presented to the Committee for information only.

ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION

None.

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PROCEDURES

This item has been placed on the Committee’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 Committee.

Respectfully,



Erica Sellen
Commission Clerk

Appendix:

A) Special Districts Election Results & Participating Districts

Appendix A

Special Districts Advisory Committee Election Results & Participating Districts

| Special Districts Advisory Committee Election Results | | |
|---|---|----------------|
| Nominee | Agency | Votes Received |
| Albert C. Lau | Santa Fe Irrigation District | 26 |
| Kimberly Thorer | Olivenhain Municipal Water District | 26 |
| Jack Bebee | Fallbrook Public Utility District | 25 |
| James Gordon | Deer Springs Fire Protection District | 24 |
| Dave McQuead | Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District | 23 |
| Lindsay Leahy | Valley Center Municipal Water District | 20 |
| Mike Sims | Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Protection District | 19 |
| Erica Wolski | Ramona Municipal Water District | 15 |
| Mark Robak | Otay Water District | 13 |
| Kurt Worden | Lower Sweetwater Fire Protection District | 7 |
| TOTAL | | 198 |

| Participating Special Districts (Ballots Submitted) | |
|---|---|
| 1. Alpine Fire Protection District | 2. Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Protection District |
| 3. Deer Springs Fire Protection District | 4. Fallbrook Public Utility District |
| 5. Fallbrook Regional Health District | 6. Grossmont Healthcare District |
| 7. Helix Water District | 8. Lakeside Fire Protection District |
| 9. Lakeside Water District | 10. Leucadia Wastewater District |
| 11. Lower Sweetwater Fire Protection District | 12. Mootamai Municipal Water District |
| 13. North County Fire Protection District | 14. Olivenhain Municipal Water District |
| 15. Otay Water District | 16. Padre Dam Municipal Water District |
| 17. Pauma Municipal Water District | 18. Pomerado Cemetery District |
| 19. Rainbow Municipal Water District | 20. Ramona Municipal Water District |
| 21. Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District | 22. Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County of San Diego |
| 23. Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District | 24. San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District |
| 25. Santa Fe Irrigation District | 26. South Bay Water |
| 27. Valley Center Fire Protection District | 28. Valley Center Municipal Water District |
| 29. Vista Fire Protection District | 30. Vista Irrigation District |
| 31. Yuima Municipal Water District | |