



**San Diego County**  
**Local Agency Formation Commission**  
 Regional Service Planning | Subdivision of the State of California

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**AGENDA REPORT**  
 Business | Action

February 2, 2026

**TO:** Chair Whitburn and Commissioners  
**FROM:** Erica Sellen, Commission Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Chair and Vice Chair Appointments

**SUMMARY**

The San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will consider appointing a Chair and Vice Chair consistent with adopted policy. The appointees will serve 12 months unless otherwise specified.

**BACKGROUND**

San Diego LAFCO’s policies direct the Commission to annually appoint a Chair and Vice Chair. Terms are one year unless otherwise specified with no restrictions on reappointments. Appointments over the last 10 years follow.

Past Appointments				
Year	Chair	Category	Vice Chair	Category
2016	Bill Horn	County	Sam Abed	Cities
2017	Sam Abed	Cities	Jo MacKenzie	Special Districts
2018	Jo MacKenzie	Special Districts	Ed Sprague	Special Districts
2019	Jo MacKenzie	Special Districts	Dianne Jacob	County
2020	Dianne Jacob	County	Andy Vanderlaan	Public
2021	Andy Vanderlaan	Public	Jim Desmond	County
2022	Jim Desmond	County	Paul McNamara	Cities
2023	Jim Desmond	County	Stephen Whitburn	San Diego
2024	Stephen Whitburn	San Diego	Barry Willis	Special Districts
2025	Stephen Whitburn	San Diego	Barry Willis	Special Districts

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	Monica M. Steppe, Alt. County of San Diego	John McCann Alt. City of Chula Vista		David Drake, Alt. Rincon del Diablo	

## DISCUSSION

This item is for San Diego LAFCO to appoint a Chair and Vice Chair for the next 12 months. These appointees work with the Executive Officer to coordinate administrative matters, including setting meeting agendas and providing direction on emerging issues. The Chair also serves as direct supervisor for the Executive Officer and Commission Counsel.

## ANALYSIS

None.

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended San Diego LAFCO consider its preferences and proceed accordingly in selecting a Chair and Vice Chair.

## ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION

The following alternative actions are available to San Diego LAFCO and can be accomplished with a single-motion:

Alternative One (recommended):

Make appointments to the Chair and Vice Chair positions as appropriate.

Alternative Two:

Continue the item to a future meeting and provide direction to staff with respect to any additional analysis or information requested.

## PROCEDURES

This item has been placed on the agenda for action as part of San Diego LAFCO's business calendar. The following procedures are suggested in the consideration of this item:

- 1) Receive verbal report from staff unless waived.
- 2) Discuss item and consider recommendation.

Respectfully,



Erica Sellen  
Commission Clerk

Attachments: none