



San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission

Regional Service Planning | Subdivision of the State of California

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA CITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 19, 2026
1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

San Diego County LAFCO
2550 Fifth Avenue, Suite 725
San Diego, California 92103

Moderator, LAFCO Executive Officer

Carlsbad	Chula Vista	Coronado	Del Mar	El Cajon	Encinitas
Escondido	Imperial Beach	La Mesa	Lemon Grove	National City	Oceanside
Poway	San Diego	San Marcos	Santee	Solana Beach	Vista

The Cities Advisory Committee is responsible for helping to inform the Commission and Executive Officer on all germane items relating to San Diego LAFCO's regulatory and planning responsibilities affecting cities. The current Committee has been called by the Executive Officer to review and provide ongoing feedback on LAFCO's FY2025-FY2026 adopted workplans. All 18 cities in San Diego County are represented on the Committee by the city manager or their designee and have one vote. Each city may also appoint one or more alternates. The Executive Officer is also a non-voting member and serves as moderator and is responsible for scheduling meetings.

The Committee will hold the March 19, 2026 special meeting in person at the LAFCO office (2550 Fifth Avenue, Suite 725, in San Diego). Visitor parking is available using the Maple Street entrance. In person attendance by the public is welcomed. The public may also watch, listen, and otherwise participate in the meeting remotely by any of the following options.

1. The public may watch and listen to the meeting live on YouTube using the link provided on our website homepage (www.sdlafco.org).
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 - a) The public may provide eComments on any item by emailing to erica.sellen@sdcounty.ca.gov
 - eComments received before 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, will be forwarded to the Committee and posted online before the meeting. They will also be referenced during the meeting.
 - eComments received during the meeting and before the subject item is concluded will be read into the record by staff subject to the three-minute limit.

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1. 1:30 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER BY MODERATOR

- a) Roll Call
- b) Pledge Of Allegiance

2. AGENDA REVIEW

3. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

4. CONSENT ITEMS

a) Approval of Meeting Minutes for September 18, 2025 (action)

The Committee will consider draft summary minutes prepared for the last meeting held on September 18, 2025. Recommendation to approve as presented. (Pages 5-12)

b) Progress Report on 2025-2026 Workplan (information)

The Committee will receive an update on the adopted workplan and activities related to the 30 special projects scheduled for 2025-2026. Information only. (Pages 13-18)

c) Legislative Report (information)

The Committee will receive a legislative update on existing and anticipated bills affecting agency operations, both directly and indirectly, that are part of the second-year legislative session. Information only. (Pages 19-22)

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

a) Draft Workplan and Budget for 2026-2027 (action)

The Committee will review a draft workplan and budget for 2026-2027, which were tentatively adopted by the Commission at its March 2, 2026 meeting. Both items continue current priorities and funding levels with targeted enhancements. The draft workplan largely rolls forward the existing special project commitments from this fiscal year that are expected to remain active past July 1st, anchored by continuing high-priority municipal service reviews involving wholesale water service providers, healthcare districts, and SANDAG. The total budget – combining operating and non-operating units – is proposed to decrease overall by (8.2%) to \$2.904 million in balanced expenses and revenues, largely attributable to the winddown of grant activities. The operating budget is set to increase 3.4% – or \$90,379 – primarily driven by the addition of a ninth full-time position (Analyst I) and a preapproved cost-of-living adjustment, with costs partially offset through reduced consultant usage. Agency apportionments, however, are proposed to increase 18.7% – or \$407,580 – over the current fiscal year, exceeding the growth in operating expenses and entirely attributable to eliminating reserves as offsetting revenues. The item is for Committee review and feedback with the opportunity to forward specific recommendations for consideration ahead of final Commission action in May. (Pages 23-30)

Contact: Priscilla Mumpower, Assistant Executive Officer

BUSINESS ITEMS CONTINUED...

**b) Development of Weighted Water Rate Comparisons |
Presentation of Draft Report by Kennedy Water Consulting, LLC (discussion)**

The Committee will receive an update on the development of water rate comparator report underway by the Special Districts Advisory Committee with assistance from Kennedy Water Consulting, LLC and support from LAFCO staff. Water rates across San Diego County continue to rise, with variations among agencies often driven by factors not well understood by the public. In response to frequent discussions of water rate impacts during Municipal Service Reviews (MSR), the Commission requested LAFCO staff to conduct a study on water rates in the San Diego region. The Special Districts Advisory Committee led this effort to help the Commission and the public better understand why water rates vary among agencies, while also creating a diagnostic tool to inform future MSRs. (Pages 31-68)

Contact: Joelle Burila, Analyst I & Tom Kennedy, LAFCO Consultant

6. LAFCO EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

7. OPEN EXPRESSION

This time is reserved for any member of the public to address the Committee on germane topics that are not directly part of the agenda. This includes requests for future Committee topics. Individuals are limited to three minutes.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Attest to Posting:



Erica Sellen
Committee Secretary

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