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AGENDA REPORT
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December 2, 2024

TO: Commissioners

FROM: Erica Sellen, Commission Clerk

SUBJECT: **Commissioner Terms**

SUMMARY

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will receive its annual notice on individual Commissioner terms. Seven terms are set to expire in May 2025 and affect four of the five membership categories on the Commission. These involve two County Supervisorial seats (regular and alternate), two City of San Diego seats (regular and alternate), two city member seats (regular and alternate), and one public member seat (regular). The latter – involving the public member – will necessitate future LAFCO action as detailed. The report is being presented for information.

BACKGROUND

State law prescribes the composition of San Diego LAFCO shall include 13 Commissioners divided between eight "regular" and five "alternate" members. Members are drawn from five membership categories as detailed below.

- Three "county" members are appointed by the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors and divided by two regulars and one alternate. All three county members must be on the Board and can be selected from any of the supervisorial districts.

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- Three "city" members are appointed by the City Selection Committee (mayors) and divided by two regulars and one alternate. All three city members must be on city councils of 17 of the 18 incorporated communities. The City of San Diego is excluded from this category and provided separate appointments to the Commission.

- Two "San Diego" members are appointed by the City of San Diego Council through special legislation in LAFCO statute and divided by a regular and alternate. Both members must be on the Council and can be selected from any of the council districts.

- Three "district" members are elected by the Independent Special District Committee (board presidents) and divided by two regulars and one alternate. All three district members must be board members on independent special districts.

- Two "public" members are appointed by the other four membership categories on the Commission and divided by a regular and alternate. The public members must be residents in San Diego County and cannot be officers or employees of local agencies.

All Commission seats are four-year terms that commence on the first Monday of May of the applicable year.[1] Terms go with the seat and not the member. Should a Commissioner leave LAFCO mid-term for any reason, the successor appointee assumes the unexpired term.

DISCUSSION

This item is being presented to San Diego LAFCO to receive an annual notice on current Commissioner terms consistent with practice. Seven terms are set to expire at the end of April 2025 and affect four of the five membership categories on the Commission. Commissioner terms set to expire in April follows:

- Joel Anderson, as appointee to County Regular Seat No. 2
- Nora Vargas, as appointee to County Alternate Seat
- Dane White, as appointee to City Regular Seat No. 2
- John McCann, as appointee to City Alternate Seat
- Stephen Whitburn, as appointee to City of San Diego Regular Seat
- Marni von Wilpert, as appointee to City of San Diego Alternate Seat
- Harry Mathis, as appointee to Public Regular Seat

With respect to the expiring terms, the Commission is responsible under statute for making a new appointment for the regular public member position. A separate agenda item – No. 7a – addresses this topic in more detail.

A complete listing of all current Commission terms is provided as Attachment One.

[1] Reference to Government Code Section 56334.

ANALYSIS

None.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is presented to San Diego LAFCO for information only.

ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION

None.

PROCEDURES

This item has been placed on the San Diego LAFCO'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 Commission.

On behalf of staff,

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Attachment:

1) Commissioner Terms

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San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission
Political Subdivision of the State of California
Regional Municipal Service Planning

COMMISSION ROSTER

COUNTY MEMBERS

Regular	Term	Alternate	Term
Jim Desmond Supervisor District No. 5	May 2027	Nora Vargas Supervisor District No. 1	May 2025
Joel Anderson Supervisor District No. 2	May 2025		

CITY MEMBERS

Regular	Term	Alternate	Term
Kristi Becker Solana Beach	May 2027	John McCann Chula Vista	May 2025
Dane White Escondido	May 2025		

CITY OF SAN DIEGO MEMBERS

Regular	Term	Alternate	Term
Stephen Whitburn Council District No. 3	May 2025	Marni von Wilpert Council District No. 5	May 2025

SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBERS

Regular	Term	Alternate	Term
Jo MacKenzie Vista Irrigation	May 2028	David Drake Rincon del Diablo MWD	May 2027
Barry Willis Alpine FPD	May 2027		

PUBLIC MEMBERS

Regular	Term	Alternate	Term
Harry Mathis San Diego Resident	May 2025	Brigette Browning Chula Vista Resident	May 2027

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