The Special Districts Dialogue

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An update from your Special District Representatives on OC LAFCO



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Honorable Special District Members, the <u>Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission</u> (OC LAFCO, the Commission) held meetings on <u>December 13, 2023</u>, and <u>January 10</u> and <u>February 14</u>, 2024, which included a study session regarding a draft Commissioner Handbook. OC LAFCO's **next meeting is Wednesday**, <u>March 13</u>, **starting at 8:15 a.m.** in the County Administration North (CAN) First Floor Multipurpose Room 101, at 400 W. Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana, CA 92701. During the last quarter, OC LAFCO's activities relevant to special districts included:

- Appointment of Commission Officers At OC LAFCO's meeting on December 13, 2023,
 Orange County Board of Supervisors Chair Don Wagner was selected to serve as Chair of the
 Commission, and City of Mission Viejo Councilmember Wendy Bucknum was selected Vice Chair.
- <u>Update on OCWD MSR</u> The consultants retained by OC LAFCO are still in the data collection and fact-finding process. The MSR is on schedule with the public review draft scheduled for release in early Summer 2024.
- <u>Study Session: Draft Commissioner Handbook</u> At its February 14 meeting, OC LAFCO held
 a special Study Session to discuss a draft handbook that included information regarding the role
 and authority of the Commission, communications, interactions with Commission staff, and
 implementation of the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan. The Commission continued the item to OC
 LAFCO's April 10, 2024, regular meeting and requested additional information from staff.
- **Special District Seat Expiring Term** The appointment process for expiring terms was reviewed at the January 10th meeting; Commissioner Fisler's term expires on June 30, 2024.
- 4th Cycle MSR Schedule Special District MSRs in progress include OC Vector Control and Silverado-Modjeska Parks & Recreation districts, as well as these water districts -- East Orange County, Irvine Ranch, Orange County, and Serrano. Next up are the "Southeast" Region districts.
- OC LAFCO 2024 Calendar lists meetings, office closures, and the <u>CALAFCO Annual Conference</u>.

<u>Acronym of the Quarter: "ISDOC"</u> – Independent Special Districts of Orange County, a membership association representing the interests of, and advocating for, OC's 27 independent special districts. ISDOC holds quarterly meetings as a forum to discuss issues and share information of mutual interest.

2024 MEETING AND EVENTS CALENDAR

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OC LAFCO Regular Meeting (begins at 8:15 a.m.)

Location: County Administrative North, First Floor Multipurpose Room 101, 400 W. Civic Center Dr., Santa Ana, CA 92701.

Office closure due to legal holidays and flexible work schedule.

CALAFCO Annual Conference - October 16 - 18, 2024 at Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite.