

The Special Districts Dialogue

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Honorable Special District Members,

The [Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission](#) (OC LAFCO, the Commission) held virtual meetings on [July 14](#), [August 19](#), and [October 13, 2021](#), as well as a Strategic Planning Meeting on [September 8, 2021](#). At their November 10, 2021 meeting, **OC LAFCO plans to meet in-person** at 8:15a at the Orange County Hall of Administration, Planning Commission Hearing Room located at 333 W. Santa Ana Boulevard, Santa Ana, CA. Recent items relevant to special districts include:

- **Strategic Planning Workshop** – At its [September 8 meeting](#), the Commission drafted a [Proposed Strategic Plan](#) with: **1)** an updated OC LAFCO Mission Statement, and Three-Year Goals; **2)** Six-Month Strategic Objectives, and Next Steps through March 2022; and, **3)** a “S.W.O.T” analysis of current and future Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. OC LAFCO delayed adopting the Proposed Strategic Plan until the Commission’s November 10 meeting to allow for public feedback in addition to the [input submitted by Mesa Water](#). Comments can be made at the meeting or emailed to the Commission Clerk at CCarter-Benjamin@OCLAFCO.org.
- **FY22 Work Plan** – Approved at its [July 14 meeting](#), OC LAFCO’s [FY22 Work Plan](#) includes two special district annexations -- OC Sanitation District properties, and the City of San Juan Capistrano Water and Wastewater Systems to the Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD) -- as well as a Latent Power activation for flood control protection services by the Capistrano Bay Community Services District. The Work Plan also includes the Fourth Cycle of Spheres of Influence and Municipal Service Reviews for the Southwest and West Regions, and OC Cemetery District.

At its August 19 meeting, OC LAFCO unanimously approved [the annexation](#) of the City of San Juan Capistrano’s water and sewer utilities to SMWD.

- **OC LAFCO New Website** – Visit OCLAFCO.org for the new and improved website!

OC LAFCO Info to Know – Acronym of the Quarter: “SOI”

- SOI stands for [Spheres of Influence](#) – The logical physical boundaries and service areas of local governmental agencies (e.g., cities and special districts).