

# The Special Districts Dialogue

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*An update from your Special District Representatives on OC LAFCO*



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Dear Honorable Special District Members: The [Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission](#) (OC LAFCO, the Commission) held meetings on [September 17](#) and [October 8, 2025](#). OC LAFCO's next meeting is **Wednesday, November 12, 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. OC LAFCO's recent items relevant to special districts include the following:

- [New Leadership and Staff](#) – The Commission has appointed **Luis Tapia** as **Executive Officer** following his service as Interim Executive Officer. OC LAFCO also welcomed **Leo Lara** as **Policy Analyst**, who brings experience in data analysis and prior service with the Irvine Ranch Water District. The Commission also determined that the Assistant Executive Officer position will remain unfilled for this fiscal year.
- [Fiscal Year 2025/26 First Quarter Financial Report](#) – OC LAFCO's finances continue to mirror the prior fiscal year's trend with first-quarter spending well below budget. Additionally, OC LAFCO has received all apportionments (annual assessments) from the supporting agencies.
- [Municipal Service Review Schedule](#) – At its September 17, 2025 public hearing, the Commission approved the Central Region Municipal Service Review (MSR) and Sphere of Influence (SOI) Update. Work is now underway by the consultant -- RSG, Inc. -- on the MSR/SOI for the North Region which includes the Placentia Library District and the Yorba Linda Water District.
- [The Pulse](#) – The Summer Edition of OC LAFCO's quarterly publication, *The Pulse*, provides information about the Commission's Work Plan, MSRs, legislative efforts, and more...check it out!
- [OC LAFCO on YouTube](#) – Go to <https://www.youtube.com/@OrangeCountyLAFCO/streams> for live streaming of Commission meetings (with past OC LAFCO meeting videos also posted there).
- [OC LAFCO 2025 Calendar](#) – Stay current on OC LAFCO's planned meetings and office closures.

[Know OC LAFCO](#) – Learn more about your special district representatives on the Commission:

- **Douglass Davert, Immediate Past Chair** – [East Orange County Water District](#)
- **James (Jim) R. Fisler, Commissioner** – [Mesa Water District \(Mesa Water®\)](#)
- **Kathryn Freshley, Alternate** – [El Toro Water District](#)

# 2025 MEETING AND EVENTS CALENDAR

Approved November 14, 2024

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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.
- No Scheduled Regular Meeting.
- Strategic Planning Workshop (9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)  
**Location: To be determined.**
- Office closure due to legal holidays and flexible work schedule.
- 2025 CALAFCO Annual Conference - October 22 - 24, San Diego, CA.
- August 13, 2025 Regular Meeting Cancelled. (Approved by Commission on July 9, 2025).
- Meeting rescheduled from September 10, 2025 to **Wednesday, September 17, 2025.**