

# 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 [Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission](#) (the Commission, OC LAFCO) held meetings on [June 14](#) and [August 9](#), 2023. The Commission's **next meeting is Wednesday, September 13, 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:

- **[Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Year-End Report](#)** – At its August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Commission received a report of staff's FY 22/23 accomplishments, including work completed on OC LAFCO's mandates -- conducting MSR, sphere reviews and updates, and processing applications -- and progress on the Commission's four Strategic Plan Goals – OC LAFCO: 1) is fully staffed and trained; 2) implemented MSR process improvements, including using consultant services, allowing the completion of MSR within a planned cycle; 3) adopted guidelines to facilitate proactive legislative efforts; and, 4) developed communication documents for increased outreach to local agencies, legislators, and other OC LAFCO constituents. At the Commission's direction, OC LAFCO's newsletter, "The Pulse," will be sent to all City and Special District Clerks for distribution to all Council/Board members, City Managers, and Special District General Managers.
- **4<sup>th</sup> Cycle MSR Schedule** – The MSR for the [West](#) and [Southwest](#) Regions were reviewed and approved by the Commission at their August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Upcoming Special District MSR for FY 2023-24 include: OC Water District and OC Vector Control District (both in progress), and districts in the Central and Southeast Regions.
- **[OC LAFCO Fiscal Indicators & Website Refresh](#)** – Staff [presented](#) (at OC LAFCO's May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting) an updated Fiscal Indicators Program, intended to provide a general indication of an agency's fiscal health and to flag trends that may warrant added evaluation. The new program will use indicators established for cities by the CA State Auditor for all LAFCO agencies. Staff plans to include the updated indicators with the [OCLAFCO.org](#) refresh to be completed by end of 2023.
- **[OC LAFCO 2023 Calendar](#)** lists meetings, office closures, and the [CALAFCO Annual Conference](#).

**OC LAFCO Info to Know – Acronym of the Quarter: "CALAFCO"** – California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions, a nonprofit association that represents and supports the work of LAFCOs statewide.

# 2023 MEETING AND EVENTS CALENDAR

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ 2023

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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 18 - 20, 2023 at Hyatt Regency Monterey.