## 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>October 9</u> and <u>November 13</u>, 2024, and <u>January 8</u>, 2025. OC LAFCO's **next meeting is Wednesday, February 19 (note irregular meeting date), 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. The Commission's recent activities relevant to special districts include the following:

- Commission Officers Re-Appointed/Commissioner Huang Returns

   – County

   Commissioner Don Wagner was re-appointed Chair, and City Commissioner Wendy Bucknum was re-appointed Vice Chair; Special District Commissioner Doug Davert remains Immediate Past Chair. The Commission also welcomes back Yorba Linda Councilwoman Peggy Huang as a City Member, replacing former Fullerton Councilman Bruce Whitaker whose term expired.
- MWDOC / OCWD Focused MSR The Draft Municipal Service Review (MSR) for the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) and Orange County Water District (OCWD) was released in November for public review and comment; a final draft will be presented by OC LAFCO's staff and consultants at a public hearing during the Commission's March 12 meeting.
- Strategic Plan Update / 4<sup>th</sup> Cycle MSR Status To date, the Commission has completed 4<sup>th</sup> Cycle MSRs for 13 cities and 16 special districts, with the following MSRs anticipated to be completed by summer 2025: Orange County Mosquito & Vector Control District, Orange County Water District, and districts in the Central (in progress), Southeast, North, and Coastal Regions.
- Video Conferencing Update The County is finalizing videoconferencing arrangements to include live streaming of OC LAFCO meetings. This service may be available starting with the Commission's February 19 meeting (please see that meeting's agenda for more information).
- OC LAFCO 2025 Calendar lists meetings, office closures, and the CALAFCO Annual Conference.

**Acronym of the Quarter: "CSDA"** – The California Special Districts Association (<u>CSDA</u>) is a 501c(6) not-for-profit association formed in 1969 to promote good governance and improved core local services through professional development, advocacy, and other services for all types of independent special districts.

## 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.