

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](#) (OC LAFCO, the Commission) held meetings on [September 13](#), [October 11](#), and [November 8](#), 2023. OC LAFCO's **next meeting is Wednesday, December 13, starting at 8:15 a.m.** -- when the Commission will reorganize its officers by electing a new Chair and Vice Chair -- 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:

- **[Legislative Update: AB 399 Water Ratepayers Protections Act of 2023: County Water Authority Act](#)** – Signed into law by Governor Newsom, AB 399 amends voting provisions for special district detachments from the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA). The bill mandates that any detachment proposal approved by the San Diego LAFCO must also be approved by a majority of registered voters within the entire SDCWA territory. **Because AB 399 is specific to SDCWA, other special districts/LAFCOs are not directly impacted.** Nonetheless, the bill does set a precedent of diluting both LAFCO authority and the vote of citizens within the detaching district(s) who are arguably the most affected.
- **[Annual Financial Audit](#)** – The Commission reviewed the June 30, 2023, financial statements and the audit results which found that the reporting is in compliance with accounting standards.
- **[Policy and Procedures Update](#)** – At their October 11th Meeting, the Commission approved amendments to its policy and procedure requirements for OC LAFCO-initiated proposals to change the organization of a special district (consolidations, dissolutions, formations, mergers, etc.).
- **[4th Cycle MSR Schedule](#)** – Upcoming Special District MSRs for FY 2023-24 include: OC Vector Control and OC Water District (both in progress), Silverado-Modjeska Parks & Recreation District, and water districts in the Central and Southeast Regions: East OC, El Toro, Irvine Ranch, Moulton Niguel, Santa Margarita, Serrano, South Coast, and Trabuco Canyon.
- **[OC LAFCO 2024 Calendar](#)** lists meetings, office closures, and the [CALAFCO Annual Conference](#).

[OC LAFCO Info to Know – Acronym of the Quarter: "OC LAFCO"](#) – Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission, serving Orange County cities, special districts, and the county to ensure effective and efficient delivery of municipal services.

2023 MEETING AND EVENTS CALENDAR

Revised and Approved September 13, 2023

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.