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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 [March 8](#), [April 12](#), and [May 10](#), 2023. The Commission's **next meeting is Wednesday, June 14, 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:

- **[FY 2023-24 Budget](#)** – The final budget totals \$1,744,480—an increase of \$188,360 (12.1%) over FY 2022-23. Reserves (\$318,390) will fund a portion of the budget, and there is no change to the Special District apportionment methodology. The OC Auditor-Controller will transmit the OC LAFCO invoices in June.
- **[Incoming Commissioners](#)** – Fullerton Councilman Bruce Whitaker and Laguna Woods Councilwoman Carol Moore were respectively appointed to OC LAFCO as the Regular and Alternate City Members; and, Supervisors Andrew Do and Katrina Foley were respectively appointed as the Regular and Alternate County Members.
- **[AB 1637](#)** – After significant discussion regarding the value of open and transparent government, the Commission voted unanimously to take an *oppose unless amended* position on [this bill](#) that would require, as amended, all California cities and counties to use a “.gov” or “.ca.gov” domain by January 1, 2027. Discussion included the bill's compliance costs which, for a single medium-sized agency, could exceed \$1 million (with no state reimbursement provided).
- **[Fiscal Indicators](#)** – The Commission received a [Presentation](#) proposing new Fiscal Indicators -- *Annual Change in Revenues*, *Annual Change in Expenditures*, and *Adequate Operating Reserves* -- using data from each agency's audited financial reports. OC LAFCO will seek its [members'](#) input.
- **[The Pulse](#)** – OC LAFCO's biannual news Spring Edition -- sent to OC cities, special districts, and the County -- highlights the Commission's work through the first half of FY 2022-23.
- **[OC LAFCO 2023 Calendar](#)** lists meetings, office closures, and the [CALAFCO Annual Conference](#).

OC LAFCO Info to Know – Acronym of the Quarter: “DUC” – Disadvantaged Unincorporated Community (DUC): LAFCOs must identify [DUCs](#) when conducting Municipal Service Reviews and Spheres of Influence updates.

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.