

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 [July 10](#), [August 14](#), and [September 11](#), 2024. OC LAFCO's **next meeting is Wednesday, October 9, 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:

- **[Commissioners Re-Selected](#)** – Following his re-election to continue serving Orange County's special districts, Commissioner [James R. Fisler \(Jim\)](#) received the Oath of Office at OC LAFCO's July 10th meeting. Also sworn in were city representatives Wendy Bucknum (Commissioner) and Carol Moore (Alternate) who were re-appointed to continue their OC LAFCO service.
- **[MWDOC / OCWD Focused MSR](#)** - The Municipal Service Review (MSR) for the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) and Orange County Water District (OCWD) is nearing completion. OC LAFCO will release the draft study in late October for public review and comments over the following month. The Commission plans to consider the final MSR in early 2025.
- **[OC Grand Jury SOCWA Report - OC LAFCO Response](#)** – In its response, OC LAFCO agreed to study and report back to the Commission, by February 2025, on a post-consolidation review policy. The Commission also acknowledged that the OC Grand Jury's recommendations re. the So. OC Wastewater Authority (SOCWA), a Joint Powers Authority, exceeded OC LAFCO's authority.
- **[4th Cycle MSR Schedule](#)** – The Central Region MSRs, to be completed this year, will go before the Commission in early 2025. After that will be MSRs for the Southeast Region including: El Toro, Irvine Ranch, Moulton Niguel, Santa Margarita, South Coast, and Trabuco Canyon water districts.
- **[Video Conferencing Update](#)** – Proposals to video conference OC LAFCO's meetings are being reviewed and, at its November meeting, the Commission will discuss options and shared costs.
- **[OC LAFCO 2024 Calendar](#)** lists meetings, office closures, and the [CALAFCO Annual Conference](#).

Acronym of the Quarter: "CSA" – A County Service Area (CSA) is a special taxing district providing services to areas where residents are willing to pay for them. CSAs can provide various services, including park and recreation services such as Orange County CSAs [13 \(La Mirada\)](#), [22 \(E. Yorba Linda\)](#), and [26 \(OC Parks\)](#).

2024 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 16 - 18, 2024 at Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite.