

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 [March 13](#) and [April 10](#), 2024. OC LAFCO's **next meeting is Wednesday, [May 8](#), 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 included:

- [Proposed FY 2024-25 OC LAFCO Budget and Fee Schedule](#) – OC LAFCO staff presented a proposed budget of \$1,860,050 at the Commission's March 13th meeting. The proposed budget represents a 6.63% increase over the FY 2023-24 Budget of \$1,744,480. The County, (34) cities, and (27) independent special districts each pay 1/3 of the costs for OC LAFCO. This year's budget funds five full-time staff positions and the programs identified in the Commission's [Strategic Plan](#) and annual Work Plan. OC LAFCO will vote on the final budget at its May 8th meeting.
- [Third Quarter Financial Report](#) – As of March 31st, OC LAFCO revenues were at approximately 102% of the budgeted amount and expenditures were at approximately 60% of budget. The OC LAFCO Excess (Reserve) balance of \$1.03M is invested in the LAIF, OC Fund, and the PARS Trust.
- [Legislative Update](#) – The California Special Districts Association ([CSDA](#)) asked [CALAFCO](#) to support [H.R. 7525](#), the Special District Grant Accessibility Act, that would codify a formal definition of "special district" in federal law and direct federal agencies to recognize special districts as local governments to ensure districts are eligible to receive federal assistance, including funding and grants. OC LAFCO unanimously voted to take and communicate a support position.
- [4th Cycle MSR Schedule](#) – MSRs are in progress for OC Water and OC Vector Control districts, and these Central Region districts: Silverado-Modjeska Parks & Recreation, and East Orange County, Irvine Ranch, and Serrano water districts. The "Southeast" Region districts are next.
- [OC LAFCO 2024 Calendar](#) lists meetings, office closures, and the [CALAFCO Annual Conference](#).

Term of the Quarter: "Shared Services" – OC LAFCO's program with a web-based platform for local public agencies to engage in discussions and explore opportunities to share facilities and resources. For more information, or to access the program, contact OC LAFCO staff at 714.640.5100 or via email ([click here](#)).

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.