

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: District Manager

DATE: February 8, 2007

SUBJECT: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations  
Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Directors review this memo and by Motion of the Board determine a preference for the conduct of an election for LAFO special district representative.

**BACKGROUND:**

By correspondence dated February 5, 2007 your Board received a notice of election and call for nominations from Santa Cruz LAFCO. See Attachment 1. Currently, Director Rapoza serves as a LAFCO special district representative. The term of Director Rapoza ends on May 6, 2007. A new term begins on May 7, 2007 and lasts for four (4) years. LAFCO is soliciting nominations to fill the new term. The dead line for returning completed nominations is March 19, 2007.

LAFCO is requesting that each independent special district determine a preference for the conduct of the election, either by mail ballot or by meeting. In the past your Board has stated a preference for mail ballot.

It is recommended that the Board of Directors review this memo and by Motion of the Board determine a preference for the conduct of an election for LAFO special district representative.

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SAN LORENZO VALLEY  
WATER DISTRICT

Certified Mail

Date: February 5, 2007

To: Presiding Officers of Independent Special Districts

From: Patrick M. McCormick, LAFCO Executive Officer *P. McCormick*

Subject: Call for Nominations for LAFCO Commissioner

I am soliciting nominations to fill one position on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) in Santa Cruz County. I am also surveying the presiding officers to see if you would prefer to conduct the election by mail or by attending a meeting. The term of Jim Rapoza (San Lorenzo Valley Water District) ends on May 6, 2007. The new term begins on May 7, 2007 and lasts four years.

The other district representatives in mid-term on LAFCO are Jim Anderson (Regular Member) of the Felton Fire Protection District and Grant Estrada (Alternate) of the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District.

The people eligible for nomination are board members of any independent special district, other than a fire protection district, based in Santa Cruz County. I have attached a form by which any independent district board member may apply. Please share this memo with the other members of your board. The deadline for returning completed nominations to me is March 19, 2007.

There is one important detail in the election rules. In order to prevent one type of district from monopolizing the two Regular Member positions on LAFCO, the rules prohibit both Regular Members from coming from the same type of district. Since Jim Anderson, a fire protection district board member, is in the middle of a LAFCO term, a fire protection district board member may not be nominated to fill the upcoming term.

I would be happy to answer questions about the election process or to provide anybody with a copy of the election rules. After March 19<sup>th</sup>, I'll send each district's presiding officer the nominations along with an explanation of the voting process.

If you have a preference to conduct the election by mail or by meeting, please let me know no later than March 19, 2007.

Finally, the LAFCOs are drafting legislation that would make minor changes to the process by which districts select their representatives on LAFCOs. The LAFCO lobbyist is working with the district lobbyists (CSDA, ACWA, etc.) to vet draft language through those organizations.

Enclosure: Nomination Form

**SANTA CRUZ LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
NOMINATION FOR POSITION OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER  
TERM ENDING MAY 2011**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

If you are interested in serving as a special district member on LAFCO, please complete the following application and return it to LAFCO, 701 Ocean Street, Room 318-D, Santa Cruz, California 95060. Applications must be received in the LAFCO office no later than 5:00 pm on March 19, 2007.

Thank you for your interest in the Local Agency Formation Commission.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Business: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT BOARD ON WHICH YOU SERVE: \_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUS BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE SERVED:

Organization

Term

**STATEMENT OF INTEREST:**

You may attach a separate sheet to present additional qualifications or a statement of interest in serving on LAFCO.

**CERTIFICATION:**

I certify that the above information is true and correct and I authorize the verification of the information in the application.

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Signature of Board Member Interested in Serving on LAFCO

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Date