



## AGENDA ITEM 4A

**MEETING:** July 20, 2016  
**TO:** Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners  
**FROM:** George Williamson, Executive Officer  
**SUBJECT:** **Status of Commissioner Terms in 2016**  
The Commission will receive a report regarding special district election results and city member appointment by the Mayor City Selection Committee, and will consider making an appointment for regular public member.

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The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 states the composition of LAFCOs shall generally include seven regular members consisting of two county, two city, two special district, and one public member. Each category also has one alternate member. Appointments for the county, city, and special district seats are made by the board of supervisors, city mayor's selection committee, and special district mail ballot processed by LAFCo, respectively. Public seat appointments are made by the other regular members. All terms are four years in length.

### **BACKGROUND**

Three Humboldt LAFCo members had their terms expired in June 2016:  
Gordon Johnson (city)  
J. Bruce Rupp (district)  
Robert McPherson (public)

### **DISCUSSION**

#### ***City Member:***

In accordance with G.C. Section 56335, the Mayor City Selection Committee is responsible for appointing regular and alternate city members to LAFCo. A special meeting of the Mayor City Selection Committee for purposes of appointing a regular city member to begin a new four-year term ending June 30, 2020 was held on June 16, 2016, at Eureka City Hall, Room 207. A quorum of mayors attended and Rio Dell City Council member Gordon Johnson was re-appointed as the regular city member for the 2016-2020 term. Councilmember Johnson will be seated at the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### ***District Member:***

In accordance with G.C. Section 56332, the Executive Officer is authorized to conduct a special district nomination and election process by mail. Following receipt of nominations, a mailed ballot was sent to each independent special district for purposes of selecting a regular special district member to begin a new four-year term ending June 30, 2020. A total of 25 ballots were received prior to the election deadline and Debra Lake of the Fruitland Ridge Fire Protection District received the majority of votes. Staff

notified both candidates and sent the election results to each special district. In addition, the Commission certified the election results at the May 25th meeting. Debra Lake will be seated at the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

***Public Member:***

In accordance with G.C. Section 56325(d), the Commission is the appointing authority for public members on LAFCo. A notice of vacancy for the regular public member position was distributed and a single application was received by the June 10<sup>th</sup> deadline from Bob McPherson.

In accordance with LAFCo policy, the Commission designated a special committee (Fennell, Long, Nicolini) at the May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting for purposes of reviewing applications, interviewing candidates, and making a recommendation prior to the Commission voting on the regular public member appointment at the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Due to the lack of applications received, a special committee meeting was not held.

The Commission has the option to make an appointment based on the application received or reopen the application period (per LAFCo policy).

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Commission appoint Bob McPherson as regular public member for the 2016-2020 term. This appointment requires a majority vote, and the affirmative vote of at least one county, city, and district member.