



AGENDA ITEM 6A

MEETING: July 16, 2014
TO: Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners
FROM: George Williamson, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: **Status of Commissioner Terms in 2014**
The Commission will receive a report regarding special district election results and Mayor City Selection Committee appointments and will consider recommendations for alternate public member appointment.

BACKGROUND

LAFCo is comprised of seven regular and four alternate members representing the county, cities, independent special districts, and the general public. All terms are four years and end on June 30. There are no term limits.

DISCUSSION

LAFCo has a total of five (5) members with terms scheduled to expire during the 2014 calendar year and one (1) anticipated vacancy, as summarized below.

City Members:

The Mayor City Selection Committee is the appointing authority for city members on LAFCo. A special meeting of the Mayor City Selection Committee was held on July 9, 2014, at the Eureka City Council Chambers. The Committee appointed Mike Newman, City of Eureka, as regular member and Mark Wheatley, City of Arcata as alternate member.

City Member	LAFCo Office	Term of Office (ends on June 30)
Mike Newman, City of Eureka	Regular Member	2014 - 2018 (New 4-year term)
Mark Wheatley City of Arcata	Alternate Member	2014 - 2018 (New 4-year term)

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Commission acknowledge the Mayor City Selection Committee appointments.

District Members:

The Commission is required to conduct a nomination and election process to select district members on LAFCo. Following receipt of nominations, a mailed ballot was sent to each independent special district in Humboldt County. A total of 18 ballots were received prior to the election deadline.

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Troy Nicolini	11
Bruce Rupp	3
Frank Scolari	3
George Wheeler	1

As a result of the tie vote between Bruce Rupp and Frank Scolari, both candidates were given the opportunity to state their preference for either the unexpired 2-year regular (voting) member term or the full 4-year alternate member term. They each selected the terms shown below, eliminating the need for a run-off election.

District Member	LAFCo Office	Term of Office (ends on June 30)
Troy Nicolini, Samoa Peninsula Fire District	Regular Member	2014 - 2018 (new 4-year term)
Bruce Rupp, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District	Regular Member	2012 - 2016 (unexpired 2-year term)
Frank Scolari, Humboldt Community Services District	Alternate Member	2014 - 2018 (new 4-year term)

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Commission certify the election results and seat the new district members.

Public Member:

The Commission is the appointing authority for public members on LAFCo. A notice of vacancy for the alternate public member position was distributed in March 2014 and applications were received from two candidates: Skip Jorgensen (incumbent) and Xandra Manns. Following the receipt of applications, the Commission appointed a special committee consisting of one county, one city, and one district member. The committee interviewed both candidates on July 2, 2014, and has recommended that Skip Jorgensen be appointed for the alternate public member position.

Public Member	LAFCo Office	Term of Office (ends on June 30)
Skip Jorgensen	Alternate Member	2014 - 2018 (new 4-year term)

Recommendation: The Special Committee recommends the Commission appoint Skip Jorgensen as alternate public member for the 2014-2018 term.