



AGENDA ITEM 8B

MEETING: March 21, 2018
TO: Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners
FROM: Colette Metz, Administrator
SUBJECT: **Special District Appointment to Countywide Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Oversight Board**

The Commission will receive a report regarding the special district appointment process to the Humboldt County RDA Oversight Board, which is being overseen by LAFCo. The report is being presented for information only.

Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 34179(j), beginning on July 1, 2018, a single consolidated oversight board will replace the three oversight boards to the successor agencies of the former redevelopment agencies in Humboldt County. This single consolidated oversight board will consist of seven appointed members and will be administered by the County Auditor-Controller's Office.

BACKGROUND

Health and Safety Code Section 34179(j)3 states that one member of the consolidated oversight board may be appointed by the independent special district selection committee for the independent special districts that are eligible to receive residual property tax revenue from the Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF). LAFCOs in each county are tasked with handling the appointment of the independent special district representative to this consolidated RDA oversight board.

The following special districts are eligible for the board member appointment as they are eligible to receive residual property tax revenue from the RPTTF:

- Arcata Fire Protection District
- Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District
- Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District
- North Humboldt Recreation and Park District
- Fortuna Fire Protection District
- Fortuna Cemetery District
- Rohner Community Recreation and Park District

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34179(k), should the Special District Selection Committee fail to make this appointment by July 15, 2018, the Governor will gain the authority to make this appointment. This seat does not have a term of office, as Health and Safety Code Section 34179(9) specifies: "Each member of an oversight board shall serve at the pleasure of the entity that appointed such member."

DISCUSSION

LAFCo staff has been working to coordinate the process of nominating and selecting a special district representative to the Humboldt County RDA Oversight Board. A "call for nominations" has been sent to the above referenced special districts (see Attachment A). The deadline for receiving nominations is March 30, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION

This item has been agendaized for information only. The Commission is invited to discuss the item and provide direction to staff as needed.

Attachments

Attachment A: Call for Nominations



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Date: February 14, 2018

To: Chair and Clerk to the Boards of:

Arcata Fire Protection District
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District
Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District
North Humboldt Recreation and Park District
Fortuna Fire Protection District
Fortuna Cemetery District
Rohner Community Recreation and Park District

From: Colette Metz, LAFCo Administrator

**Subject: Call for Nominations: Special District Appointment to Countywide
Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Oversight Board**

This call for nominations describes the process of nominating and selecting a special district representative to the Humboldt County Redevelopment Agency Oversight Board.

Reason for Nomination

In 2011, the State of California dissolved redevelopment agencies throughout the state and created redevelopment agency (RDA) oversight boards as successor agencies. As part of that same legislation, as of July 1, 2018, the more than 400 RDA oversight boards in California will be consolidated into one oversight board per county.

In accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 34179(j), up to seven members are allowed on each countywide RDA oversight board, one of whom "may be appointed by the independent special district selection committee established pursuant to Section 56332 of the Government Code, for the types of special districts that are eligible to receive property tax revenues pursuant to Section 34188."

When no independent special district selection committee exists, or when it is not feasible for the committee to meet, state law authorizes the LAFCo Executive Officer to manage the business of the committee by mail. Humboldt LAFCo has historically conducted a mailed ballot election process for purposes of selecting special district representatives to serve on LAFCo. For this reason, the California Special District Association (CSDA) has requested that LAFCo administer the operations of the Selection Committee to ensure a special district representative is locally appointed to the consolidated RDA oversight board. If the Selection Committee fails to act by July 15, 2018, the governor will make the appointment on its behalf.

Selection of Special District Representative

In Humboldt County, there are currently three (3) RDA oversight boards: Arcata, Eureka and Fortuna. Previously, special district representatives for each of these RDA oversight boards were “appointed by the largest special district, by property tax share” pursuant to Health and Safety Code 34179(3)(A). However, the new selection process outlined in Section 34179(j)(3) does not restrict appointment based on the highest proportionate property tax share of special districts. Therefore, the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller has provided a list of districts that have territory in the jurisdiction of a former RDA and are eligible to receive property tax distributions from the Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund pursuant to Section 34188, as follows:

1. Arcata RDA Oversight Board

Current Arcata RDA District Representative:

Justin McDonald, Arcata Fire Protection District

Eligible Districts:

Arcata Fire Protection District

Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District

Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District

North Humboldt Recreation and Park District

2. Eureka RDA Oversight Board

Current Eureka RDA District Representative:

Bruce Rupp, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District

Eligible Districts:

Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District

Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District

3. Fortuna RDA Oversight Board

Current Fortuna RDA District Representative:

Lon Winburn, Fortuna Fire Protection District

Eligible Districts:

Fortuna Fire Protection District

Fortuna Cemetery District

Rohner Community Recreation and Park District

Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District

All districts listed may nominate and vote for the special district representative to the Countywide RDA Oversight Board.

Process to Nominate a Special District Representative

The above referenced special districts are eligible to nominate one person, a board member or managerial employee (as defined by that district's Board of Directors), for election to the consolidated RDA oversight board in Humboldt County. A copy of the district's resolution or minute action must accompany the nomination.

The deadline for receiving nominations is March 30, 2018. Nominations and supporting documentation may be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to LAFCo.

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LAFCo will mail ballots no later than April 11th. The ballots must be received by LAFCo no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 15, 2018. The successful candidate will be notified and election results mailed no later than June 29th.

If you have any questions, please contact Colette Metz at 707-445-7508 or administrator@humboldtlafco.org.