



AGENDA ITEM 8A

MEETING: April 29, 2020
TO: Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners
FROM: Colette Metz Santsche, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: **Status of Expiring Commissioner Terms**
The Commission will receive a status report regarding expiring commissioner terms in 2020. This item is provided for information only.

BACKGROUND

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 states the composition of Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) shall generally include seven regular members consisting of county (two), city (two), special district (two), and public (one) representation. Each category represented on LAFCo also has one alternate member. Appointments for the county, city, and special district seats are made by the board of supervisors, city selection committee, and independent special district selection committee, respectively. Appointments for the public seats are made by the other regular members. All LAFCo terms are four years.

DISCUSSION

Humboldt LAFCo has three members whose terms of office are scheduled to expire in June 2020. These members are as follows:

Paul Pitino (city)
Debra Lake (special district)
Bob McPherson (public)

City Member Selection:

Staff has requested a meeting of the City Selection Committee for purposes of appointing a regular city member to serve on LAFCo. Due to COVID-19, it is unknown when the meeting can be scheduled or whether it can be held virtually. LAFCo staff will continue to coordinate with the Committee Chair, however, the meeting will be likely be held after the June 2020 term expiration. However, a provision of the CKH Act provides the term of office of each member be "four years and until the appointment and qualification of his or her successor" (Government Code section 56334). Therefore, Commissioner Pitino can continue to serve until the time the City Selection Committee is able to meet.

District Member Selection:

In accordance with G.C. Section 56332, the Executive Officer is authorized to conduct a special district nomination and election process by mail. Staff prepared and mailed a Special District Nomination and Candidate Information packet to all independent

special districts in December 2019. Two nominations were received before the March 20th deadline. Following receipt of nominations, a mailed ballot was sent via certified mail to each independent special district and are due by Friday, June 19th. The two candidates are as follows:

- Debra Lake, Fruitland Ridge Fire Protection District (incumbent)
- Desiree Davenport, Humboldt Community Services District

Public Member Selection:

In accordance with G.C. Section 56325(d), the Commission is the appointing authority for public members on LAFCo. Staff sent a notice of vacancy to local media outlets and to its special district partners to solicit interest and applications for a regular public member, with applications due on June 12th (see attached). An ad hoc committee was previously designated at the January LAFCo meeting (Fennell, Avis, and Lake) for purposes of reviewing applications, interviewing candidates, and making a recommendation prior to the Commission voting on the public member appointment at its July meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Attachments

Attachment A: Current LAFCo Membership and Terms

Attachment B: Public Member Notice

ATTACHMENT A
Current LAFCo Membership and Terms

Member	Designation	Appointed	LAFCo Term (June 30)
Estelle Fennell	Regular/County	12/10/2019	By Annual appointment
Virginia Bass	Regular/County	12/10/2019	By Annual appointment
Mike Wilson	Alternate/County	12/10/2019	By Annual appointment
Paul Pitino	Regular/City	2/21/2019*	2016-2020
Stephen Avis	Regular/City	2/21/2019*	2018-2022
Sue Long	Alternate/City	5/17/2018	2018-2022
Debra Lake	Regular/District	5/06/2016	2016-2020
Troy Nicolini	Regular/District	4/11/2018	2018-2022
David Couch	Alternate/District	4/11/2018	2018-2022
Bob McPherson	Regular/Public	7/20/2016	2016-2020
Skip Jorgensen	Alternate/Public	7/18/2018	2018-2022

**Members were appointed to serve remainder of unexpired terms*

PRESS RELEASE

NOTICE OF VACANCY

PUBLIC MEMBER

The Humboldt Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) invites interested persons to apply for the position of Public Member on the Commission. The public member fully participates in the discussion and deliberation at LAFCo meetings and votes on all items put before the commission. LAFCo meetings are held at least six times per year on the third Wednesday of odd-numbered months at the County Courthouse in Eureka. The four-year term for the Public Member runs through June 30, 2024.

LAFCo is an independent government agency created in each county by the California State Legislature in 1963. LAFCo is responsible for facilitating changes in local governmental structure and boundaries that fosters orderly growth and development, promotes the efficient delivery of services, and encourages the preservation of open space and agricultural lands. Most notably, this includes approving or disapproving boundary change proposals, such as annexations and detachments, consistent with adopted spheres of influence for cities and special districts.

The Public Member must be a resident of Humboldt County. No person may serve as the Public Member of LAFCo who at the same time is an officer or employee of a local public agency or who is a member of a public board, commission, or committee that has the authority to make advisory or final decisions on matters relating to land use or the provision of services.

To obtain an application, please visit LAFCo's website at www.humboldtlaaco.org or call 707-445-7508. A completed application form must be returned to the LAFCo Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 12, 2020. LAFCo will consider the appointment of the Public Member at its meeting on July 15, 2020. For additional information, please call the LAFCo office at 707-445-7508.

Humboldt LAFCo will be considering the appointment of a public member to serve on the Commission through June 30, 2024. The regular member fully participates in the discussion and deliberation at LAFCo meetings and votes on all items put before the commission.