



## AGENDA ITEM 8B

**MEETING:** January 19, 2022  
**TO:** Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners  
**FROM:** Colette Santsche, Executive Officer  
**SUBJECT:** **Notice of Expiring Commissioner Terms**  
The Commission will receive a report identifying members whose elected terms of office are scheduled to expire in 2022. The report is being presented for information only.

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### 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 mail ballot processed by LAFCo, respectively. Appointments for the public seats are made by the other regular members. All LAFCo terms are four years.

### DISCUSSION

Humboldt LAFCo has five members whose terms of office are scheduled to expire in June 2022. These members are as follows:

Stephen Avis (city)  
Gordon Johnson (city alternate)  
Troy Nicolini (special district)  
David Couch (special district alternate)  
Skip Jorgensen (public alternate)

#### *County Member Selection:*

On January 11, 2022, the Board of Supervisors appointed Supervisors Virginia Bass and Michelle Bushnell as the regular county members and Supervisor Mike Wilson as the county alternate.

#### *City Member Selection:*

Staff will request the City Selection Committee convene before June to make a new four-year appointment for each of the expiring terms.

#### *Special District Member Election:*

As provided under policy, staff will initiate the mail ballot selection process for the opening special district terms, beginning with a call for nominations among the independent districts in late January.

*Public Member Selection:*

Staff will issue a news release soliciting applications for the opening public seat, with a Commission subcommittee holding interviews in May/June. The news release will be issued to multiple outlets throughout Humboldt County and posted to our website.

**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: Current LAFCo Membership and Terms

Attachment B: Correspondence from Commissioner Jorgensen

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**Current LAFCo Membership and Terms**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>LAFCo Term (June 30)</b>
Michelle Bushnell	Regular/County	1/11/2022	By Annual appointment
Virginia Bass	Regular/County	1/11/2022	By Annual appointment
Mike Wilson	Alternate/County	1/11/2022	By Annual appointment
Mike Losey	Regular/City	1/28/2021*	2020-2024
Stephen Avis	Regular/City	2/21/2019*	2018-2022
Gordon Johnson	Alternate/City	3/4/2021*	2018-2022
Debra Lake	Regular/District	7/01/2020	2020-2024
Troy Nicolini	Regular/District	4/11/2018	2018-2022
David Couch	Alternate/District	4/11/2018	2018-2022
Ali Lee	Regular/Public	7/15/2020	2020-2024
Skip Jorgensen	Alternate/Public	7/18/2018	2018-2022

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

January 7, 2022

Colette Santsche  
Executive Officer  
Humboldt LAFCo

Dear Colette;


This coming June I will have served three terms as the Public Alternate for the Humboldt Local Area Formation Commission. This letter is to let you know that I will not be placing my name for consideration for the term to begin in July of 2022.

Having worked with you, Krystle, and George Williamson, as well as staff I want to thank all of you for your professionalism and thoroughness in presenting LAFCo business matters before the Commission. In particular you have fostered a working relationship with the many agencies under LAFCo requirements that makes their tasks less daunting thus better upholding goals of Cortese-Knox.

I have also had the opportunity to work with and observe the work of many public servants who have served on the Commission. Each individual plays an important role in guiding the direction of our County in the wise use of our lands and smart application of infrastructure. They do an excellent job of studying, considering, and coming to workable solutions. I have especially appreciated the work of the Chairs of the Commission who keep items moving while being welcoming and thorough – not always an easy task.

Future work and land use decisions will only gain in importance and thus be more challenging and possibly contentious – a #1 consideration being the impact of climate change. Though LAFCo has limited powers it can maximize authority and I believe even act as a “bully pulpit” in directing and upholding the lawful requirements of districts and local governments – all for the purpose of leaving an improved quality of life for coming generations.

In Appreciation;



Alan “Skip” Jorgensen