



AGENDA ITEM 8B

MEETING: January 17, 2024
TO: Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners
FROM: Colette Santsche, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: **Status of Expiring Commissioner Terms**
The Commission will receive a report identifying members whose elected terms of office are scheduled to expire in 2024. The report is being presented 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 mail ballot processed by LAFCo, respectively. Appointments for public seats are made by the other regular members. All LAFCo terms are four years.

DISCUSSION

County Member Selection:

County members are appointed annually during the first meeting of the County Board of Supervisors in January. At the January 9, 2024 Regular meeting Supervisor Bushnell, Madrone, and Wilson (alternate) were appointed to serve on LAFCo for the 2024 calendar year.

City Member Selection:

Commissioner Losey's term of office on LAFCo is set to expire at the end of June 2024. Prior to this, the Executive Officer will reach out to the City Selection Committee to schedule a meeting prior to the July 2024 Regular Commission meeting to either reappoint Commissioner Losey or select a new candidate for the Regular City Commission seat. This new term extends from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2028. It is also anticipated that potential new appointments will be made for Commissioner Ladwig and Commissioner West's seats.

Special District Member Election:

Commissioner Lake's term of office on LAFCo is set to expire at the end of June 2024. LAFCo staff will initiate the special district election process this month by sending out a Call for Nominations to all independent special districts in the county. Once nominations have been received, a mailed ballot election process will take place so

that the selected Regular Special District member may be seated at the July 2024 LAFCo meeting. The upcoming term extends from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2028.

Public Member Selection:

Commissioner Lee's term of office on LAFCo is set to expire at the end of June 2024. In spring 2024, LAFCo staff will prepare a press release for the open Regular Public Member seat and accept applications from all interested public members including Commissioner Lee if she wishes to continue on LAFCo. A public member selection committee will be convened and provide a recommendation regarding appointment to the full Commission at the July 2024 LAFCo meeting. This new term extends from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2028.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission receive and file this report.

Attachments

Attachment A: Current LAFCo Membership and Terms

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Current LAFCo Membership and Terms

| Member | Designation | Appointed | LAFCo Term (June 30) |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Michelle Bushnell | Regular/County | 1/9/2024 | By Annual appointment |
| Steve Madrone | Regular/County | 1/9/2024 | By Annual appointment |
| Mike Wilson | Alternate/County | 1/9/2024 | By Annual appointment |
| Mike Losey | Regular/City | 1/28/2021* | 2020-2024 |
| Steve Ladwig | Regular/City | 2/16/2023* | 2022-2026 |
| Jack West | Alternate/City | 2/16/2023* | 2022-2026 |
| Debra Lake | Regular/District | 7/01/2020 | 2020-2024 |
| Troy Nicolini | Regular/District | 10/28/2022 | 2022-2026 |
| Heidi Benzonelli | Alternate/District | 10/28/2022 | 2022-2026 |
| Ali Lee | Regular/Public | 7/15/2020 | 2020-2024 |
| Jordon Johnson | Alternate/Public | 3/15/23* | 2022-2026 |

*Appointed to serve remainder of unexpired term