



AGENDA ITEM 8C

MEETING: May 18, 2022
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 2022. 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 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)

City Member Selection:

Staff has requested, by letter dated March 11, 2022, that the City Selection Committee convene to make a new four-year appointment for each of the expiring terms. Since the City Selection Committee can't make advance appointments for terms that haven't expired yet (unless someone resigns or leaves the seat early), the meeting will likely be scheduled in mid-July to make these appointments.

Special District Member Election:

Staff initiated the mail ballot selection process for the opening special district terms with a call for nominations among the independent districts that was mailed on January 28, 2022. Nominations were received for multiple special districts for both the regular and

alternate seat. Official ballots were sent out to all independent special districts on April 15, 2022 and are due to LAFCo by 5:00pm on Friday, June 24, 2022. Election results will be mailed out no later than Monday June 30, 2022. Following is a list of candidates for the regular and alternate seats.

Regular special district seat:

- David Couch, McKinleyville CSD
- Ed Duggan, Willow Creek CSD
- Michael Hansen, Humboldt CSD
- Troy Nicolini, Peninsula CSD

Alternate special district seat:

- Heidi Benzonelli, Humboldt CSD
- David Couch, McKinleyville CSD
- Troy Nicolini, Peninsula CSD
- Caroline Snow, Willow Creek CSD

Public Member Selection:

Staff has issued a news release soliciting applications for the opening public seat, with a Commission subcommittee holding interviews in May/June. The news release has been issued to multiple outlets throughout Humboldt County and posted to our website. In accordance with LAFCo policy, the subcommittee shall consist of one county, one city, and one district member. The subcommittee will review applications, interview candidates, and make a recommendation prior to the Commission voting on the alternate public member appointment at its July meeting. Subcommittee members were appointed at the March regular commission meeting and include Commissioners Bass, Lake, and Losey. To date, no applications have been received by staff.

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

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Current LAFCo Membership and Terms

Member	Designation	Appointed	LAFCo Term (June 30)
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*