



AGENDA ITEM 9A

MEETING: July 15, 2026
TO: Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners
FROM: Amber Chung, Clerk
SUBJECT: **Status of Expiring Commissioner Terms**
The Commission will receive a report identifying members whose terms of office are scheduled to expire in 2026.

BACKGROUND

The Humboldt Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) is established pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 and consists of seven regular members, including two county members, two city members, two independent special district members, and one public member. Each membership category is also represented by one alternate member.

Appointments for the county, city, and special district seats are made by the Board of Supervisors, the City Selection Committee, and the Independent Special District Selection Committee (through a mailed ballot process administered by LAFCo), respectively. The Public Member and Alternate Public Member are appointed by the other regular members of the Commission.

In accordance with Government Code Section 56334, each member serves a four-year term and continues to serve until their successor is appointed and qualified.

DISCUSSION

County Member Selection:

County member appointments were made at the first meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors on January 6, 2026, with no changes to the existing appointments.

City Member Selection:

The terms of Commissioner Kelly and Alternate Commissioner Games expired on June 30, 2026. The City Selection Committee met on June 29th and appointed Tami Trent, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Fortuna, as the Regular City Member and John Sawatzky, Mayor of the City of Blue Lake, as the Alternate City Member for the 2026–2030 terms.

Special District Member Election:

The terms of Commissioner Nicolini and Alternate Commissioner Couch expired on June 30, 2026. A quorum of ballots was received for the special district member election and David Couch received the highest number of votes. David Couch will be seated as the Regular Special District Member and Meghan Ryan will be seated as the Alternate Special District Member for the 2026–2030 terms.

Public Member Selection:

The term of Alternate Commissioner Johnson expired on June 30, 2026. This item is discussed in more detail in Agenda Item 8A.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission receive and file this report.