



**Board Executive Committee
October 15, 2020**

SUBJECT:

Approve and Authorize the 2020 Election Candidate Recommendations for Alternate Special District Member, Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)

BACKGROUND:

LAFCO is conducting elections for an Alternate Special District Member for Western Riverside County. At this time, there will not be a physical meeting of the Special District Selection Committee (SDSC), so the selection proceedings will be conducted via electronic or direct mail.

Nine nominations were received for the alternate position, including:

- Les Gin, Idyllwild Water District;
- Peter Szabadi, Idyllwild Water District;
- Karen Alexander, Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District;
- Ralph Hoetger, Idyllwild Fire Protection District;
- Steven Pastor, Lake Hemet Municipal Water District;
- Debra Canero, Valley Sanitary District;
- John Skerbells, Rubidoux Community Services District;
- Arthur Shorr, Desert Healthcare District; and,
- Jan Bissell, Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District

The term for this position extends from May 6, 2020, through May 6, 2024. LAFCO will be utilizing an instant runoff voting (IRV) election process, which is a method for conducting elections with three or more candidates. This approach prevents the delays and expenses of a second runoff election.

To accomplish an instant runoff voting election process, the District representatives have been asked to complete the ballot by ranking the candidates in preferential order, utilizing the numerical values 1 through 9, with 1 being EMWD's first choice.

The ballots are to be completed and signed by EMWD's Board President (presiding officer), Ronald W. Sullivan or another board member that has been authorized by the board of directors. LAFCO must receive all ballots by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 28, 2020.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL/OBJECTIVE:

Conduct a highly productive and effective federal, state, and local advocacy representation program to effectively influence legislation, regulation, and funding in a manner that benefits the District and consistently demonstrates industry leadership.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

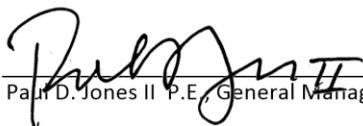
This item is not a project as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15378.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the EMWD Board Executive Committee's LAFCO candidate recommendations. Below are the nine nominees listed in recommended preferential order, along with the appropriate numerical value:

1. Steven Pastor, Lake Hemet Municipal Water District
2. Jan Bissell, Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District
3. John Skerbells, Rubidoux Community Services District
4. Debra Canero, Valley Sanitary District
5. Les Gin, Idyllwild Water District
6. Peter Szabadi, Idyllwild Water District
7. Karen Alexander, Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District
8. Ralph Hoetger, Idyllwild Fire Protection District
9. Arthur Shorr, Desert Healthcare District

SUBMITTED BY:



Paul D. Jones II, P.E., General Manager

10/14/2020

Attachment(s):

Exhibit A - LAFCO 2020 Election Documents

10/21/20 Board Meeting

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