

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: RAY DIENZO *R.D.*
GENERAL MANAGER
DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2025

AGENDA ITEM
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OCTOBER 8, 2025
REVISED

**CONSIDER SAN LUIS OBISPO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION SPECIAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE ALTERNATE
SEAT SELECTIONS**

ITEM

Consider selecting candidates for San Luis Obispo County Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCO") special district representative seats [RECOMMEND SELECTING CANDIDATES TO FILL THE SPECIAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE ALTERNATE SEAT ON LAFCO]

BACKGROUND

A nomination period for one vacant LAFCO Alternate Member Special District seats ran June 23, 2025, to August 22, 2025. A total of 3 nominations were received, including NCSD Board John Joyce, who was nominated by our NCSD Board at the July 9, 2025 meeting. The candidates are as follows, with resumes and statements of interest attached (Attachment A):

- LAFCO Alternate Seat Term January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2030:
 - Owen Davis, San Miguel Community Services District
 - John Joyce, Nipomo Community Services District
 - Justin Smith, Cayucos Sanitary District

Election Voting Instructions: Each district may submit a total of one ballot for the open seat. The election period will commence on September 2, 2025, and end on November 3, 2025. The ballot is due November 3, 2025, at 5:00 PM.

FISCAL IMPACT

Minor budgeted staff time was used to prepare these materials.

STRATEGIC PLAN

7.2 Maintain productive communication and relationships with key stakeholders, such as city, County, State and Federal legislators, service clubs, etc. As appropriate, plan and assign for this role.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends your Board, by motion and roll call vote, direct staff to forward your Board's selection, should you have them, of the candidate to fill the LAFCO Special District Alternate Representative seat.

ATTACHMENTS

A. LAFCO BALLOT

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ATTACHMENT A



San Luis Obispo Local Agency Formation Commission
Serving the Area of San Luis Obispo County

TO: INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT SELECTION COMMITTEE
FROM: ROB FITZROY, EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DATE: SEPTEMBER 2, 2025
RE: ELECTION FOR LAFCO SPECIAL DISTRICT ALTERNATE MEMBER

Summary. A nomination period for one vacant LAFCO Alternate Member Special District seat ran from June 23, 2025, to August 22, 2025. The seat is for the term January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2030. A total of three nominations were received. As such, an election is required. The candidates are as follows, with resumes and statements of interest attached:

- Owen Davis, San Miguel Community Services District
- John Joyce, Nipomo Community Services District
- Justin Smith, Cayucos Sanitary District

Instructions. Each district may submit a total of one ballot. See the attached ballot for your use. The election period will commence on September 2, 2025, and end on November 3, 2025. **BALLOTS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 3, 2025, at 5:00 PM.** If your District wishes to submit a ballot, please place this item on the agenda at a meeting of your Board of Directors as soon as possible, or if you have already been delegated by your Board, you may submit a ballot on behalf of your district.

Ballots will be tallied at the end of the voting period within 7 days. Eighteen ballots are required for a quorum. If a quorum is not met, the Executive Officer must extend the balloting for 60 days. If a quorum is not met after the extension period, the Executive Officer may extend the balloting period again or may use alternative methods.

The completed ballot forms may be submitted to the LAFCO office via mail or e-mail: mmorris@slo.lafco.ca.gov. Please make sure the form is signed by the Board President or General Manager.

Thank you, and please contact us with any questions.

Attachments: Ballot & Supplemental Nominee Information

cc. Holly Whatley, LAFCO Legal Counsel

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Special District Member

NAVID FARDANESH
Special District Member

DAVID WATSON
Public Member

ALTERNATES

BRUCE GIBSON
County Member

CARLA WIXOM
City Member

VACANT
Special District Member

MICHAEL DRAZE
Public Member

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**BALLOT FOR LAFCO
SPECIAL DISTRICT ALTERNATE MEMBER ELECTION
FOR SEAT TERM THROUGH DECEMBER 2030**

The _____
(Insert Name of Special District)

hereby selects the following individual for the Special District Alternate Member seat term through December 2030 on the San Luis Obispo Local Agency Formation Commission (choose one):

- ☐ Owen Davis, San Miguel Community Services District
- ☐ John Joyce, Nipomo Community Services District
- ☐ Justin Smith, Cayucos Sanitary District

The Board of Directors' action was taken on an agenda item on:

Insert Date of Board Agenda and Action Item

General Manager or Chairman/President Signature

Date

Owen Davis

Nominee for LAFCO Special District Member Alternate



Statement of Interest and Background

I am very interested in gaining a seat on LAFCO Special District. I feel I could add very much with my vast experience in agriculture, irrigation, design, building and farm management.

I served in the US Army from December 1963 to December 1966 and in Korea as a tanker from June 1964 to July 1965.

I have been a Director on the San Miguel CSD Board from December 2022 to current. My goal has been to control what I feel is unnecessary and out of control spending of the people of San Miguel's money.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Owen Davis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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John Joyce, Director

Director Joyce earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Engineering from Purdue University and earned several post-graduate certificates from UCLA and the IEEE. He was employed with the Indiana Department of Water Resources as the State Lake Inspector and promoted to Water Resource Manager. After moving to California, he worked for Glendale Water and Power for two years. Next came 32 years of varied experience with Burbank Water and Power as a Commercial Utility Auditor, Planning Engineer, Rate Manager and Senior Key Account Manager before retirement.

He has expertise in managing complex projects, fostering engagement, a strong commitment to environmental stewardship and ensuring sustainable development. This background makes him well suited for the important decisions and needed staff direction made by the Nipomo Community Service District while striving to preserve Nipomo's rural charm, water quality and reliability.

Justin T. Smith

Nominee For LAFCO Special District Member Alternate

Statement of interests and Background

I'm Interested in the available LAFCO Special District Alternate seat to serve San Luis Obispo County service areas, cities, and special districts. I hope to become an alternate so I can better understand the challenges faced by communities throughout the county. I am grateful for my fellow Cayucos Sanitary District Directors nomination for this position. As a member I would like to be a representative to ensure that the complex issues faced by communities are properly addressed. My 20 years of experience in the water industry have given me the unique opportunity to become versed in water rights and Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations. I have seen firsthand how water issues can affect community in the long term. Water is on the forefront of issues facing several communities within the county and most coastal communities and communities within the Paso ground water basin will be facing water related issues during future annexations. As an alternate member I would like to put that knowledge to use by making sure that long-term water availability, infrastructure reliability and funding are considered as part of the annexation projects brought before the commission.

Thank you for considering me as an alternate member, allowing me the opportunity to safeguard the future of our county for the next generation of residents.