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TO: LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION



SUBJECT: Agenda Item 6: Consideration of Adoption of Resolution for the Election of Directors to the Special District Risk Management Authority

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission:

1. Select the incumbents Ed Gray (Chino Valley Independent Fire District) and Edmund Sprague (Olivehain Municipal Water District in San Diego County) to serve as Directors on the Special District Risk Management Authority Board of Directors;
2. On the basis of maintaining diverse board representation, choose either a Northern California representative (candidates Raffelson or Ross) or a Bay Area representative (candidate Yanez) to serve as a Director on the Special District Risk Management Authority Board of Directors; and
3. Adopt LAFCO Resolution No. 3148 reflecting that decision.

BACKGROUND:

As a member of the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA), the Commission participates in the elections for Board members. Included as an attachment to this report are the Official Ballot, the SDRMA Board of Directors Candidate's Statements of Qualifications, and a draft resolution prepared by SDRMA to be adopted by the Commission.

The Board of Directors is composed of seven directors. Currently, three directors represent the Southern California region, one director represents the Northern California region, two represent the Central California region and one represents the Bay Area region.

For this election, the Commission may select up to three candidates for the position of Director from a field of seven candidates. To maintain the Southern California representation on the Board of Directors, staff proposes that the Commission select

incumbents Ed Gray (Chino Valley Independent Fire District) completing his first term and Edmund Sprague (Olivehain Municipal Water District in San Diego County) completing his first term.

The Commission has one remaining vote and staff is recommending that it be cast to maintain the diversity of the make-up of the Board of Directors. As the Commission is well aware, issues arise when the representation on these Boards is skewed to favor one region over another. Therefore, LAFCO staff is recommending that the Commission cast its final vote for either a Northern California candidate – Candidates Raffelson or Ross -- or the Bay Area candidate – Bethzabe Yanez from San Mateo County. This is no reflection on the abilities of the remaining candidate from San Bernardino County, Ms. Terry Burkhart from the Bighorn Desert View Water Agency or other Southern California candidates. Staff's sensitivities are in retaining a broad regional representation on the Board of Directors.

Below is a listing of the seven candidates with their respective district, county and region.

Sandy Raffelson, Herlong Public Utility District, Lassen County (North)
Emery Ross, Mariposa County Resource Conservation District, Mariposa County
(North)
Mike Scheafer, Costa Mesa Sanitary District, Orange County, (South)
Edmund Sprague, Olivehain Municipal Water District, San Diego County (South)
Ed Gray, Chino Valley Independent Fire Protection District, San Bernardino County
(South)
Bethzabe Yanez, East Palo Alto Sanitary District, San Mateo County, (Bay Area)
Terry Burkhart, Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency, San Bernardino County (South)

Staff will be happy to answer any questions prior to or at the hearing.

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Attachment:

1. [Special District Risk Management Authority Board of Directors Candidates Statements of Qualifications](#)
2. [Ballot Instructions and Draft Resolution No. 3148 which includes Ballot](#)