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To: CCSDA
Cc: 'Lou Ann Texeira (LouAnn.Teixeira@lafco.cccounty.us)'
Subject: Election of Alternate Special District Member
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Good morning Contra Costa Special Districts Association Members:

Happy Monday!

Last week, CCSDA offered to collect candidate statements from any interested nominees and provide these statements to Association members. Please find the received nominee candidate statements and LAFCO election materials attached. We hope this helps you get to know the candidates better.

Kindest regards,

CECILIA GOFF



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BUSINESS HOURS: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – noon and 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

CAUTION: This email has been originated outside the organization.



My name is Antonio Martinez. I am running for a seat on the Contra Costa Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO). Since 2020, I have been on the Board of Contra Costa Water District representing Division 4. Currently I am the Board Vice President. Also, I serve as an alternate Director for the Los Vaqueros Joint Powers Authority. I have 32 years of experience working for one of the largest public water agencies in the country, EBMUD.

In addition to my experience managing maintenance and construction for EBMUDs water distribution system, I held leadership positions in the following Unions:

- AFCSME Local 444; 15 years (Labor)
- IFPTE Local 21; 10 years (Management)

I have been a member of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) since 2008. I have attended conferences around the country where I provided leadership training and presentations on testing new pipe materials for potable water systems. I have experience in managing small and large infrastructure projects related to potable water, recycled water, road improvements, and collaborating with Bay Area cities, Contra Costa County, and State/Federal regulatory organizations.

My platform is based on protecting our environment while ensuring our community has equal access to essential services at affordable rates.

Contra Costa LAFCO has a great reputation and was recently recognized for their effectiveness and positive impact they have had on the community. I welcome the opportunity to be part of this commission and respectfully ask for your support.

Greetings,

I'd like to introduce myself as a candidate for Special District (Alternate) Seat on Contra Costa LAFCo.

I currently serve as President of the Ironhouse Sanitary District Board of Directors, where I have served as LAFCo liaison for the past 6 years. I have attended (or heard) every meeting since January 2017 which has given me invaluable insight on the background of the commission's decisions and CC LAFCo's mission, policy, powers, and limitations, while exercising independent judgment on behalf of the public.

I have background and experience in local government, public service and infrastructure, having worked as a representative for a Contra Costa Supervisor for 6 years. My previous career includes 20 years of experience as a Millwright where I built and maintained industrial plants. I am a small business owner specializing in communications, marketing and promotion.

I have been a resident of Oakley for 30 years which gives me a personal appreciation for how a community can evolve involving land use and SOI decisions made many years previous. I had an intimate view of the recent ECCFPD/ConFire merger process.

I would appreciate the opportunity to further my service and respectfully request your vote to serve as a Special District (Alternate) Member on Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission.

Best regard,

Dawn Morrow
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Hello fellow Contra Costa Special Districts Association members!

I am Igor Skaredoff, asking for your vote to represent you to our Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) as an alternate

I had served you from May of 2014 until last year as a Commissioner and now ask for your vote to serve as an Alternate. In my role as Commissioner, I had a turn as Chair, during which time we were honored to be named the Most Effective Commission in California. To earn this recognition we had advanced the Mission of LAFCo:

“To encourage the orderly formation of local government agencies, preserve agricultural and open space lands, and discourage urban sprawl.”

We helped Special Districts to continue effective and efficient operations by conducting Municipal Service Reviews (MSR's), Spheres of Influence (SOI) updates, boundary reorganizations, annexations and Out of Agency Service Agreements. We did all that while adjusting to COVID and incorporating remote cyberspace as a meeting medium.

During my time on the Commission, I have formed warm and mutually respectful relationships with my fellow Commissioners and especially with the excellent LAFCo Staff members all of whom do an excellent job of advancing our Mission.

I am presently a member of the team organizing our Chapter's 30 Anniversary Celebration.

My “home” special district: The Contra Costa Resource Conservation District is one of few County-Wide districts. I feel that this helped me to develop a holistic and inclusive character for my work.

We conduct work in East County such as habitat restoration at Dutch Slough, and working with Community Farmers in Pittsburg and helping restore Salmon runs to Marsh Creek.

Our work in Central County is exemplified by the Walnut Creek Watershed Council, working to stabilize banks, remove invasives and working with Flood Control to “naturalize” our creeks and stormwater channels and restore salmon runs to Walnut Creek

Our work in West County includes creation and support of the Richmond Greenway, a fish passage under Interstate 80 for salmon and steelhead, and working with Urban Tilth and others in support of urban agriculture and greening of communities..

We also support county-wide Creek cleanups and restorations and proliferation of Native Plant Gardens in numerous communities. Plus: there's lots more, come join us!

I am married (59 years) a father of 3 and a grandfather of 2. I am a retired chemist, having worked in Industry for 35 years, an enthusiastic flyfisherman and backpacker (more of a day-hiker recently). I came to America in 1948 after being evacuated from my birthplace (Shanghai 1941) aboard the American troop ship “General Meiggs”. Moved to Martinez in 1964. Workout with a trainer 4 days a week.

I love doing LAFCo work, together with my fellow commissioners and our outstanding Staff, and ask for your vote to allow me to resume.

Sincerely,

Igor Olegovich Skaredoff



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I am pleased to introduce myself, Michelle Lee, and respectfully request your vote to serve as a Special District (Alternate) Member on Contra Costa LAFCO.

Currently, I serve as President of the Board of Directors of the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District which keeps me actively responsive to local needs and accountable to residents served. Further, as a retired military Veteran serving 36 years and life-long community volunteer, I have dedicated my life to public service and what I believe has made an impactful difference in my community. I possess broad experience with national agency formation, provisioning services, resource brokerage, zero-based reviews, and organizational structuring, restructuring and dissolution.

I remain passionate about government efficiency and effectiveness. I support common sense, balanced representation, well-organized boundaries enabling essential services fulfillment and enhancing orderly growth and resource protection. I understand the importance of developing consistency in SOI operations/activities and facilitating robust, comprehensive service reviews. I am fully committed to integrity and transparency in governance.

Finally, as a long-time resident of Contra Costa County for over twenty years, I understand the local needs and conditions of our County. I am eager for the opportunity to collaborate with you and would appreciate your vote.

Best,

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Susan Morgan

Board Member

Ironhouse Sanitary District

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Dear Special District Voting Members

My name is Susan Morgan, and I am running for the Special Districts Alternate seat on the Contra Costa LAFCO. I have served several special districts over the past **10 years**.

My public service experience includes:

- Appointed by the Oakley City Council to be the liaison to the Ironhouse Sanitary District (2012-2014).
- Elected in 2014 to the **Ironhouse Sanitary District (ISD)** Board of Directors, where I currently serve.
- Participation with **Reclamation District 830**. ISD owns a delta island, **Jersey Island**, and oversees RD 830. Through my involvement with ISD and RD 830, I have gained first-hand knowledge of reclamation districts issues, including levee maintenance, drainage, and flood protection.
- Appointed to serve on the Board of the **East Contra Costa Fire Protection District** (2017-2018). The ECCFPD later successfully consolidated with the Contra Costa Fire Protection District (Con Fire), to the benefit of all East County.
- Served as an officer of the **Contra Costa Special Districts Association (CCSDA)** since 2016 and elected as Vice President of CCSDA in 2022.
- Elected by CCSDA to be the Special Districts Board Member on the **Contra Costa Countywide Redevelopment Oversight Board** (2018 to present). Elected as Vice-Chair of the Oversight Board in 2023.

I have lived in Contra Costa County for over **31 years**. My deep commitment to serving special districts is the reason I would like to become your representative on LAFCO. My experiences with the Fire District, Sanitary District, Reclamation District, CCSDA and the Countywide Oversight Board, have prepared me to be an effective and passionate representative for you on LAFCO.

I value your support and appreciate your vote.

Respectfully,

Susan Morgan

Candidate Statement
Scott Pastor, Vice President, Diablo Water District

RE: Alternate Position Contra Costa County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the special district representative alternate seat on the Contra Costa County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). I respectfully request your vote to this commission.

Reelected to the Diablo Water District in 2022, I am the immediate Vice President, and previously served as Vice President in 2021, 2022.

I am retired from public service after serving 31 years in emergency services.

Special districts provide a unique, tailored, and critical service to the community that we serve. As a segment of local government, we must have a strong voice in our county, orderly growth, and operation. Both my professional career and elected government experience provided me with the unique ability to voice the concerns of our communities, make fair and equitable decisions, and ensure proper oversight of local government boundaries in operations.

I look forward to working with you now, and in the future, as we collectively support the future of the Contra Costa County. Please feel free to contact me directly at srpastor@diablowater.org.

Thank you for your support.



Lou Ann Teixeira
Executive Officer

April 4, 2023

TO: Presiding Officer or Designated District Voting Delegate
FROM: Lou Ann Teixeira, LAFCO Executive Officer
SUBJECT: **2023 Election for LAFCO Special District Seat (Alternate)**

In early February 2023, LAFCO staff announced a Special District (Alternate Member) vacancy on Contra Costa LAFCO in conjunction with the passing of Stan Caldwell. At that time, LAFCO called for nominations and the names of district voting delegates.

The deadline for submitting nominations was April 3, 2023. LAFCO received seven nominations. The attached ballot lists the seven candidates and their districts.

The *Independent Special District Selection Committee*, consisting of the presiding officer (or his/her designee) of the legislative body of each independent special district, appoints the special district members of LAFCO. LAFCO is conducting the election via email and postal mail. Your district is receiving this message and ballot via email and postal mail.

Enclosed is the official ballot and list of presiding officers/voting delegates. If your district has not yet provided the name of your presiding officer and voting delegate (*must be a board member*), please do so as soon as possible.

We ask that each district complete and return its signed ballot to Contra Costa LAFCO office either by email to LouAnn.Teixeira@lafco.cccounty.us or via postal mail to Contra Costa LAFCO, 40 Muir Road, First Floor, Martinez, CA 94553.

In order to complete the 2023 election process, we must receive completed ballots from a majority of the districts (at least 21 districts) no later than **May 19th**. If a majority of ballots is not received by **May 19th**, a further extension of this election may be required.

This is a time sensitive matter, and we ask that you forward this information including the attachments to your presiding officer and/or voting delegate at your earliest convenience.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Attachments:

- Ballot
- List of Voting Delegates

**INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT SELECTION COMMITTEE
CONTRA COSTA LAFCO**

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Election of **ALTERNATE** Special District Member - term of office on
Contra Costa LAFCO to May 2026

VOTE FOR ONE:

- David Alvarado**
(West County Wastewater District)

- Michelle Lee**
(San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District)

- Antonio Martinez**
(Contra Costa Water District)

- Susan Morgan**
(Iron House Sanitary District)

- Dawn Morrow**
(Iron House Sanitary District)

- Scott Pastor**
(Diablo Water District)

- Igor Skaredoff**
(Contra Costa Resource Conservation District)

Name of Voting District: _____

Name of Voting Member: _____

Signature of Voting Member: _____

*Please return ballot to the LAFCO office no later than **May 19, 2023**
via email to LouAnn.Texeira@lafco.cccounty.us **or** mail to Contra Costa LAFCO
40 Muir Road, 1st Floor, Martinez, CA 94553*

2023 INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT SELECTION COMMITTEE

| DISTRICT | NAME | TITLE | ALTERNATE |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|--|
| ALAMO-LAFAYETTE CEMETERY DIST | Nancy J. Flood | Chair | Carolyn Thiessen, Trustee |
| AMBROSE REC & PARK DIST | Trina Hudson | Chair | Mae Torlakson, Vice Chair |
| B-B-K-U CEMETERY DIST | Patricia Bristow | Chair | Emil Geddes, Trustee |
| BETHEL ISLAND MID | Bruce Smith | Board President | Anthony Berzinas, Vice Pres |
| BYRON SANITARY DISTRICT | Danny Hamby | President | Bobby Byer, Vice President |
| CASTLE ROCK COUNTY WATER DISTRICT | Dan Moylan | | Joe Atturio |
| CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA SANITARY DIST | Tad Pilecki | Board Member | Barbara Hockett, Pres |
| CONTRA COSTA MOSQUITO & VECTOR | James Murray | President | Darryl Young, Vice Pres |
| CONTRA COSTA RESOURCE CON DIST | Walter Pease | President | |
| CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT | Ernesto Avila | President | Antonio Martinez, Vice Pres |
| CROCKETT COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT | Luigi Barassa | President | Jena Goodman, Vice Pres |
| DIABLO CSD | Kathy Urbelis | President | Matthew Cox, Vice Pres |
| DIABLO WATER DISTRICT | Marilyn Tiernan | President | Scott R. Pastor, Vice Pres |
| TOWN OF DISCOVERY BAY CSD | Michael Callahan | Vice President | Ashley Porter, President |
| EAST CONTRA COSTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT | Glenn Stonebarger | President | Mark Dwelley, Vice Pres |
| GREEN VALLEY REC & PARK DIST | Kathi Bachelor | President | Donna Coon, Vice President |
| IRONHOUSE SANITARY DIST | Dawn Morrow | President | Chris Lauritzen, Vice Pres |
| KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT | Julie Stein | President | Daniel Levine, Vice Pres |
| KENSINGTON POLICE PROT & CSD | Alexandra Aquino-Fike | President | Sarah Gough, Vice Pres |
| TOWN OF KNIGHTSEN CSD | Trish Bello-Kunkel | Chair | Gilbert Somerhalder, Vice Chair |
| MORAGA-ORINDA FIRE DIST | John Jex | President | Mike Roemer, Vice Pres |
| MT. VIEW SANITARY DIST | Dave Maggi | President | Brian Danley, Vice Pres |
| PLEASANT HILL REC & PARK DISTRICT | Bobby Glover | Chair | Sandra Bonato, Vice Chair |
| RECLAMATION DIST (RD) 799 | Jim Price | President | Richard Kent, Vice Pres |
| RD 800 | Robert Lyman | President | David Harris, Secretary |
| RD 830 | Chad Davisson | President | Domenic Cianfichi, Secretary |
| RD 2024 | Don Wagenet, Trustee | | John Jackson, Thomas Robinson, Trustees |
| RD 2025 | David Forkel | Chair | Clark Misner, Randall Neudeck |
| RD 2026* | David Forkel | Chair | Russell Ryan, Randall Neudeck |
| RD 2059 | Rob Davies | President | William Hall |
| RD 2065* | Coleman Foley | | Thomas Baldocchi, Sr. Thomas Baldocchi, Jr. |
| RD 2090* | Jake Messerli | Chair | Robert Eddings, Secretary |
| RD 2117* | Joyce Speckman | | Sandra Speckman Kiefer Kent L. Kiefer |
| RD 2122 | Douglas Rischbieter | President | Katherine Wadsworth, VP |
| RD 2137* | Ed Schmidt | James Eckman | |
| RODEO-HERCULES FIRE PROTECTION DIST | Steve Hill | Vice Chair | |
| RODEO SANITARY DISTRICT | Connie Batchelder | President | Janet Callaghan, Vice Pres |
| SAN RAMON VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DIST | Michelle Lee | President | Jay Kerr, Vice Pres |
| STEGE SANITARY DISTRICT | Juliet Christian-Smith | President | Paul Gilbert-Snyder, VP |
| WEST COUNTY WASTEWATER DIST | Cheryl Sudduth | President | David Alvarado, Vice Pres |