

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SPECIAL DISTRICTS
Procedures for the Special District Selection Committee
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The California Government Code, specifically Section 56332, sets forth requirements for the Independent Special Districts Selection Committee ("Selection Committee"). The procedures contained herein are intended to supplement the code and provide local rules relating to the selection of special district members to the Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

Selection Committee Purpose

The purpose of the Selection Committee shall be to appoint the regular and/or alternate special district members to the Contra Costa LAFCO whenever a term expires or a vacancy exists for the regular or alternate special district member seats. The term of office of each LAFCO member shall be four years and until the appointment and qualification of his or her successor (Gov. Code §56334).

Selection Committee Membership

The Selection Committee shall be comprised of the presiding officer of the legislative body of each independent special district. If the presiding officer is unable to attend a Committee meeting, the district may appoint one of its other members to attend the meeting (Gov. Code §56332).

Selection Committee Meetings

The LAFCO Executive Officer shall notify all independent special districts of a vacancy or impending vacancy in the position of regular or alternate special district member and shall schedule a meeting of the Selection Committee.

To the extent possible, Selection Committee meetings shall be scheduled in conjunction with meetings of the Contra Costa Special Districts Association as a convenience to members and for efficiency.

The Executive Officer shall provide a schedule to submit nominations to all independent special districts prior to the Selection Committee meeting.

All meetings of the Selection Committee shall be open meetings and comply with all applicable provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

Quorum

Each presiding officer (or appointed alternate board member) attending the Selection Committee meeting shall be required to register their attendance. Members representing a majority of the eligible districts shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of the Selection Committee business. No meeting shall be convened prior to establishing a quorum. The Committee shall act by majority vote of the quorum, or if more than a quorum is present at the meeting, by majority vote of those members present.

Nomination Procedures

Members of governing boards of independent special districts may be nominated to serve as a regular or alternate special district member of the Contra Costa LAFCO (Gov. Code §56332).

Each independent special district shall be entitled to nominate a maximum of one board member per vacancy (i.e., for each regular and each alternate seat) from any district. Districts are required to make nominations by adoption of a Board resolution.

Upon selection of a nominee, the presiding officer of the district shall provide written notification of the nomination, including a copy of the Board resolution, to the LAFCO Executive Officer.

All nominations received in sufficient time prior to a Selection Committee meeting will be copied and distributed to the presiding officer of each independent special district.

Nominations may be made from the floor at the Selection Committee meeting, but only if no prior nominations by resolution were submitted by any of the independent special districts.

Balloting Process

Each nominee will be afforded an opportunity to make a brief statement (maximum of five minutes) at the Selection Committee meeting. Following these presentations, members of the Selection Committee may discuss the appointment prior to the vote being taken.

Nominees shall be selected based on the following process:

- A ballot listing all known nominees shall be prepared and copied for the meeting. Each ballot shall have opposite the nominee's name a box to record the vote. In the event that no prior nominations by resolution are submitted, a ballot containing blank lines to vote for nominees who are put forth from the floor at the Selection Committee meeting shall be distributed at the meeting.
- Each ballot shall have a line for the name of the special district that is casting the vote and a line for the name of the voting delegate. The ballot will not be counted if the name of the special district and voting delegate are not included.
- After votes are tallied, each delegate's vote will be announced during the meeting.

Selection of LAFCO Members

The person selected to serve shall have received a majority of the votes cast in the election.

If there are more than two nominees for a single seat and no individual receives the majority of the total votes cast in the first ballot there shall be a run-off election between the two nominees who received the greatest number of votes.

If there are only two nominees for a single seat and each receives an equal number of votes, the selection to serve on LAFCO shall be done by a "straw draw" unless one of the two candidates chooses to relinquish the position.

If, as a result of an election, the Alternate Special District member on LAFCO is chosen as a Regular Special District Member, another election shall be held at a subsequent Selection Committee meeting to fill the new vacancy in the Alternate Member position.

Alternate Nominating and Balloting Process

In the event that the LAFCO Executive Officer determines that securing a quorum of Selection Committee members for a meeting is not feasible, the Executive Officer may conduct the business of the Selection Committee in writing (Gov. Code §56332).