



May 7, 2026

TO: LOCSO Board of Directors

FROM: Ron Munds, General Manager
Laura Durban, Administrative Services Manager

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 7B – 05/07/2026 Board Meeting
Consider San Luis Obispo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Election Ballot For Special District Alternate Member

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DISCUSSION

On March 30, 2026, the District received a runoff election packet for one (1) vacant LAFCO Alternate Member Special District Seat for the term through December 2030. The original candidate that the District Board of Directors voted for, Justin Smith, is not one of the two candidates that are in the runoff election.

As a quorum was not received with the initial vote, a runoff election is required. The candidates are as follows, with resumes and statements of interest attached:

- **LAFCO Alternate Seat Term Through December 2030:**
 - Owen Davis, San Miguel Community Services District
 - John Joyce, Nipomo Community Services District

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board review the Candidates Statements of Qualifications; cast votes for no more than one (1) candidate for LAFCO Alternate Member seat; and adopt the following motion:

Motion: I move that the Board cast votes for _____, for the LAFCO Alternate Member Seat Term Through December 2030 and direct staff to submit the official ballot documents to LAFCO.

Attachments

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TO: SPECIAL DISTRICTS

FROM: ROB FITZROY, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DATE: MARCH 30, 2026

RE: RUNOFF FOR ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER

Background. The election period for the Alternate Special District seat on LAFCO ran from September 2, 2025, to November 3, 2025. State regulations require a quorum for the election to be valid. A quorum (at least 18 votes from any district) was not received, and an extension was required. At the conclusion of the extension period that ran from November 6, 2025, to January 5, 2026, there was still no quorum. As allowed by state law, if no quorum is reached at the end of the first extension period, we may tally the votes to determine a candidate. However, the extension period resulted in a tie. Since we were unable to break the tie, we will be required to narrow the field to the top two candidates and hold a runoff election. **Important: Even if your district previously submitted a ballot, your district will need to resubmit a new one for this runoff election so that we may achieve a quorum.** 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

Instructions and Details. Each district may submit one ballot for one of the nominees listed above. See the attached ballot for your use. **BALLOTS ARE DUE MAY 29, 2026, by 5PM.** If your District wishes to submit a ballot, please place this item on an agenda at a meeting of your Board of Directors as soon as possible, or if you have already been delegated by your Board as the representative of your district, you may submit a ballot on behalf of your district.

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 me with any questions.

Attachments: Ballot

cc: Holly Whatley, LAFCO Legal Counsel



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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

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

Insert Date of Board Agenda and Action

General Manager or Chairman/President

Date

Owen Davis

Nominee for LAFCO Special District Member



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 style.

Owen Davis
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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.