

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT  
AGENDA REPORT  
March 30, 2010

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*New Business*

ITEM L.2

Voting for ISDOC Representative on LAFCO Board

The Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) is entitled to have a representative sitting on the Board of LAFCO. The current representatives' terms are expiring. Our neighboring special districts, South Coast Water District, Laguna Beach County Water District, Irvine Ranch Water District and Rancho Santa Margarita Water District are all requesting our support in re-electing regular member John Withers and alternate Charley Wilson to new terms (see attached letters from these agencies).

The political activity on the part of ISDOC in supporting the survival of special districts in Orange County is not always readily visible but if you recall last year we underwent a Municipal Services Review where LAFCO looked closely at our operation to determine whether our District should be either dissolved or consolidated in with another district or worse, the City of Dana Point.

LAFCO was established by the State Legislature in the 70's to provide local oversight of special districts in California. This group has the authority to dissolve and/or consolidate special districts.

You can thank ISDOC and our LAFCO reps for lobbying strong in our favor, not just for the Municipal Services Reviews but as one of the strongest influences in Sacramento for maintaining as high a level as possible of property tax revenue apportionments that are so important to our success and ongoing survival as a special district.

Another way to look at this is their hard work keeps our annual User Fees low and reasonable. Staff strongly recommends following suit with our neighboring special districts in re-electing John Withers and Charley Wilson.