

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT
AGENDA REPORT
July 16, 2019

ITEM 5

Election of Special District Representatives to LAFCO

At the May Board meeting, the Directors heard from candidates Jim Fisler and Douglass Davert who were campaigning for the District's vote to be elected as Special District representatives on the LAFCO Board of Directors.

Action was taken to elect Jim Fisler and Douglass Davert. However, it was learned in late June, after the May vote, that the voting ballots provided to our District were actually from the election of 2018 and were issued to us by mistake.

The District has since been issued correct ballots and the voting procedure must be done once more to correct the error. The candidates are as follows:

For the Regular Member (vote for one only)

- Jim Fisler, Mesa Water District
- Sandra Jacobs, Santa Margarita Water District

For the Alternate Member (vote for one only)

- Cecilia Aguinaga, OC Mosquito & Vector Control District
- Kathryn Freshley, El Toro Water District
- Margie L. Rice, Midway City Sanitary District

****Note to Directors:***

The action taken last month was repealed by a motion of the four Directors present. The action to re-do the vote was postponed until the full Board could participate

The following pages contain the candidates statements and bio's.

June 26, 2019

Don, would you see that President Schwartz sees this, please. We don't have a direct email address for him. Thanks very much.

Dear President Schwartz:

I am running for the LAFCO Special Districts regular seat and I am writing today to ask for your vote. In fact, I have taken the liberty of attaching a template Resolution for your use in voting.

It is critical that our Special District community—particularly for South County--continues to be well-represented at LAFCO. I have 23 years' experience on the Board of a Special District--the Santa Margarita Water District. I will bring my decades of service at other local, regional and statewide agencies as well as my understanding of and deep appreciation for the role of special districts if I am privileged to serve as your representative at OC LAFCO.

You should have a copy of my resume and platform.

I want to leave you with two key points:

- I can state unequivocally that **I will not support the forced consolidation or hostile takeover of any special district nor have I ever participated in such an attempt.** My District, Santa Margarita, is involved in the annexation of the water utility in San Juan Capistrano because the City expressed the desire to get out of the water business. We are working collaboratively to increase efficiencies and improve customer service. This is as it should be, with LAFCO assuming its proper role in reviewing an appropriate consolidation by consent.
- LAFCO is embarking on a multi-year Municipal Service Review (MSR) process during which it will examine the operations and governance of *every* special district. It is critical that your Commissioner have the kinds of experience and expertise that I bring as well as brings an open and unbiased perspective to the MSR process.

I have taken the liberty of attaching a template Resolution for your use. Thank you again for your consideration. I ask that when you receive your ballot you will support my candidacy for the OC LAFCO Special District Member seat. I look forward to working with you for many years to come. Should you have any questions about me, my race, or LAFCO, please do not hesitate to call at (949) 702-1145 or at saundraj@smwd.com.

Sincerely,



Saundra F. Jacobs, President
Santa Margarita Water District

BALLOT

REGULAR SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER

Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission
Term of Office Expires 06/30/2020

Capistrano Bay Community Services District

Print Name of District

Certification of Voting Member

I, MICHAEL C. HAACK, hereby certify that I am:
Print Name Here

____ the presiding officer of the above-named district.

X a member of the Board of the above-named district designated to vote in the absence of the presiding officer pursuant to G.C. §56332(a). I have submitted proof of this designation to the Executive Officer of OC LAFCO.

Signature

7-2-19

Date

CANDIDATES FOR REGULAR SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER OF OC LAFCO: (Check one ONLY.)

____ James Fisler, Mesa Water District

____ Sandra Jacobs, Santa Margarita Water District

____ Abstain

BALLOT

ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER

Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission
Term of Office Expires 06/30/2022

Capistrano Bay Community Services District

Print Name of District

Certification of Voting Member

I, MICHAEL C. HAACK, hereby certify that I am:
Print Name Here

____ the presiding officer of the above-named district.

☒ a member of the Board of the above-named district designated to vote in the absence of the presiding officer pursuant to G.C. §56332(a). I have submitted proof of this designation to the Executive Officer of OC LAFCO.

Signature

7-2-19

Date

CANDIDATES FOR ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER OF OC LAFCO: (Check one ONLY.)

- ____ Cecilia Aguinaga, Orange County Mosquito & Vector Control District
- ____ Kathryn Freshley, El Toro Water District
- ____ Margie L. Rice, Midway City Sanitary District
- ____ Abstain



Santa Margarita Water District

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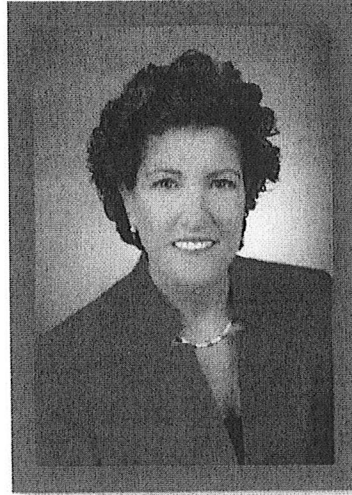
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GENERAL MANAGER

Saundra F. Jacobs Candidate for Special District Representative, LAFCO



Special District Organizations

- President, Santa Margarita Water District, (Current; Elected Board Member since 1996)
- President, Executive Committee, Independent Special Districts of Orange County, (Current; Board Member since 1999)
- South Orange County Watershed Management Area Executive Committee, (Current Member, Former Chair)
- California Special Districts Association, Member
- Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), Region 10 Member, Communications Committee
- ACWA Joint Powers Authority, Executive Committee Member
- Former President, Board of Directors, Lake Mission Viejo Association

Professional Organizations

- Registered Environmental Assessor
- American Planning Association, Member
- Association of Environmental Professionals, Member
- California Wireless Association, Member

Platform

I believe LAFCO is a facilitating organization. Its job is to support and enable cooperative and voluntary applications and conduct the reviews and inquiries required by statute without bias or favor. I believe in local control; that local communities know what is best for their ratepayers, their residents and their businesses. I do not support involuntary consolidations or dissolutions of special districts or other units of government except in extreme cases of insolvency or other dire circumstances.

Regular Member Candidate 10f2

Elect James R. Fisler to OC LAFCO

*** KNOWLEDGE * EXPERIENCE * COMMITMENT ***

James R. Fisler – Mesa Water District Director



- **Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (OC LAFCO)** Special District Alternate Commissioner, 2011-present
- **Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC)** Executive Committee – Immediate Past President; President, 2016-2018
- **Mesa Water District** Director, 2009-present; President, 2012-2014
- **Mesa Water District Improvement Corporation** President, 2010-2012 & 2017-present; Engineering & Operations Committee Chairman; Legislative & Public Affairs Committee Vice Chairman
- **Association of California Water Agencies** Local Government Committee, 2016-present
- **County of Orange Housing & Community Development Commission**, 2017-present (appointed by the Orange County Board of Supervisors)
- **City of Costa Mesa**
 - Planning Commissioner & Vice Chairman
 - Parks & Recreation Commissioner
 - Finance Committee Chairman; Finance & Pension Advisory Committee Chairman
 - Residential Rehabilitation & Redevelopment Committee
 - Citizen's Police Academy graduate; Neighbors for Neighbors volunteer
- **Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce** Board Member
- **Costa Mesa Senior Center** Board Member
- **Friends of Costa Mesa Libraries** Board Member

As your advocate at OC LAFCO over the past 8 years, James R. Fisler has been a strong leader and voice for Special Districts. Director Fisler is grateful to have been elected to serve as your representative at both OC LAFCO and ISDOC.

With a passion for public policy and community service, Director Fisler is committed to representing the mutual interests of Orange County's water, wastewater, sanitary, cemetery, library, vector control, recreation and parks, and other special districts that provide services to their communities.

Director Fisler is a Broker/Associate with Torelli Realty in Mesa Verde. Prior to that, he was a regional manager for Nordstrom for over 12 years. Both positions have equipped him with the skills and expertise to provide outstanding customer service in advocating for your interests in alignment with the shared interests of Orange County's Special Districts and those we serve.

Director Fisler would be honored to receive your vote to serve as Commissioner representing Orange County's Special Districts.

Alternate Member Candidate 1 of 3

May 20, 2019

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I'm writing you to officially announce my candidacy for Special District Alternate Representative to the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). I would be honored to receive your support to elect me as your LAFCO representative. As your LAFCO commissioner, I will make sure that transparency, honesty and integrity will be in place to continue serving our communities.

I have attached to this letter my resume and biography of my 25 years of experience volunteering in different boards and commissions serving the community. Especially the many years I have served in the Orange County Mosquito Vector control (OCMVCD) Special district will give the experience need it to be part of the LAFCO board.

As your LAFCO Representative, I will make sure to preserve local control, to respect the rights of our constituents. I will be honor to have your vote. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me, or email me.

Best Regards,

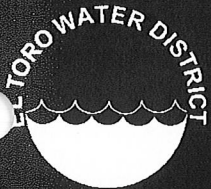


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El Toro Water District

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Serving the Public - Respecting the Environment



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May 21, 2019

CANDIDANCY OF KATHRYN FRESHLEY FOR OC LAFCO, AS THE ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICTS MEMBER

Special District Directors,

I served on the Orange County LAFCO as the Alternate Public Member for two years, July 2015 through July 2017. As a result, I have a good understanding of the role of the Alternative Special District Member of the commission. California LAFCO's have a unique responsibility to rationalize and evaluate governance of communities and service providers in this state. Having participated in the CALAFCO Annual Conferences and Southern district meetings, I learned that each county LAFCO has similar issues and additionally, unique challenges relating to their location in the state. Legislation creating the commissions is the same, the focus of each commission differs because the needs of each county are different. This leads to questioning the processes and objectives by other government organizations, such as, The Little Hoover Commission and the OC Grand Jury. The LAFCO commissioners need to expand their communication and to ensure a greater understanding of LAFCO's role in our governmental processes.

The legislative delegated responsibilities are intended to facilitate rational development and effective delivery of services to our citizens. As the Special District Alternative Representative, it is critical to review and participate, as appropriate MSR's and SOI studies that will be conducted in 2019 and 2020. These reviews are critical to providing guidance to opportunities of shared services between agencies, as well as ensuring the suggested proposed opportunities that will fulfill the needs of our customers and the agencies involved.

Therefore, my previous service provides me an understanding of OC LAFCO'S role as a county commission and effective advocate for the Special District Agencies in Orange County.

I ask for your support and thank you for considering me.

Respectively,

Kathryn

Kathryn Freshley

**Board of Directors**

Chi Charlie Nguyen
Sergio Contreras
Al Krippner
Andrew Nguyen
Margie L. Rice

General Manager
Ken Robbins

Margie L. Rice is in her 29th year serving on the Board of Directors for the Midway City Sanitary District (MCSD). Director Rice was first elected in November of 1990 and has served as its President, President Pro-Tem, Secretary and Treasurer. Director Rice has also served as the Districts representative to the Orange County Sanitation District, the Westminster Chamber of Commerce, California Special Districts Association and California Association of Sanitation Agencies. I was also appointed by Janet Nguyen to serve on the Orange County Waste Management Commission for four years.

Director Rice has been instrumental in the following projects for the District: the reorganization of the Garden Grove/Midway City Sanitary District, rehabilitation of all four of the Districts lift stations (completed in 2008), and installation of a SCADA system to monitor the upgraded lift stations. MCSD was one of the first Districts to transform to an automated solid waste collection system, and implementation of a SSMP (Sewer System Master Plan) before it was mandated and many other projects to benefit the District and its patrons. The MCSD not only boasts of a state of the art system but is proud of having some of the lowest rates in the region.

Director Rice served 12 years as Mayor of the City of Westminster (elected for a sixth time in November 2010). In addition, Director Rice has served an additional eight (8) years as a City Council Member. Prior to her service to the City of Westminster Director Rice served seventeen and a half (17 ½) years as a Trustee of the Westminster School District. She has 4 children, 19 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, and 13 great-great grandchildren.

When Special Districts were first given the right for representation on LAFCO, a committee was formed to advise them, and I was appointed to that committee. As this is my last term on our Board at MCSD, I would like to serve as the Alternate Special District Member for OC LAFCO.

Thank you for your consideration,

Margie L. Rice