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November 28, 2022

Board of Directors
Triunfo Water & Sanitation District
Ventura County, California

BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIAL DISTRICT REGULAR MEMBER AND SPECIAL DISTRICT ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE VENTURA COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCo)

Summary

The Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) is seeking the Board's vote for the election of one Special District Regular Member and one Special District Alternate Member. Both terms run concurrently from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2026.

Attached are one Election Ballot and three Candidate Statements for each position of Regular Member and Alternate Member. Please vote for only one candidate for each position. The ballot must be returned by email no later than December 9, 2022.

If you have any questions, please call me at (805) 658-4402 or via email at FidelaGarcia@TriunfoWSD.com

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact.

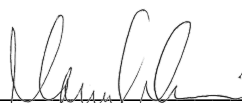
Recommendation:

It is recommended the Board:

- A. Vote for one Regular LAFCo Special District Member from the four candidates on the ballot and vote for one Alternate LAFCo Special District Member from the three candidates on the ballot; and

- B. Authorize the chair to sign the ballot on behalf of the Board and direct staff to return the ballot by email to Ventura LAFCo Executive Director by the December 9, 2022, deadline; or
- C. Provide staff with alternative direction.

FIDELA GARCIA, CMC – CLERK OF THE BOARD

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:  _____
Mark Norris, General Manager

- Attachments:
- 1. LAFCo Letter to TWSD
 - 2. LAFCo Ballot
 - 3. Regular Member Candidate Statements
 - 4. Alternate Member Candidate Statements
 - 5. Independent Special District List

October 26, 2022

President/Chair of the Board
c/o General Manager
Triunfo Water & Sanitation District
1001 Partridge Dr. Ste 100
Ventura, CA 93003-0704

RE: Ballot for Election of a Special District Regular Member and an Alternate Member to the Ventura LAFCo

Dear President/Chair of the Board:

Enclosed please find your Official Ballot for the election of a special district regular member and a special district alternate member to the Ventura LAFCo for new, four-year terms beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2026. This election is being conducted by mail pursuant to California Government Code Section 56332 (or by email, if consent has been provided by your District - see enclosed list of those districts which have consented to email). A total of four candidates have been nominated for the regular member position and three for the alternate position. The candidates are listed alphabetically on the Official Ballot and a copy of each candidate's statement (if submitted) is enclosed.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use the enclosed Official Ballot to vote for only one candidate for each position.
- The ballot must be signed and dated by the district president/chair or presiding officer.
- All ballots being returned via US Mail must be returned to the Ventura LAFCo at the address listed above. Districts that have previously consented to conduct elections via email can email a copy of the signed ballot to: kai.luoma@ventura.org.
- **BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00 p.m. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022. (Ballots received after 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 9, 2022, will not be counted.)**

There are 29 independent special districts eligible to vote in this election. At least 15 districts must return completed/signed ballots to achieve a quorum. If a quorum is achieved, the candidate receiving the most votes for each position will be considered elected. In the event of a tie for the most votes, the outcome will be determined by lot. The election results will be mailed to each district no later than Friday, December 23, 2022. Please let us know if you have questions.

Sincerely,



Kai Luoma
Executive Officer

Enclosures
c: General Manager

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OFFICIAL BALLOT - 2022

INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS SELECTION COMMITTEE
 Regular Special District Member and
 Alternate Special District Member to the Ventura LAFCo

Triunfo Water & Sanitation District

This is the Official Ballot for the Independent Special Districts Selection Committee for the purpose of electing the following positions to the Ventura LAFCo:

1. One special district regular member for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2026; and
2. One special district alternate member for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2026.

The election consists of four candidates for the special district regular member and three candidates for the special district alternate member (listed below in alphabetical order). Please vote for only one candidate for each position. A minimum of 15 qualified votes must be returned by the deadline to establish a quorum of the independent special districts. The candidate for each position receiving the most votes of the quorum shall be elected. In the event of a tie vote, the outcome will be determined by lot.

PLEASE RETURN THIS SIGNED BALLOT to the Ventura LAFCo, 801 S. Victoria Avenue, Suite 301, Ventura, CA 93003, or if previous consent has been given to conduct elections via e-mail, send your signed ballot to kai.luoma@ventura.org. All ballots MUST be signed and dated by the district president/chair or presiding officer of the board and received by LAFCo by 5 P.M. Friday, December 9, 2022, to be counted.

As the District President, Chair or Presiding Officer, I duly certify that the Triunfo Water & Sanitation District does hereby cast its ballot as follows:

1. REGULAR LAFCo SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023 (vote for one)			2. ALTERNATE LAFCo SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023 (vote for one)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Raul Avila	Calleguas Municipal Water District	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bev Dransfeldt	Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Josh Gray	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	<input type="checkbox"/>	Josh Gray	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Doug Nickles	Conejo Recreation and Park District	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mohammed A. Hasan	United Water Conservation District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eric Wolf	Bell Canyon Community Services District			

Board President/Chair/Presiding Officer (print name)

Board President/Chair/Presiding Officer (Signature)

Date: _____

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Raul Avila

Director Avila has served on the Calleguas Municipal Water District Board since December 2020.

As Calleguas' Board Secretary and Chair of the Drought Response Ad-Hoc Committee he has advocated for the development of new local water supplies and increased conservation programs.

Experience as a water district board member

Director Avila was elected to the Calleguas Municipal Water District Board of Directors in 2020, and currently serves as Board Secretary. He represents Division 1, which encompasses the City of Simi Valley.

He is a Navy Veteran and currently works as a civilian in the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC), Port Hueneme Division. His experience includes managing the inspection and testing of components necessary for Naval reconnaissance and combat systems.

Currently he is a member of the Calleguas Engineering and Construction, and Groundwater Committees. He also serves as Calleguas' representative on the Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County (AWA VC).

Director Avila and his family have lived in Simi Valley, CA since 2016.

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Candidate Statement from Josh Gray
2022 Vice Chair of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District
To Serve as a Regular or Alternate Member of LAFCo



I am seeking to join LAFCo because it's an opportunity to engage on the county level with local government boundaries, represent special districts in their important provider of services, and continue to grow and learn on topics of regional importance. I was born and raised in Simi Valley, attended local schools, graduating from Santa Susana High School in 2011 and California Lutheran University in 2015 with degrees in political science and economics. I am engaged to be married in March of 2023.

I was elected to Rancho Simi's Recreation & Parks Board in 2020 where I've sought to safeguard open spaces, expand after school care, grow access to recreation center programs, and interconnect our local governments to strengthen services. If I am fortunate enough to join LAFCo, I will bring an open mind, win-win mentality, and report back to VCSDA on LAFCo activities.

I have been active in the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce, Emerging Leaders Committee, Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise, Simi Valley Boy Scout Troop 622, Young Elected Officials Network, and Elected Officials to Protect America. I would encourage anyone with questions to reach out and I'd love to have a conversation. I am looking forward to meeting each of you and hopefully working with you.

DOUG NICKLES

Nominated by Conejo Recreation & Park District Board of Directors to be a candidate to serve as Special District's regular member on Ventura County LAFCo.

September 2022

Doug has been a Board member for the Conejo Recreation and Park District since 2018. He also serves on the Boards for the Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency and the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts.



Prior to being elected to the District Board, he served for six years as a City of Thousand Oaks Planning Commissioner (City Council appointment). Doug has also a member of the City of Thousand Oaks Landscape Advisory Committee, Conejo Future Foundation Environmental Task Force, and several local School Site Councils.

In 2019 Doug retired from the City of Glendale Fire Department as the Assistant Fire Marshal, where he managed the Fire Prevention Bureau, including all of the annual inspection programs, building plan review process, land use planning entitlement reviews, and issuance of fire permits.

Doug and his wife, Leesi, moved to Thousand Oaks in 1984 to raise their family. Two of their children still reside in the Conejo Valley with their families; they are blessed with four grandchildren.

Doug has an MBA degree from California Lutheran University and a BS degree in Forestry, from Humboldt State University.

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Bev A. Dransfeldt

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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY | Berkeley, CA

December 2010

Bachelor of Arts – Political Science

Summer Study Abroad: Belgium, Luxembourg, Amsterdam (History, Art and Identity in the Heart of Europe Program)

WORK EXPERIENCE

PLEASANT VALLEY RECREATION & PARKS BOARD | Camarillo, CA

December 2020 - current

Elected Director

- Oversee and set budget for the special district
- Serving on committees: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Long-Range Planning, Foundation, Pickleball Ad Hoc

COUNTY OF VENTURA | Ventura, CA

September 2021 - March 2022

Camarillo Public Library Lead Elections Voting Assistant

- Oversaw all logistics for voting center for the 2021 special gubernatorial recall election
- Toured various voting centers across Ventura County to assess ADA compliance

PLEASANT VALLEY RECREATION & PARKS DISTRICT | Camarillo, CA

March 2019 - December 2020

Recreation Specialist - Outdoor Education & Camp

November 2019 - December 2020

- Managed Habitat Conservation Fund Grant of \$100,000 for outdoor education at Camarillo Grove Park
- Planned and budgeted for District's summer camp, Camp Funtastic

Senior Recreation Leader

March 2019 - November 2019

- Provided support to various departments such as marketing, special events and community partnerships
- On-site activation lead for PVRPD information booth connecting the department to community concerns

CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS | Thousand Oaks, CA

March 2016 - December 2016

Administrative Assistant, Cultural Affairs Department

- Administered Community Events Endowment Fund grants by handling applications, contracts and payment
- Assisted with duties pertaining to the Fred Kavli Theatre, Scherr Forum Theatre, Cultural Affairs Department, Cultural Affairs Commission (inclusive of Community Outreach Committee) and the Kavli and community art gallery

CAPITOL MUSIC GROUP | Los Angeles, CA

February 2013 - August 2015

Manager, Tour Marketing & Artist Relations

- Managed up to 7 artist promotion schedules working with Capitol Records' marketing, publicity, radio, sales and video promotion departments while coordinating with artist management, vendors and partners
- Oversaw artist tour marketing budgets, inclusive of tour support and promotional tours
- Executed logistics and travel accommodations for promotion visits and special events such as album playbacks, showcases, TV appearances and award shows

CREATIVE ARTISTS AGENCY | Los Angeles, CA

January 2011 - February 2013

Assistant to Music Marketing Executive

October 2011 - February 2013

- Supported the development and execution of tour marketing and ticket sales strategies for talent with artist managers, label executives, publicists and promoters
- Assisted in the approving and directing of media and advertising spend for maximum ROI

Second Assistant to Head of Music Marketing

May 2011 - September 2011

- Assisted in the marketing and ticketing of up to 30 North American touring projects a year for artists performing in clubs, ballrooms, theaters, arenas and amphitheaters

Assistant to Music Contracts Administrator

January 2011 - May 2011

- Assisted in processing and reviewing all Los Angeles music clients' tour contracts

Summer Intern

May 2010 - June 2010

- Learned the inner workings of a multifunctional global agency through a variety of speakers and projects
- Pitched ideas for new digital marketing strategies for music tour promotion

ORGANIZATIONS

Ventura County Leadership Academy Cohort 27, Ventura County Housing Policy Leadership Academy, Ventura County

Democratic Central Committee District 3 Representative, Influential U Fundamentals of Transactions Cohort 77

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CANDIDATE STATEMENT-LAFCO

Mohammed A. Hasan

I possess dual MS, P.E., and own a local engineering firm. I am a 48-year resident of Ventura, have been married for 39 years and have two adult daughters.

I am a locally and nationally recognized leader in water and wastewater and authored *Drought is not a four letter word*. I have served on the Board of Directors of the United Water Conservation District since 2020.

I am Co-Founder of Ocean Foresters, am a Vice President of El Concilio Family Services, am a Fellow of two national professional associations, community college instructor, environmental leader, community volunteer, lecturer, and Harris fellow of Rotary International. I offer free community classes.

I have collaborated with Ventura LAFCO Executive Officers Bob Braitman, Stan Eisner, Kim Ulich and Everett Millais on intergovernmental matters, have known many members of the Board of Supervisors and city council members in Ventura County and have assisted and represented various private landowners.

Other than an understanding of the relevant statutes and local plans and policies, I have no pre-conceived notions of matters to be considered by the Commission and pledge to keep an open mind until considering relevant reports and testimony. I understand that being a member of LAFCO is to benefit of the entire county. I am by training and practice, analytical, objective and value others input.

I feel it would be a tremendous honor to serve on the Commission with other elected officials as I have respect for their opinions.

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INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS IN VENTURA COUNTY

As of August 2022

1. Bardsdale Public Cemetery District
2. Bell Canyon Community Services District*
3. Blanchard/Santa Paula Library District*
4. Calleguas Municipal Water District*
5. Camarillo Health Care District*
6. Camrosa Water District*
7. Casitas Municipal Water District*
8. Channel Islands Beach Community Services District*
9. Conejo Recreation & Park District*
10. El Rancho Simi Public Cemetery District*
11. Fillmore-Piru Memorial District
12. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency*
13. Hidden Valley Municipal Water District
14. Meiners Oaks Water District
15. Ojai Valley Sanitary District*
16. Ojai Water Conservation District
17. Oxnard Drainage District No. 1*
18. Oxnard Drainage District No. 2*
19. Oxnard Harbor District*
20. Piru Public Cemetery District*
21. Pleasant Valley County Water District
22. Pleasant Valley Recreation & Park District*
23. Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District*
24. Saticoy Sanitary District*
25. Triunfo Sanitation District*
26. United Water Conservation District*
27. Ventura County Resource Conservation District*
28. Ventura Port District*
29. Ventura River County Water District*

* Special Districts that have provided written consent to conduct the election via email as of August 23, 2022.

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