

**SPECIAL DISTRICT SELECTION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEMBER
2024 BALLOT**

Name of District: _____
Print District Name Here (required)

Certification of voting member:

I, _____ hereby certify that I am (check one):
Print Name Here (required)

- The presiding officer of the above-named district.
- A member of the board of the above-named district authorized by the board to vote in place of the presiding officer. [Authorization previously transmitted attached]

Signature (required)

Date (required)

**Regular Special District Member of the
Local Agency Formation Commission – Eastern Region – Riverside County**
(Term running May 6, 2024 through May 1, 2028)

Please rank the candidates in preferential order, "1" being the first preference, "2" being the second.

	<i>Circle rank for each candidate</i>	
BRUCE UNDERWOOD, Coachella Valley Public Cemetery District	1	2
CÁSTULO ESTRADA, Coachella Valley Water District	1	2

Listed in random drawing order conducted on 2/14/2024 at 9:39 a.m.

Completed ballots must be delivered via electronic mail to rholtzclaw@lafco.org, or by regular mail or hand delivered to the LAFCO office at 6216 Brockton Avenue, Suite 111-B, Riverside CA 92506 **no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 15, 2024.**

February 15, 2024

via electronic mail

SPECIAL DISTRICT SELECTION COMMITTEE ALTERNATE MEMBER 2024 BALLOT

Name of District: _____
Print District Name Here (required)

Certification of voting member:

I, _____ hereby certify that I am (check one):
Print Name Here (required)

- The presiding officer of the above-named district.
- A member of the board of the above-named district authorized by the board to vote in place of the presiding officer. [Authorization previously transmitted attached]

Signature (required)

Date (required)

Alternate Special District Member of the Local Agency Formation Commission (Countywide) (Term running May 6, 2024 through May 1, 2028)

Please rank the candidates in preferential order, "1" being the first preference, "2" being the second, etc.:

	<i>Circle rank for each candidate</i>				
BERNARD MURPHY, Rubidoux Community Services District	1	2	3	4	5
STEVE PASTOR, Lake Hemet Municipal Water District	1	2	3	4	5
ANGELA LITTLE, Valley-Wide Recreation & Park District	1	2	3	4	5
HARVEY RYAN, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District	1	2	3	4	5
RICHARD LAWHEAD, Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation & Park District	1	2	3	4	5

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February 15, 2024

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2024 BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPECIAL DISTRICT SELECTION COMMITTEE- ONE (1) EASTERN REGION REGULAR MEMBER AND ONE (1) COUNTYWIDE ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE RIVERSIDE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

To the Special District Selection Committee (Presiding Officers of Independent Special Districts of Riverside County c/o District Clerks):

Please read these instructions carefully before completing your ballots.

As previously announced, a physical meeting of the Special District Selection Committee (SDSC) is not feasible at this time, therefore, the selection proceedings are being conducted by electronic mail or regular USPS mail. A nomination period for the positions in the title above was opened on December 15, 2023, and closed at 5:00 p.m. on February 13, 2024.

Enclosed you will find an official election ballot for each position as follows:

One (1) LAFCO Regular Special District Member – Eastern Region: A total of two (2) eligible nominations were received for this position. Although candidates were restricted to the Eastern Region area of the County, all members of the SDSC may cast ballots for this position.

One (1) LAFCO Alternate Special District Member – Countywide: A total of five (5) eligible nominations were received for this position. Candidates for the Alternate Special District Member are not restricted to a Region, and all members of the SDSC may cast ballots for this position.

All members of the SDSC may cast a ballot for one (1) Regular member for the Eastern Region, and one (1) for the Alternate member Countywide.

Pursuant to procedures adopted by the Selection Committee in 2016, the election for a LAFCO regular member position will be conducted using Instant Runoff Voting (IRV). IRV eliminates the requirement for the expensive and lengthy process of sending out a second runoff ballot to achieve a majority. An example demonstrating how IRV works is attached.

Please fill out your ballot by ranking each region's nominees in the order of preference, using "1" for your first choice, "2" for your second choice, "3" for your third choice and so on. Please note ranking more than one candidate will not work against your first choice candidate, however, voting for only one candidate is allowed. Do not mark the same number beside more than one candidate and do not skip numbers.

General Instructions and Information:

- Completed ballots must be delivered via electronic mail to rholtzclaw@lafco.org, or by regular mail or hand delivered to the LAFCO office at 6216 Brockton Avenue, Suite 111-B, Riverside CA 92506 **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2024.**
- Only the presiding officer or another board member authorized by your board of directors to vote, may cast the ballots. Board members designated by their district board to vote in place of the presiding officer must provide that authorization (in the form of a resolution or minute order) to LAFCO no later than the time the ballots are cast. District managers or other staff members may not vote.
- The voting member must print his or her name on the ballots as well as sign and date the certification indicating he or she is authorized to vote for the district.
- We must receive each ballot with an original signature. However, if you deliver your ballot via electronic mail, you may return a scanned copy of the signed ballot by email to rholtzclaw@lafco.org
- Failure to follow these instructions will invalidate the ballot not meeting these requirements.

Finally, these positions ensure special districts are appropriately represented on the LAFCO Commission. Appointments are only valid if ballots representing a quorum, from 29 of our 55 independent special districts, are returned. Please return your ballots in a timely manner.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (951) 369-0631.

Sincerely,

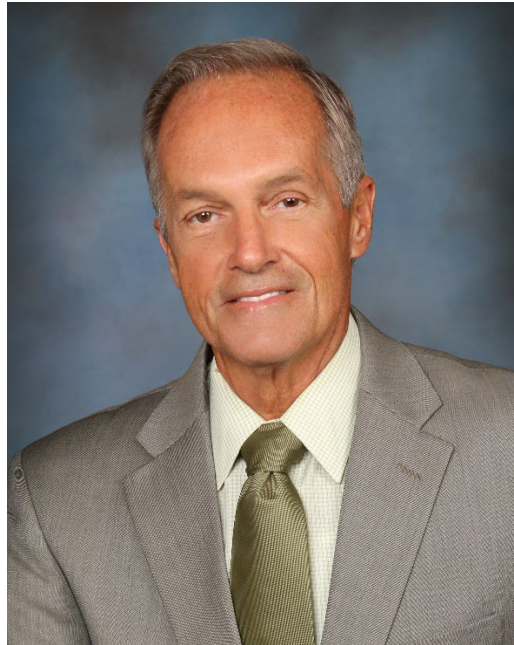


Gary Thompson
Executive Officer

cc: Special District Selection Committee - District Managers

Attachments:

2024 Special District Selection Committee – Official Election Ballots
Instant Runoff Voting Election Process (IRV)



Harvey Ryan

Candidate Statement

Hello, I'm Harvey Ryan, a Lake Elsinore resident for over 35 years. My wife and I have joyfully raised four kids in this wonderful community. Engaging with our neighbors and actively participating in local initiatives has been a fulfilling journey for us.

In my professional journey, I've thrived in the business sector, with a successful track record in the automobile industry—managing and owning businesses for over 25 years. My knack for objective thinking, honed through my experiences, is an asset that I believe is crucial in community service.

For more than three decades, my dedication to Lake Elsinore has taken various forms. I've actively contributed to local organizations, from serving as the vice president of Little League to being the president of the football boosters. My involvement extends to key roles in the Lake Elsinore RDA Committee, Planning Commission, and other local committees. Volunteering with HOPE, a local food distribution organization, and currently presiding as the board president of the Kennedie June Von Ryan Foundation, reflect my commitment to giving back. For the past 20 years, I've been a proud board member of the Elsinore Municipal Water District, consistently making a positive impact.

If chosen, I look forward to being a positive influence on the growth of our great county.



**Bruce Underwood,
Dr. P.H., C.N.S.**



CANDIDATE STATEMENT

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the special district (eastern) representative seat on the Riverside County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

Serving on the Coachella Valley Public Cemetery District Board, I am the former President and a current Trustee. I began my service on the Board in 2018 and am currently serving my second term. My experience and commitment to supporting the vital role Special Districts play in our community is extensive, including past service on the Board of the Coachella Valley Recreation and Park District, and the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District. In my professional capacity I have also worked with several local Special Districts supporting their employees through healthy living initiatives. My knowledge, background and experience with Special Districts is broad, a unique knowledge set I hope to bring to the LAFCO commission.

My service in the community has also provided me unique perspectives on leadership and problem solving. I have had the great pleasure of working with organizations that make a difference in our community, including the Heart Institute of the Desert Foundation, The Regional Access Project, the American Preventive Care Association, and many more. I have also been afforded the opportunity to shape future leaders, working in education at Chapman University and the Loma Linda University School of Public Health. In a career that has spanned twenty-five years of experience and community involvement, with increasing levels of responsibility and leadership, I have earned a reputation for professional competency, civic responsibility, and personal integrity among colleagues, clients, students, and community leaders.

Special Districts are unique, and they deserve representation with a depth of knowledge and understanding that spans the vast scope of critical services they provide. With Special District experience that stretches across eastern Riverside County, and a broad scope of services, mine will be a voice of fair and reasoned oversight on this important commission.

I look forward to being your voice in government.



COACHELLA VALLEY
WATER DISTRICT



Please join us in supporting:
Cástulo R. Estrada
for Riverside Eastern Area LAFCO Special District Representative

March 18, 2024

As a local special district, you undoubtedly are aware of the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Special District board member and alternate elections. An election to fill these positions will take place following the nomination process now underway and scheduled to close on April 15, 2024. I am writing to you in

support of Coachella Valley Water District Board member Castulo Estrada who we have nominated for the eastern region regular member position.

Cástulo R. Estrada, is a native of the Eastern Coachella Valley, working for the City of Coachella as their Utilities Manager. He resides in the City of Coachella with his wife, Cindy, and two children.

In addition to his position with the City of Coachella, Mr. Estrada has served on the Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors since 2014, including serving as the President of the Board in 2019/2020, and currently as the Secretary. Mr. Estrada was appointed in 2019, and reappointed in 2020, as a member of the State Water Resources Control Board's Statewide and Regional Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Program Advisory Group.

Currently, Mr. Estrada serves as the Board Vice President at Coachella Valley Water District. Mr. Estrada was elected to a four-year term at CVWD beginning in 2014, was re-elected in 2018 and appointed without opposition in 2022 to his current term which ends in 2026.

Mr. Estrada formed the Coachella Valley Disadvantaged Communities Task Force which works to secure access to safe affordable drinking water, wastewater, and flood control services in historically disadvantaged Coachella Valley regions through strategic planning, funding procurement, needs assessment, and reporting – all in collaboration with community members and stakeholders.

Cástulo R. Estrada brings a wide range of knowledge and commitment which our special district is honored to have. His dedicated leadership abilities have contributed significantly to the Coachella Valley and surrounding areas he serves. Please join us by supporting Cástulo R. Estrada.

We ask that you **support Cástulo R. Estrada** as the Regular Special District Member of the Riverside LAFCO Eastern Area, at the upcoming election to be held April 15, 2024.

Sincerely,



J. M. Barrett
General Manager



Coachella Valley Water District, PO Box 1058 Coachella, CA 92236
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February 29, 2024

To Special District Board Presiding Officers and District Clerks

To Whom it May Concern:

The Rubidoux Community Services District (“Rubidoux”) is proud to endorse Bernard Murphy for the Local Agency Formation Commission (“LAFCO”) of Riverside County Alternate Special District Member – Countywide seat.

Mr. Murphy brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this role, particularly in the realms of water and wastewater infrastructure. His tenure on the Rubidoux Board of Directors, which began with his appointment in April 2016 and subsequent election that same year, has been marked by dedicated service and exemplary leadership. Mr. Murphy has demonstrated his commitment to Rubidoux's mission through two terms as Board President, first in 2018 and most recently in 2023.

As California's first community services district, Rubidoux has a long history of providing essential services to its residents. From water and wastewater management to solid waste disposal, fire protection, weed abatement and street lighting, Rubidoux's contributions have been instrumental in the development and growth of the region, culminating in the incorporation of the City of Jurupa Valley in 2011.

Mr. Murphy's professional background spans over 25 years in the engineering industry, with notable positions at esteemed firms such as JF Davidson Associates, Inc., the Army Corps of Engineers, and Hewitt Zollars. His specialization in storm drains projects and his current role at the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District underscore his expertise in infrastructure development and water resource management. Given his extensive experience and proven track record of community engagement, Mr. Murphy is eminently qualified to serve on the LAFCO Board. His deep understanding of the complexities of local governance, coupled with his engineering acumen, make him an ideal candidate for this position.

Rubidoux wholeheartedly endorses Mr. Murphy's candidacy and urges your support for his election to the LAFCO Board. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Rubidoux at (951) 684-7580 or Mr. Murphy directly at (951) 790-2347.

Thank you for considering this endorsement.

Sincerely,



BRIAN R. LADDUSAW, CPA
General Manager



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February 20, 2024

To Special District Board Presiding Officers and District Clerks

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District it is with highest regard that we request your district's support and vote for EVMWD's Vice President Harvey R. Ryan for the Alternate Special District Countywide seat on the Riverside County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

EVMWD believes Director Ryan is an ideal candidate and highly qualified for this seat. He understands the dynamics of the region, has been a long-time resident and is highly involved in the community and public service. He brings a wealth of knowledge and a wide range of expertise in planning and development. He has served on the City Planning Commission and the RDA and has served on EVMWD's board for more than 20 years. He is currently Vice President of the Board and serves on several committees and as District representative for multiple organizations including Legislative, Conservation & Outreach, Finance & Administration Committee, Engineering and Operations Committee, Water Planning Committee, Groundwater Advisory, EMWD Group, Lake Elsinore Chamber of Commerce, ACWA Region 9, and several others.

EVMWD believes that Harvey R. Ryan will do an excellent job representing the special districts on LAFCO. With his extensive experience and passion for serving the region along with the support and resources of EVMWD, EVMWD has the upmost confidence he will add value and be a highly regarded member to the proceedings at Riverside County LAFCO.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chance Edmondson", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Chance Edmondson
Board President

Morning Esteemed Colleagues and Leaders of Special Districts in Riverside County,

On behalf of Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVMWD), I humbly request your district's support and vote for Director Harvey R. Ryan for the Alternate Special District Countywide seat on the Riverside County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). I've attached his biography for reference.

Director Ryan has been serving the public for over 20 years as a member of the EVMWD Board of Directors. I feel Director Ryan is an ideal candidate and suitably qualified for this seat. As a long term resident of the region, he has seen the area grow, and understands the dynamics of all the moving parts that make a community effective and what it can be. He is extremely involved in the community and providing excellent public service, whether as a board member for EVMWD or through his numerous charitable and philanthropic work. He has a passion for education and helping young people succeed, which is admirable in today's society. Additionally, he brings a wealth of knowledge and a wide range of expertise in planning and development, where he has served on the Lake Elsinore City Planning Commission and the RDA, and is frequently sought out by local city council or county officials for advice and information. He is currently the Vice President of the Board, serving on several committees and as District representative for multiple organizations including Legislative, Conservation & Outreach Committee, Finance & Administration Committee, Engineering and Operations Committee, Water Planning Committee, Groundwater Advisory Committee, EMWD/EVMWD Group representative, Lake Elsinore Chamber of Commerce, and several others. In fact, he was recently the Chair of ACWA Region 9, where he was recognized for his leadership in advancing the aims and needs of the region at the state level. Lastly, he has made numerous trips to Sacramento and Washington DC over the 20 years working to advance the needs of the region, support or oppose legislation or regulations that impact the district

and region, and obtain various funds that help lower costs to our ratepayers and improve the health of our customers.

I believe that Harvey will do an excellent job representing ALL special districts on LAFCO. With his extensive experience and passion for serving the region along with the support and resources of EVMWD, EVMWD has the upmost confidence he will add value and be a highly regarded member to the proceedings at Riverside County LAFCO.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.
Sincerely,
Greg

Greg Thomas

General Manager

Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District

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