



Marin County Special Districts Association

Dear fellow special district manager,

I am writing on behalf of the recently re-established [Marin County Special Districts Association \(MCSDA\)](#) with regards to the attached mail-ballot election for proposed rule changes to the selection of Marin County **LAFCo** special district representatives. This is an important change in the process so please read the attached explanation for the revisions. **MCSDA** is assisting **LAFCo** with this matter and recommends approval. I would be happy to answer any questions you have on the rules or the ballot.

Please help us to reach a quorum of special district members by returning the attached signed ballot to me by email or posting it to the address below. Ballots are due by 5pm, Monday, October 5th, 2020. **MCSDA** is scheduled to have an executive meeting via Zoom the next day on October 6th from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. If you would like to attend, info for that meeting will be posted [here](#). When the **MCSDA** executive meeting concludes, we will call to order a meeting of the *Marin County Independent Special District Selection Committee* to count the ballots and confirm the results.

Let me also take a moment to invite you to join [MCSDA](#)! The chapter was first established in 2003 but after a few years it became dormant. In 2019, a group of special districts and CSDA representatives met to re-establish it. The CSDA Board of Directors approved the chapter's affiliation on June 11, 2020. The purpose of **MCSDA** is "...to propose and advocate constructive means for the improvement and functioning of Special Districts within the County of Marin, State of California, and to assist such Special Districts and their governing bodies to provide a more effective and efficient government at the closest level to the Citizens of Marin County that will result in benefit to the public."

MCSDA's objectives are:

- A. To provide a local forum for member districts to discuss and consider issues of importance to special districts.
- B. To establish a communication network among member districts, other chapters, and other local governmental agencies.
- C. To carry out workshops, educational seminars and programs of mutual interest and benefits to member districts.
- D. To make recommendations regarding policy, programs, services and legislation to the Officers of the California Special Districts Association.
- E. To inform the public about the purpose and benefits of local special district government.
- F. To carry out joint studies which benefit the special districts in the Chapter.
- G. To serve as a forum for LAFCo Special District Selection Committee.

MCSDA will hold executive meetings quarterly and one annual meeting of all members. The first annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 2:30pm-4:30pm. No dues are required for membership. You may obtain an application from **MCSDA** Secretary, Shelley Redding, by emailing shelley.redding@invernesspud.org. Current members include: Almonte Sanitary District, Alto Sanitary District, Inverness Public Utility District, Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District, and Tamalpais Community Services District. There are thirty independent special districts in Marin and we want you all to participate!

We hope you will join us and look forward to seeing you (hopefully in person!) at a future **MCSDA** meeting. In the meantime, I appreciate your participation in this mail-ballot election process.

Sincerely,

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