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TO: Independent Special District Presiding Officers
c/o District Clerk

FROM: Colette Santsche, Interim Executive Officer

**SUBJECT: Ballot Distribution and Voting Instructions: Special
District Appointment to Placer LAFCO**

Dear Presiding Officer,

On February 10, 2026, the Placer Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) initiated a call for nominations to fill a vacancy for one of the regular Special District Representatives on the Commission. The presiding officer (Board Chair/President) of each independent special district were invited to submit nominations for qualified special district board members to fill this open seat.

At the close of the nomination period, LAFCO received a total of eleven (11) nominations for three (3) candidates, as summarized below:

Judy Friedman, Director, Tahoe City Public Utility District

Nominated by:

- North Tahoe Fire Protection District
- North Tahoe Public Utility District
- Northstar Community Service District
- Olympic Valley Public Service District
- Penryn Fire Protection District
- Placer Hills Fire Protection District
- Tahoe City Public Utility District
- Truckee Tahoe Airport District
- Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency

**Ross Hutchings, Director, Placer Mosquito and Vector Control
District**

Nominated by:

- Placer Mosquito and Vector Control District

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Jennifer Knisley, Director, Newcastle Rocklin Gold Hill Cemetery District

Nominated by:

- Newcastle Rocklin Gold Hill Cemetery District

All three candidates are listed on the attached ballot. Also included in your packet for review are the statements of qualifications received by LAFCO. Please note that submitting a statement was optional and we have included the two that were provided.

Voting Instructions

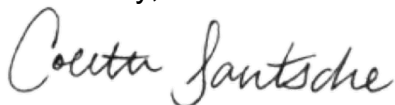
- **Ballot Completion:** Please complete the attached ballot, clearly indicating your selection.
- **Authorized Signature:** To be valid, ballots must be signed by the district's presiding officer, or the presiding officer's alternate as designated by the governing body.
- **Designation of Alternate:** If an alternate has been designated by the governing body, please include a copy of the official meeting minutes or minute order documenting this designation.
- **Quorum Requirement:** A minimum of 19 of the 37 independent special districts in Placer County must submit ballots for the election to be valid.
- **Election Outcome:** The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be appointed as the Special District Representative to LAFCO.

Submission Deadline

Please return your completed ballot via email to lafco@placer.ca.gov no later than Monday, May 4, 2026, at 4:00 PM.

Thank you for your participation and commitment to ensuring that independent special districts remain effectively represented on the Commission. Should you have any questions, please contact our office at (530) 889-4097.

Sincerely,



Colette Santsche

Interim Executive Officer
Placer LAFCO