

EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

AGENDA OF MARCH 23, 2011

REGULAR MEETING

TO: Ken Humphreys, Chairman, and
Members of the El Dorado County Local Agency Formation
Commission

FROM: José C. Henríquez, Executive Officer

**AGENDA ITEM #2H: APPROVAL OF POLICY FOR THE SELECTION OF THE
LAFCO PUBLIC MEMBER**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the attached draft amendment to Policies & Guidelines Section 1.3 relating to the selection process of the LAFCO public member.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION AND BACKGROUND

The current policy on the selection of the public representative to LAFCO requires that the Commission interview all applicants. In the last round to select former Commissioner Loftis' successor, the position attracted an unusually large number of applicants. At the August 2010 meeting, the Commission directed staff to draft a policy that reduces the number of applicants it would have to interview. The attached draft policy institutionalizes the ad hoc process that was devised in the last round. In summary, the draft policy now has triggers and requirements that must be met prior to the interview stage:

- Retains the requirement to interview all applicants if there are four or fewer people who are interested
- For five or more applicants, each of the regular six Commissioners must, after a review the application materials, independently provide to the Executive Officer their top three choices to interview. Applicants garnering at least two invites will be interviewed.

Although this was not specified as a requirement, staff read from the discussion that the Commission was not interested in interviewing more than four candidates. There is a statistical probability that approximately five to seven candidates could receive at least two invites. Consequently, staff proposes an additional procedure to avoid interviewing more than four candidates: In the event more than four applicants garner the minimum threshold of invitations, the top four candidates with the most invites moves to the interview phase.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Draft Policies & Guidelines Section 1.3