

EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

AGENDA OF DECEMBER 6, 2006

REGULAR MEETING

TO: Ted Long, Chairman, and
Members of the El Dorado County Local Agency Formation
Commission

FROM: José C. Henríquez, Executive Officer

AGENDA ITEM #2f: COMMISSIONERS' TERMS OF OFFICE REALIGNMENT

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission adopt the Terms of Office Realignment as depicted in Attachment A.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION

At the September 2006 meeting, the Commissioners discussed their LAFCO terms of office and were concerned that these did not match their respective jurisdictions' terms of office. The Commission asked staff to review the terms and recommend changes, if any, to ensure conformity.

BACKGROUND

All of the Commissioner's terms of office currently begin in January. County members' new terms of office start the month of January; but this month does not align well with the terms of office for either special district representatives or city council members. Placerville City Council Members assume office in November. South Lake Tahoe City Council Members and special district board directors usually assume office in December. However, this is normally not a problem for the city representatives because they are appointed by the City Selection Committee and it can appoint a new LAFCO representative if the circumstances warrant. Because LAFCO special district representatives are elected by the governing boards of the special districts countywide, adjusting the terms or representatives prove to be challenging.

Based on the Commission's direction, staff recommends the adoption of the Terms of Office as depicted in Attachment A. There are no recommended changes to the terms of office for County representatives; however, the Commission may note that the seats currently held by Commissioners Baumann and Dupray extend beyond their ability to serve on the Board of Supervisors, as the County has term limits for supervisors. For

Commissioners whose terms of office end in 2006, the assumption is that a four-year term would begin anew starting in December 2006. Their membership to LAFCO will be consistent with prior practices – County members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors, city members by the City Selection Committee and special district members by the Special District Selection Committee, which in the past was composed by holding an election via mailed ballots.

Should the Commission approve these changes to the terms of office, the Commission will also be amending Policy and Guideline 1.3.3, which will read:

- 1.1.3 **Term of Office:** The term of each member shall be four years. Commissioners serve until the appointment and qualification of a successor or until removed by the appointing body (§56334). A Commissioner is required to vacate their seat if he or she ceases to hold the originating office (§56337). Terms begin on the first Monday of January (~~approved 1/24/02~~) *for County and public members and the first Monday of December for city and special district members.*

Attachment:

Attachment A: Recommended El Dorado LAFCO Terms of Office