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TO: MEMBERS, FORMATION COMMISSION

FROM: PAUL L. HOOD, EXECUTIVE OFFICER <sup>PLH</sup>

DATE: JANUARY 15, 2009

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF LAFCO  
PUBLIC MEMBER AND ALTERNATE PUBLIC  
MEMBER TO TERMS ENDING IN 2012

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**Recommendation:** It is respectfully recommended that the Commission Appoint/Reappoint the Public Member and Alternate Public Members to Terms Ending in 2012

**Discussion:** Government Code Section 56325(d) requires that whenever a vacancy occurs in the Public Member or Alternate Public Member positions, the Commission shall cause a notice of the vacancy to be posted and a copy of the notice to be sent to the clerk or secretary of the legislative body of each local agency in the County. The notice was posted and mailed as required by State law.

The terms of both the Regular and Alternate Public Members expired in December 2008. It will therefore be necessary for the Commission to either reappoint the present Public and Alternate Public Members or replacements. The Cortese-Knox-Herzberg Act allows Commissioners whose terms have expired to serve until they are reappointed or replaced.

The Public and Alternate Public Member positions are presently filled by Richard Roberts and Tom Murray, respectively. Both Mr. Roberts and Mr. Murray are requesting reappointment (see attached). Mr. Roberts has served as the Public Member since 2000 and as the Alternate Public Member from 1996-2000. Mr. Roberts served two terms as the Commission's Chairman most recently in 2008. Mr. Murray has served as the Alternate Public Member since 2000 and has sat on the Commission a number of times in Mr. Roberts' absence. Both Mr. Roberts and Mr. Murray have been excellent Commissioners. No other persons have applied for the positions.

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**January 3, 2009**

Paul Hood, Executive Director  
LAFCO

Dear Paul,

I respectfully request that the LAFCO Commissioners consider electing me to another Public Member term of office. Following is a brief resume of my qualifications.

**PRESENT**

- LAFCO Public Member for eight years; Alternate Public Member for four years: LAFCO chair two years. Limited activity in CALAFCO.
- Board of Directors, Retired Active Men's Association; Secretary/Treasurer.
- Founding Member, Board of Directors, Grover Beach Community Library.
- Rotary Club of Grover Beach, Bulletin Editor/Publicity; Paul Harris Fellow.
- Grover Beach Chamber of Commerce; volunteer reporter.

**PAST**

- Masters Degree- Public Health; BS, Bacteriology/Public Health
- City of Grover Beach Planning Commission for eight years.
- Founding Member/Board of Directors, Clark Center Association; Secretary.
- President of South County Performing Arts Guild for two years.
- Founding Member/Board of Directors, Central Coast Exploration Station, Grover Beach.
- Director of Environmental Health Services, San Bernardino County.
- District Manager, West Valley Vector Control District (Chino Valley).
- Environmental Management Consultant.
- President/member of several professional National and State Environmental/Public Health Organizations.
- Member, Underwriters Laboratory Environmental/Public Health Council; ten years.
- Board of Directors/Parliamentarian, Grover Beach Chamber of Commerce.

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

- Citizen of the Year- Grover Beach Chamber of Commerce.
- Environmental Health Specialist of the Year, California Environmental Health Association.
- Mangold Award (highest award), National Environmental Health Association.

Sincerely,

Richard Roberts

**Tom Murray**  
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January 5, 2009

TO: Paul Hood  
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RE: Appointment to Commission, Alternate Public Member

Dear Paul,

I am requesting the Commission consider reappointing me to the position of alternate Public Member of LAFCO.

Over the years I have gained a great deal of respect for the role LAFCO plays in how our county grows and the policies and procedures which guide the Commission's decision making process.

During my tenure, I have attended two annual conferences. While there I worked hard to understand the complex issues facing the Commission and how these challenges are playing out across the state. On the occasions Richard Roberts has been unavailable, I have served as his alternate. Prior to taking a seat I faithfully review available subject matter and when appropriate meet with staff for additional information.

During the time I have served, I have endeavored to contribute in a constructive manner, improve my understanding of land use issues and interact with the public in an open, honest, forthright manner.

The members of LAFCO have grappled with a number of controversial issues in the last eight years. Staff and Commissioners have always conformed to the highest ethical standards. They have always, always displayed the greatest respect for the concerns expressed by the public as well as applicants. This is a government agency I am proud to be associated with. I am respectfully requesting the Commission consider my application for reappointment so I may continue my service to the community.

Sincerely,

Tom Murray