



Executive Officer's Report

To: Imperial LAFCo Commissioners

From: Tyler Salcido, Executive Officer

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Item #: 8b

Subject: Appointment of an Alternate Public Member to the Commission

Date: November 20, 2025

Time: 08:30 a.m.

Location: El Centro City Council Chambers
1275 W. Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243

Report

G.C. § = Government Code Section

1. Purpose of Report

Appoint an alternate public member to the Commission for a four-year term, ending May 7, 2029.

On October 10, 2025, Commissioner Felipe Irigoyen, alternate public member, submitted a letter of resignation dated October 8, 2025, due to being appointed as Director to the Imperial Valley Healthcare District. He was appointed to the Commission as the alternate public member on June 26, 2025, for a term of four years.

2. State Law

Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000:

a. Appointment

G.C. § 56325 (d) One representing the general public appointed by the other members of the commission. The other members of the commission may also appoint one alternate member who shall serve pursuant to Section 56331. Appointment of the public member and alternate public member shall be subject to the affirmative vote of at least one of the members appointed by each of the other appointing authorities.

G.C. § 56331 When appointing a public member pursuant to Section 56325, the commission may also appoint one alternate public member

who may serve and vote in place of a regular public member who is absent or who disqualifies himself or herself from participating in a meeting of the commission.

b. Notice of Vacancy

G.C. § 56325 (d) Whenever a vacancy occurs in the public member or alternate public member position, the commission shall cause a notice of vacancy to be posted as provided in Section 56158. A copy of this notice shall be sent to the clerk or secretary of the legislative body of each local agency within the county. Final appointment to fill the vacancy may not be made for at least 21 days after the posting of the notice.

G.C. § 56158 Notice required to be posted shall be posted on or near the doors of the meeting room of the legislative body or commission or upon any official bulletin board used for the purpose of posting public notices by, or pertaining to, the legislative body or commission.

c. Qualifications

G.C. § 56331 The public member and the alternate public member shall be residents of the county of the appointing commission. No person appointed as a public member or alternate public member pursuant to this chapter shall be an officer or employee of the county or any city or district with territory in the county.

d. Terms of Commissioners

G.C. § 56334 The term of office of each member shall be four years and until the appointment and qualification of his or her successor. The expiration date of the term of office of each member shall be the first Monday in May in the year in which the term of the member expires.

3. Notice of Vacancy

In accordance with Government Code Section 56158, the notice of vacancy was posted on the front page of the LAFCo website and bulletin board outside the LAFCo office on October 20, 2025.

In accordance with Government Code Section 56325 (d), a copy of the notice was emailed on October 20, 2025, to the following agencies, asking them to distribute the notice within their agencies and to post on the agencies' social media to help spread the notice:

- Imperial County
- each City
- each Special District
- Imperial Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Chamber of Commerce for Brawley and Holtville
- Imperial County Association of Realtors
- Imperial County Farm Bureau

The notice was also announced twice a day on the KXO Radio Station (AM 1230 and FM 107.5) for the following dates:

- October 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31
- November 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7

See notice of vacancy (Exhibit A)

4. Applications Received

Two applications were received. Both candidates are residents of Imperial County and are not officers or employees of the county, a city, or a district. All candidates have indicated that, as a LAFCo member, they have no conflicts of interest regarding decisions. See applications received (Exhibit B)

- **Trevor Tagg** is General Manager of West-Gro Farms, Inc., Owner/Broker of Bear Surf Properties Company, LLC, Director & Board Secretary of the Imperial County Farm Bureau, Board Treasurer of the Imperial County Sheriff's Office Association, and lives in Holtville.
- **Jason Jackson** is President & CEO of Southwest Protective Services, Inc., served on the LAFCo Commission from 2013-2020 while an El Centro City Council Member, and lives in El Centro.

Options

Option #1: Appoint one of the current applicants as the Alternate Public Member to the Commission.

Option #2: Invite the applicants to attend the next scheduled Commission meeting for interviews prior to making an appointment decision.

Option # 3: Direct staff to reopen the recruitment process to solicit additional applicants before proceeding with an appointment.

Recommendation by the Executive Officer

The Executive Officer does not offer a specific recommendation regarding the appointment of the Alternate Public Member at this time. Each of the listed options presents a reasonable path forward, and staff defers to the Commission's discretion on how best to proceed.

EXHIBIT A: Notice of Vacancy

EXHIBIT B: Applications Received

EXHIBIT C: Draft LAFCo Resolution #2025-XX