



# Imperial LAFCO

**RDA APPOINTMENT & SPECIAL DISTRICTS REPRESENTATION**

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# Special District Seat

## **Imperial LAFCO has 14 Independent Special Districts**

In 2014 the majority of the districts voted in opposition of a seat on the commission mainly due to the cost and lack of interest.

In January 2018 staff met with the special districts to discuss the RDA appointment & the Special District seating.

## **Concerns/Challenges**

### **The cost to be seated**

- Our accountant calculated what the estimated costs would be pursuant to GC 56381 (C) and those numbers were provided to each district. The estimate was obtained from the State Controllers report from FY 15/16. As a result, the special districts may once again have reservations about a seat on LAFCO.

### **Why doesn't the hospital district contribute? (GC 56381 (D) (i) (ii))**

- Pursuant to GC 56381 (D) (ii) a healthcare district for which net operations is a negative number may not be apportioned any share of the commission's operational costs until the fiscal year following positive net from operations.
  - We have one healthcare district that operates a hospital and the net from operations is negative.

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## Concerns/Challenges

### Can a district “buy” a permanent seat?

- One of the special districts (utility district) wants to explore the option of having a guaranteed permanent seat on the commission
- Based on the numbers, this district would be paying approximately \$117,000.
- Pursuant to GC 56381 (E) the independent special districts share may be apportioned by an alternative method approved by the majority of the districts, representing a majority of the combined populations.
  - The district has the option of negotiating a higher contribution in return for a guaranteed permanent seat.

# Special District Seat/RDA Oversight Board

## Next Steps...

AB 979 provides the LAFCO's with a streamlined process to seat the special districts. We are taking advantage of this and are requesting the Commission adopt a Resolution of Intent on April 25<sup>th</sup>. This will start the 15 day clock pursuant to GC 56332.5 (b)

A letter was sent to all districts on 03/22/18 inviting them to a meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. During this meeting the Selection Committee is requested to vote on whether the districts will accept representation on the commission.

## **RDA Oversight Board Appointment**

The Selection Committee is scheduled to meet in May to discuss the appointment to the RDA Oversight Board. At that time we will discuss the option of voting in person or through mail. A CSDA representative will be present to help answer any questions.