



***Why "You can't always get what you want - but you can make sure you got what you agreed to receive."***

## **The Property Tax Elements of Jurisdictional Changes and Fiscal Reviews**

### **Presenter Bios**

**PAULA CONE**, President HdL Coren & Cone

After spending 24 years in municipal government in finance and city management, Mrs. Cone completed the development of the first cost-effective and accurate program for identifying, monitoring, auditing and correcting property tax misallocations. In addition, HdLCC provides real estate trending information that has become integral to cities and special districts understanding the impact of changes within their jurisdictions and that translation to revenues received. HdL Coren & Cone provides property tax management, audit and analytical services to more than 250 cities and special districts in 44 counties in California. She oversees the day to day operation in the company's property tax management, client support, budget forecast projections and client interface. Ms. Cone earned her Bachelor's degree from California State University at Long Beach. She is former Parks and Recreation Director and Assistant City Manager of the City of Lawndale.

**DARREN HERNANDEZ**, Principal, HdL Coren & Cone

Darren Hernandez joined HdL Coren & Cone as a Principal in January 2021 following a long career in public service. Prior to joining HdL Coren & Cone, Most recently, Darren served with the City of Santa Clarita for seventeen years, first as Director of Administrative Services and subsequently as Deputy City Manager.

Among the projects Darren coordinated for Santa Clarita include creation of a citywide Open Space Preservation District; creation of the Santa Clarita Public Library; creation of a citywide Landscape Maintenance District; and coordination of sixteen annexations of unincorporated territory including negotiation of property tax transfer agreements between the city and Los Angeles County. Darren also served as a member of the Oversight Board of the Successor Agency. Education: Bachelor of Arts, State University of New York at New Paltz, he studied public finance as a graduate student at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University.

**DR. KIMBERLY COX**, Director, Mojave Water Agency  
Kimberly Cox was first elected to the Board of Directors in 2003, representing Division 1. As a resident of the High Desert since 1985, she brings professional experience in city government and special districts, as well as expertise in water management to the Mojave Water Agency board.

Currently, Dr. Cox serves as the General Manager for the Helendale Community Services District, a position she has held for 15 years. She previously worked in city government before transitioning to a special district. Dr. Cox is an adjunct professor with California Baptist University.

A recognized water expert, Cox was appointed in 2013 and reappointed twice by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. to serve on the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board. Lahontan RWQCB is responsible for protecting water quality within Region 6 of the state. There are nine regions in the state.

Dr. Cox has served on the San Bernardino County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) since 2004 representing special districts. She has also serves on the San Bernardino County Solid Waste Task Force representing special districts.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management and a Master's degree in Public Administration with an emphasis in Water Resource Management and a Doctorate in Public Administration.

