



February 7, 2023

Eden Serrano, General Manager
La Selva Beach Park & Recreation District
314 Estrella Ave.
La Selva Beach, CA 95076

SUBJECT: ELECTION FOR SPECIAL DISTRICT REGULAR MEMBER ON LAFCO

Dear Mr. Serrano:

The purpose of this letter is to solicit your district's vote for the regular member seat on LAFCO. The independent special districts in Santa Cruz County get three positions on the LAFCO board. The two regular member seats are currently held by Jim Anderson (Felton Fire Protection District) with a term ending in May 2025, and Rachél Lather (Soquel Creek Water District) with a term ending in May 2023. The alternate member seat is currently held by Ed Banks (Pajaro Valley Public Cemetery District) with a term ending in May 2025. **In preparation of Commissioner Rachél Lather expiring term of office, LAFCO staff will be conducting an election to fill the regular member seat on the LAFCO board.**

Candidates

The two candidates running for LAFCO's special district regular member seat are:

- **Rachél Lather** (Soquel Creek Water District; Incumbent); and
- **James Joseph Gallagher** (Pajaro Valley Health Care District)

Background information from the candidates is enclosed. As previously mentioned, Rachél Lather is currently LAFCO's special district regular member.

Election Process

The election will be conducted by mail. Each district gets one vote for each position, which shall be executed on the enclosed ballot by either the presiding officer of the district board or by their designee. **The deadline to return the executed ballot to the LAFCO office will be no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2023.** Ballots can be mailed, hand-delivered, or emailed to the LAFCO office. If emailed, please follow-up by mailing the ballot with an original signature. LAFCO staff will open and tally the ballots at 4:00 p.m. in the LAFCO office. Anyone who wishes to observe the tally should come to the LAFCO office at that time. The Independent Special District Selection Committee rules of procedure are posted on the Policies and Rules page of LAFCO's website: <https://santacruzlafco.org/about/policies-procedures/>

Please contact me at the LAFCO office if you have any questions about the voting process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joe A. Serrano', is written over a white background.

Joe A. Serrano
Executive Officer

Attachments:

- 1) Candidates' Information
- 2) Ballot and Certification of Person Voting