

MENDOCINO

Local Agency Formation Commission

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REGULAR MEETINGS

First Monday of each month
at 9:00 AM in the
Mendocino County
Board of Supervisors
Chambers
501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah

Date: August 19, 2022

To: Presiding Officers of Independent Special Districts in Mendocino County

From: Uma Hinman, Executive Officer

Subject: Official Independent Special District Election Ballot

Announcement of election for the special district regular member seat on LAFCo. The election will fill a four-year term ending beginning January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026.

The process for selecting special district members to LAFCo is set forth in Government Code Section (GOV) 56332, which provides for a meeting to be convened among representatives from each of the 49 independent special districts in Mendocino County, unless the Executive Officer determines that a meeting is not feasible. Pursuant to GOV 56332(f), the LAFCo Executive Officer is conducting the nomination process and election by mail on behalf of the Independent Special District Selection Committee, determining that achieving a quorum for a meeting is not feasible.

A request for nominations was sent via certified mail on April 29, 2022, announcing the vacancy of the alternate special district seat and the upcoming term expiration of a regular special district seat, and soliciting nominations from independent special district boards for candidates to fill the four-year terms (January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2026) for both seats. The nomination period ended August 1, with the following three (3) nominations received by the deadline.

Nominee/Candidate	Agency	Status
Regular Special District Member		
Francois Christen	Anderson Valley CSD	Election
Candace Horsley	Ukiah Valley Sanitation District	Election
Alternate Special District		
Francois Christen	Anderson Valley CSD	Appointed

Having received only one nomination for the Alternate Special District term, in accordance with GOV 56332(c)(2), the nominee is deemed appointed. The receipt of more than one nomination for the Regular Special District term requires an election by mailed ballot.

Enclosed is the official ballot to elect one candidate to serve as regular special district member on Mendocino LAFCo for the term that ends December 31, 2026.

Ballots must be returned to Mendocino LAFCo at 200 South School Street, Ukiah, CA, 95482, or by email to eo@mendolafoo.org, on or before November 11, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Your district is encouraged to participate in this election process. For an election to be valid, at least a quorum of the special districts must submit valid ballots. The candidate receiving the most votes shall be deemed elected.

Any nomination and ballot received by the Executive Officer after the date specified is invalid, provided, however, that if a quorum of ballots is not received by that date, the Executive Officer shall extend the date to submit ballots by 60 days and notify all districts of the extension. An election schedule with information about the counting of ballots and successful candidate notification is enclosed.

Election Schedule

LAFCo request for nominations mailed to independent special districts via certified mail	Sent April 29, 2022
Nomination deadline	August 1 by 5:00 p.m.
Ballots mailed to independent special districts via certified mail	August 19
Ballots due to LAFCo	November 11 by 12:00 p.m.
Ballots tallied at LAFCo office; successful candidate notified	November 15 at 11:00 a.m.
Election results mailed to independent special districts	No later than November 22
Confirmation of election results	December 5, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Commission

Current Special District Members on LAFCo

Designation	Current Member	Term Ends
Regular Member	Tony Orth, Brooktrails Township Community Services District	December 31, 2024
Regular Member	Matthew Froneberger, Russian River Flood Control District	December 31, 2022
Alternate Member	Vacant	December 31, 2022

Attachments:

1. Candidate Information Forms
2. List of Independent Special Districts of Mendocino County

Enclosed: Official 2022 Ballot

Attachment 1

Candidate Information Forms

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Special District Member Candidate Information Sheet

Candidate Name	Francois G. Christen
Address	10951 Big Meadow Road PO Box 157 Philo CA 95465-0167
Phone	707-300-6041
Email	fosrover@me.com
District	Anderson Valley Community Services District
Title	Board Member

1. Length of service with District:

2 years, 8 months

2. Present Occupation:

Community Service

3. Personal and Professional Background:

- Worked in industry as a marketing researcher and marketing scientist from 1980 to 2013
- Employed at Wells Fargo Bank 16 years in Small Business, ATM Banking and Consumer Insights Group; managed teams from 3 to 36 employees
- Also worked at the Rand Corporation, SRI (Stanford Research Institute), and Landor Associates
- Owned a small marketing strategy/research consultancy for seven years
- Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology, UCLA 1980

4. Summarize your interest in serving on LAFCo:

I have been very interested in policy making since I was a graduate student and working at the Rand Corporation as an in-house consultant. At Rand I worked on a project studying growth in four major cities including San Jose, where the issue was whether citizens wanted housing versus orchards. I am interested in representing the interests of Special Districts in Mendocino County at LAFCO. In general, I am in favor of sensible regulations pertaining to LAFCO's mandate of establishing (formations and

incorporations), expanding (annexations), decreasing (detachments), combining (mergers and consolidations), and eliminating (dissolutions and dis-incorporations) cities and special districts, as well as authorizing outside service contracts in Mendocino County. I would also be interested in contributing to the five years mandate to establish the sphere of influence of each city and special district within the County, and especially focusing on the interests of the Special Districts.

5. Summarize your qualifications for serving on LAFCo:

Two and a half years on the Board of the Anderson Valley Community Services District where I have:

- Supported the Water/Wastewater initiative for Boonville,
- Successfully applied to the Community Foundation of Mendocino County for two grants for the local Fire Department for radio upgrades and water tanks,
- Spearheaded the institution of a SEP IRA for the CSD's permanent employees.
- Small business owner (marketing strategy and research) for seven years
- Successful career in a corporate environment (Wells Fargo).

6. List local government involvement:

- Board Member of the AV Community Services District
- Regular participant in the Mendocino Fire Safe Council meetings representing the Nash Ranch
- Road Association and local landowners.

7. List civic organization involvement:

- Volunteer to the Anderson Valley Adult School where I help out with English proficiency testing
- Member of the Board of the Nash Ranch Road Association for 11 years (two years as chair)
- Spearheaded a number of initiatives and grant-solicitation to improve fire safety on the Nash Ranch by reducing brush along the roads
- Spearheaded the development of a tracking to system to fairly allocate budgets to repair competing road segments.

8. List special interests or hobbies:

Outdoor enthusiast: cycling, hiking, backpacking, camping. Reading

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Special District Member Candidate Information Sheet

Candidate Name	Candace Horsley
Address	1261 Ridgeview Drive
Phone	707 391-7574
Email	candacehorsley@sbcglobal.net
District	Ukiah Valley Sanitation District
Title	Board Member

1. Length of service with District:

3 years

2. Present Occupation:

Retired City Manager

3. Personal and Professional Background:

I was City Manager at the City of Ukiah for thirteen years and worked on many issues that involved LAFCo. I have dealt with local, state and federal agencies on a variety of issues and projects.

4. Summarize your interest in serving on LAFCo:

The purpose of LAFCo includes discouraging urban sprawl and providing efficient government services. LAFCo also encourages the orderly formation and development of local agencies based upon local conditions and circumstances. I believe that we are at a critical time in Mendocino County and would like to contribute to the orderly changes that could occur in this region.

5. Summarize your qualifications for serving on LAFCo:

I believe that my past experience with SOI's, MSR's and local planning issues provides me with a broad spectrum of experience in these areas. Since being elected to the Sanitation Board, I have helped work through potentially contentious issues for the good of the entire valley and the Board. Additionally, I have participated in City/County agreements and worked extensively with water districts.

6. List local government involvement:

I was with the City of Ukiah for 23 years in various capacities and have worked with the Inland Water and Power Commission on water supply and reliability issues including being the local sponsor with the Corps of Engineers for possible raising of Coyote Dam since 2008.

7. List civic organization involvement:

I have been on the Grace Hudson Museum Guild board for fourteen years and ran the Alzheimers unit of the Ukiah Hospice for three years.

8. List special interests or hobbies:

Travel, gardening, history, grandchildren

Attachment 2

Independent Special Districts of Mendocino County

Albion-Little River Fire District	Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District
Anderson Valley Cemetery District	Mendocino County Resource Conservation District
Anderson Valley Community Services District	Mendocino County Water Works District No. 2
Brooktrails Township Community Services District	Mendocino Fire Protection District
Calpella County Water District	Mendocino-Little River Cemetery District
Caspar South Water District	Millview County Water District
Cemetery District of the Redwoods	Noyo Harbor District
Comptche Community Services District	Pacific Reefs Water District
Covelo Community Services District	Piercy Fire Protection District
Covelo Fire Protection District	Potter Valley Cemetery District
Covelo Public Cemetery District	Potter Valley Community Services District
Elk Community Services District	Potter Valley Irrigation District
Elk County Water District	Redwood Coast Fire Protection District
Fort Bragg Rural Fire Protection District	Redwood Valley-Calpella Fire District
Gualala Community Services District	Redwood Valley County Water District
Hopland Cemetery District	Round Valley County Water District
Hopland Fire Protection District	Russian River Cemetery District
Hopland Public Utility District	Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District
Irish Beach Water District	South Coast Fire Protection District
Laytonville County Water District	Ukiah Valley Fire Protection District
Leggett Valley Fire Protection District	Ukiah Valley Sanitation District
Little Lake Fire Protection District	Westport County Water District
Long Valley Fire Protection District	Westport-Ten Mile Cemetery District
Mendocino City Community Services District	Willow County Water District
Mendocino Coast Health Care District	

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2022 ELECTION BALLOT

Mark selection directly onto the ballot, voting for no more than one (1) candidate for the indicated seat.

Special District <i>Regular</i> Member	
Please Vote for One (1)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Francois Christen – Anderson Valley Community Services District	
<input type="checkbox"/> Candace Horsley – Ukiah Valley Sanitation District	
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	_____
<i>(Write in Candidate)</i>	<i>(Name of District)</i>
Certification of Ballot	
_____	_____
District Board Chair or Designee	District Manager/Clerk or Secretary of the Board
_____	_____
District	Date

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