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City of Santa Ana
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Staff Report
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TOPIC: Biennial Review and Appointment of Regional Board Representatives

AGENDA TITLE:

Biennial Review and Appointment of Regional Board Representatives

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Review the regional board appointment list and appoint members and alternates to serve as representatives to various outside agencies through December 2024 (or specific term where noted).
2. Adopt a resolution designating and appointing a representative to the Orange County Fire Authority's Board of Directors, if necessary; and,
3. Direct the Clerk of the Council to update and post the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Form 806 (Agency Report of Public Official Appointments) on the City's website.

DISCUSSION

The Mayor and City Council represent the City's interest in regional issues by serving on a number of regional boards which make public policy decisions in the areas of transportation, water resources, fire services, and government facilities.

The City Council reviews regional board appointees on an annual basis and can make necessary changes. Attached is a list of current representatives, meeting dates, compensation and other pertinent information on each board (Exhibit 1). For discussion purposes, the following is a list of regional boards and appointing authority.

Metropolitan Water District

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a regional wholesaler that delivers water to 26 member public agencies – 14 cities, 11 municipal water districts, one county water authority – which in turn provides water to more than 19 million people in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura counties. Metropolitan is governed by a 38-member board of directors who represent their

respective member agencies ensuring each member agency is part of the governance of Metropolitan. A board member is appointed by the majority of the City Council (member does not have to be elected official).

The current representative is Councilmember Thai Viet Phan.

Newport Bay Watershed Executive Committee

The Newport Bay Watershed Executive Committee (Executive Committee is the successor to the Upper Newport Bay Sediment Control Executive Committee established through a cooperative agreement in the early 1980s. The Executive Committee was formed by amendment of the cooperative agreement in 1999, and now includes in its interests the impairments of Newport Bay caused by nutrients, toxics, and pathogens in addition to sediment, as well as related environmental enhancements. Members of the Executive Committee are elected, appointed, or executive level managers, with one member from each of the signatories to the agreement (the County member, however, represents both the County and the Orange County Flood Control District). The Executive Committee provides strategic direction for environmental enhancement programs in the watershed, advocacy of these programs to the elected/appointed boards of the member organizations, and a forum for discussion of watershed environmental issues.

The current representative is Executive Director of Public Works, Nabil Saba.

Orange County Housing Finance Trust

The Orange County Housing Finance Trust (OCHFT) was formed in 2019 as a joint powers authority between the County of Orange and the cities throughout the county. OCHFT was created for the purpose of funding housing specifically assisting the homeless population and persons and families of extremely low, very low, and low income within the County of Orange. Term of office for members of the Board of Directors shall be for two (2) years.

The current representative is Councilmember David Penaloza.

Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA)

The Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors has twenty-five members and sets policy according to its adopted Rules of Procedures. Twenty-three of the members represent partner cities, and two members represent the county unincorporated area. A board member is appointed by the majority of the City Council. Selection must be authorized by resolution.

The current representative is Mayor Pro Tem Jessie Lopez.

Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) Board

The Orange County Sanitation District is a wastewater treatment facility that serves Orange County, California. It consists of two operating plants, referred to as Plant No. 1 located in Fountain Valley and Plant No. 2 located in Huntington Beach. It is the third largest wastewater treatment facility west of the Mississippi River. OCSD and the Orange County Water District were awarded the Stockholm Industry Water Award in 2008 for pioneering work to develop with Trojan Technologies the Groundwater Replenishment System, the world's largest water purification plant for groundwater recharge. A board member and alternate are appointed by the majority of the City Council.

The current representative is Councilmember Johnathan Ryan Hernandez and former Councilmember Nelida Mendoza was serving as alternate.

Orange County Vector Control

The Orange County Vector Control Board is an independent special district dedicated to controlling rats, mosquitoes, and other disease carrying and public health pests. Activities also include surveillance of vectors and vector-borne diseases, public education services and identification of public health pests. Each Trustee is appointed by the city they represent to serve a two or four-year term.

The current representative, former Councilmember Nelida Mendoza, was appointed to a term that will expire on January 2024. A representative may only be removed for cause.

Orange County Water District

The Orange County Water District manages, replenishes and protects the Orange County Groundwater Basin—Orange County's largest source of drinking water. The 270-square-mile basin provides approximately 75 percent of the water supply to more than 2.5 million residents in north and central Orange County.

A 10-member board of directors governs the District and implements policies that foster sound management of the basin, as well as support the advancement of OCWD's mission to provide an adequate, reliable, high-quality water supply at the lowest reasonable cost in an environmentally responsible manner. Seven board members are elected and three are appointed by Anaheim, Fullerton and Santa Ana city councils.

Former Councilmember Nelida Mendoza was serving as the representative.

Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) District #16

Pursuant to the SCAG bylaws, each SCAG district in the six-county SCAG region has one Regional Council seat. Regional Council members are elected by a vote of the cities in each SCAG district that are members of SCAG. Elections for Regional Council District Representatives are completed every other year, with elections for odd-numbered districts occurring in odd-numbered years, and elections for even-numbered

districts occurring in even-numbered years. Each elected SCAG Regional Council member can participate on any policy committee of choice. SCAG bylaws allow for additional Regional Council seats to be assigned to each Board of Supervisors and each county transportation commission member agency. Each SCAG subregion also has an at-large policy committee seat for as many districts that are located in the subregion. These at-large policy committee seats are filled through an appointment by the subregional board and are called Subregional Representatives. A board member and alternate is appointed by the majority of the City Council.

The current representative is Councilmember Phil Bacerra.

Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)

The Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) is one of twelve subregions in the SCAG region, and comprises the Orange County subregion to SCAG. There are twelve SCAG districts within Orange County, allowing for 12 Subregional Representative seats at-large to serve on SCAG policy committees. To be an eligible nominee for a Subregional Representative seat, the nominee must be an elected official from a SCAG member city. There is no term limit for a Subregional Representative seat, provided the appointee continues to be an elected official from a SCAG member city.

The current representative is Councilmember Phil Bacerra.

Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA) – Foothill/Eastern

Joint Powers Authority formed in 1986 to design, finance, construct and operate the three Orange County toll roads. The Agency is in the process of merging all toll roads under the direction of one board. A board member and alternate are appointed by the majority of the City Council.

The current representative is Councilmember David Penaloza and former Councilmember Nelida Mendoza was serving as alternate.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There is no environmental impact associated with this action.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

EXHIBIT(S)

1. List of Current Regional Board Members
2. Resolution for OCFA Appointment

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