



Coastside Fire Protection District

STAFF REPORT

TO: Honorable Board of Directors

FROM: Jed Wilson, Unit Chief

DATE: May 27, 2026

SUBJECT: **LAFCo Special District Election 2026**

Staff Recommendation

The Board should assess candidate options and decide who the Board President will vote for. Then, by a motion, direct the Board President to complete and return ballot with a vote cast for the chosen candidate.

Background and Discussion

In early May, the District received a ballot and candidate statements for the selection of a Regular Special District Member to San Mateo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) for Term Ending May 2030. The ballot instructs the President of the Board to cast a single vote on behalf of the District. The Ballot is due June 1st, 2026.

There are two candidate choices- Kati Martin and Katheryn Slater-Carter. Their statements have been included in the attachment. The Board should discuss choices and vote, followed by a motion to direct the Board President to cast the official ballot for the chosen candidate.

Attachments

1. Ballot and Candidate Statements

ATTACHMENT 1

BALLOT – Issued April 29, 2026

**For Selection of Regular Special District Member
To San Mateo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) For Term Ending May 2030**

Independent Special District Selection Committee

Candidates: **Kati Martin, San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District**
(Nominated by Ron Collins, President, San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District)

Katheryn Slater-Carter, Montara Water and Sanitary District
(Nominated by Scott Boyd, President, Montara Water and Sanitary District)

FILL IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE. VOTE FOR ONE ONLY

Candidate Name:	Vote Cast by: (Name of Voter and Name of District)

I am either the *President of the Board* listed below **OR** *my Board appointed me as alternate to vote* on the Independent Special District Selection Committee.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Name of Special District: _____

Please return by: June 1, 2026

Return to:
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Greetings

My name is Kati Martin, and I am currently one of your two Special Districts representatives to the San Mateo County LAFCo board. I am running to retain the position. I've had both the honor and pleasure of serving on the Board for the last 6 years, 2 years as an alternate and 4 as a commissioner. I am also a board member of the San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District where I have served as Secretary, Vice-President and President over 13 years. Before that appointment, I served on 5 San Mateo County Civil Grand Juries. In a previous life, I was an Insurance defense lawyer.

I am a strong supporter of special districts recognizing their importance in our county. The governance structure provided by independent special districts allow our citizens to control essential services and resources, such as water, fire, vector abatement and open space management. That independence allows their management to sculpt what works for their district. Not just a one-size-fits-all approach that often comes with county or state governance.

As you know, LAFCo regularly reviews the operations of independent and dependent special districts to help guarantee that management is providing the promise they made to serve our citizens. Having been involved in numerous Municipal Service Reviews and interacting with board members as part of that process, I've learned to listen to their perspective. To hear their stories. To believe in the collaborative process that works for the benefit of everyone. After all, you are the people who know and run the district best.

I am available to meet with your board if you wish, and/or hope you will share this letter with your board members. My contact information is at the bottom.

I would appreciate your consideration and ultimately your vote.

Thank you

Kati Martin

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Candidate Statement for Kathryn Slater-Carter

Kathryn Slater-Carter
Vice President & Secretary, Montara Water & Sanitary District Board
Commissioner, San Mateo County Harbor Board
Chair, Sewer Authority Midcoastside
Special District Alternate, San Mateo County LAFCO
Director, CA Special District Association

Please vote for me. I am honored to be nominated as a candidate for San Mateo County LAFCO by Montara Water and Sanitary District for a Special District Regular Member seat on our LAFCO. Currently, I serve as the special districts alternate for our LAFCO Commission and have the privilege of serving on two independent special district boards--the Montara Water & Sanitary District Board and the San Mateo County Harbor Board.

I have been an advocate for special districts for 30 years, including having San Mateo County special districts be included on our LAFCO board. With 21 independent special districts, we must have an independent voice on our LAFCO commission. I will bring that independent voice.

I also serve on the state board of the California Special Districts Association where my advocacy work includes keeping our local resources and funding in our local communities. As a CSDA board member, I have also worked with the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) to help special district board members learn about and understand the importance of LAFCO to special districts.

I am asking for your support to be an independent voice on our LAFCO commission as a special district representative.

Please feel free to reach out to me at (650) 346-5255 or at kathryn@mwsd.net.