



VENTURA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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October 22, 2024

President/Chair of the Board  
c/o General Manager  
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency  
800 S. Victoria Ave. L#1610  
Ventura, CA 93009

**RE: Ballot for Election of a Special District Regular Member to the Ventura LAFCo**

Dear President/Chair of the Board:

Enclosed please find your Official Ballot for the election of a special district regular member to the Ventura LAFCo for a new, four-year term beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2028. This election is being conducted by mail pursuant to California Government Code Section 56332 (or by email, if consent has been provided by your District - see enclosed list of those districts which have consented to email). A total of four candidates have been nominated for the regular member position. The candidates are listed alphabetically on the Official Ballot and a copy of each candidate's statement (if submitted) is enclosed.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Use the enclosed **Official Ballot** to **vote for only one** candidate.
- The ballot must be signed and dated by the district president/chair or presiding officer.
- All ballots being returned via US Mail must be returned to the Ventura LAFCo at the address listed above. Districts that have previously consented to conduct elections via email can email a copy of the signed ballot to: [kai.luoma@ventura.org](mailto:kai.luoma@ventura.org).
- **BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00 p.m. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024. (Ballots received after 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 6, 2024, will not be counted.)**

There are 29 independent special districts eligible to vote in this election. At least 15 districts must return completed/signed ballots to achieve a quorum. If a quorum is achieved, the candidate receiving the most votes will be considered elected. In the event of a tie for the most votes, the outcome will be determined by lot. The election results will be mailed to each district no later than Friday, December 20, 2024. Please let us know if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Kai Luoma  
Executive Officer

Enclosures  
c: General Manager



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### INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS IN VENTURA COUNTY

**As of October 2024**

1. Bardsdale Public Cemetery District
2. Bell Canyon Community Services District
3. Blanchard/Santa Paula Library District\*
4. Calleguas Municipal Water District\*
5. Camarillo Health Care District\*
6. Camrosa Water District\*
7. Casitas Municipal Water District\*
8. Channel Islands Beach Community Services District\*
9. Conejo Recreation & Park District\*
10. El Rancho Simi Public Cemetery District\*
11. Fillmore-Piru Memorial District
12. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency\*
13. Hidden Valley Municipal Water District
14. Meiners Oaks Water District\*
15. Ojai Valley Sanitary District\*
16. Ojai Water Conservation District
17. Oxnard Drainage District No. 1\*
18. Oxnard Drainage District No. 2\*
19. Oxnard Harbor District\*
20. Piru Public Cemetery District\*
21. Pleasant Valley County Water District
22. Pleasant Valley Recreation & Park District\*
23. Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District\*
24. Saticoy Sanitary District\*
25. Triunfo Sanitation District\*
26. United Water Conservation District\*
27. Ventura County Resource Conservation District\*
28. Ventura Port District\*
29. Ventura River County Water District\*

\* Special Districts that have provided written consent to conduct the election via email as of October 22, 2024.



## OFFICIAL BALLOT - 2024

### INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS SELECTION COMMITTEE Regular Special District Member to the Ventura LAFCo

#### Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

This is the Official Ballot for the Independent Special Districts Selection Committee for the purpose of electing the following position to the Ventura LAFCo:

One special district regular member for a four-year term beginning  
January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2028.

The election involves four candidates for the special district regular member (listed below in alphabetical order). Please vote for only one candidate. A minimum of 15 qualified ballots must be returned by the deadline to establish a quorum of the independent special districts, pursuant to Government Code Section 56332. The candidate receiving the most votes of the quorum shall be elected. In the event of a tie vote, the outcome will be determined by lot.

**PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS BALLOT to the Ventura LAFCo, 801 S. Victoria Avenue, Suite 301, Ventura, CA 93003, or if previous consent has been given to conduct elections via e-mail, send your signed ballot to [kai.luoma@ventura.org](mailto:kai.luoma@ventura.org). All ballots MUST be signed and dated by the district president/chair or presiding officer of the board and received by LAFCo by 5 P.M. Friday, December 6, 2024, to be counted.**

As the District President, Chair or Presiding Officer, I duly certify that the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency does hereby cast its ballot as follows:

REGULAR LAFCo SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025		
✓	(vote for one)	
	Mohammed Hasan	United Water Conservation District
	Steve Huber	United Water Conservation District
	Chris Stephens	Ventura Port District
	William Ulrich	Ojai Valley Sanitary District

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Board President/Chair/Presiding Officer  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Board President/Chair/Presiding Officer  
Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## CANDIDATE STATEMENT

**Ventura LAFCo**  
**Special District Regular Member**

**Mohammed A. Hasan, P.E.**

Thank you for considering me for the Special District Regular Member of Ventura LAFCo. I have served as the Alternate Special District Member on Ventura LAFCo since 2022. As a 50-year resident of Ventura County where my wife and I raised our children, long ago I came to value the role that LAFCo has played in making our county such a beautiful and thriving place. A place where agriculture and open space are highly valued and protected, where urban sprawl is kept at bay, and where our local governments strive to provide quality and efficient services to our residents.

I have served on the board of directors of United Water Conservation District since 2020 and have an extensive background in water, wastewater, and the environment. I am a civil engineer and surveyor, with a couple of graduate degrees from the University of Iowa. I am the owner and principal engineer of Hasan Consultants, which I founded in 1984. Hasan Consultants, located in Ventura, is a civil/environmental engineering and planning firm. Prior to that, I was head of utilities at the City of Oxnard, and a civil engineer with the Ventura Regional Sanitation District. In these roles, I have had the opportunity to work with Ventura LAFCo in different capacities for over 35 years.

I am a co-founder of Ocean Foresters, which assists local coastal communities establish floating reefs for erosion control; vice president of El Concilio Family Services; a Fellow of two national professional societies; a community college instructor and lecturer; and a Paul Harris fellow of Rotary International. In addition, I have been recognized locally and nationally as a leader in water and wastewater, and authored the water book, *Drought is Not a Four-Letter Word*.

I believe my background and expertise in water and wastewater, the environment, and regional planning gives me a good perspective on the mission and role of LAFCo. That perspective is enhanced by my experience working as a private consultant in land use matters, as well as working for cities and special districts. I believe that I can bring a unique perspective to the Ventura LAFCo and would use that perspective to further the mission of Ventura LAFCo to benefit the entire Ventura County.

It would be a tremendous honor to serve on the Ventura LAFCo as a regular member of the commission, and I would greatly appreciate your support.

**Stephen H. Huber**

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**Subj: Ventura LAFCo Special District Regular Member Candidate Statement**

Name: **Steve Huber**

Occupation: Director, United Water Conservation District, Division 5

As the United Water Conservation District representative for LAFCo I will be a transparent member, asking questions, and making suggestions to ensure that we best manage our resources for the present and future.

I have strong relationships with local elected officials, Navy leaders, and business leaders in Oxnard and Ventura County, as well as at the state and national level. As past chair of both the City Planning Commission and the Downtown Oxnard Improvement Association, I understand California Code regarding boundaries, spheres of influence, incorporations, annexations, reorganizations, and other changes of organization. I know the importance of running an efficient, productive meeting within the rules of the Brown Act. I understand the role of a Board member in creating policy that best serves our residents. As a former commanding officer of both a Naval Destroyer and the Naval Surface Warfare Center at Port Hueneme, I have experience in dealing with water issues. My successful 30-year Navy career and membership on several community boards have provided me with the experience for this position.

I would be honored to earn your vote.

Steve Huber

Director, Division 5

United Water Conservation District

## **CHRIS STEPHENS**

Nominated by the Ventura Port District Board of Port Commissioners to be a candidate to serve as Special District's regular member on Ventura County LAFCo.

Chris Stephens was appointed to the Ventura Port District Board effective July 1, 2017. He served as Board Chair from 2019 through 2022. Previously, Chris served on the County Planning Commission, the City of Ventura General Plan Visioning Committee and later its Charter Committee

Stephens served 35 years in a number of local government positions. He served as Ventura County's Planning Director and later as the head of its Resource Management Agency. Prior to that he served as the Deputy Executive Director of the Ventura County Transportation Commission. He has been involved with many community organizations and programs and has served as a member of the Hansen Agricultural Trust Advisory Board, the Ag Futures Alliance, Foothill Little League Board, Ventura YMCA Program Committee, and *House Farm Workers!* Board of Directors.

