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November 20, 2025

RE: LAFCO Special Districts Advisory Committee Elections – Requesting Your Vote

Dear Board President:

At its October 15th regular meeting, the Olivenhain Municipal Water District (OMWD) board of directors unanimously nominated General Manager, Kimberly Thorner for the Special Districts Advisory Committee position. We are writing to respectfully request your vote and support.

Ms. Thorner's desire to continue serving on the Special Districts Advisory Committee (SDAC) is also well-supported by her outstanding background and experience. She has served on the SDAC for the last 17 years and presently serves as the SDAC Chair. She has participated and provided input and guidance on dozens of important LAFCO issues during her tenure and has spoken at many LAFCO hearings on behalf of the SDAC.

In her role as General Manager for OMWD, which she has held since January 1, 2007, Ms. Thorner provides water, wastewater services, recycled water, hydro-electricity, and park/recreation facilities services on behalf of approximately 87,000 customers over 48 square miles in northern San Diego County. She earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Colorado (Boulder) and her Juris Doctorate from Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego. Ms. Thorner is a member of the San Diego Integrated Regional Water Management Advisory Committee and has served on the WaterReuse California's Board of Trustees for several terms along with six terms as a member of the Association of California Water Agencies' Federal Affairs Committee. Previously, she was OMWD's representative to San Diego County Water Authority, serving on the Audit, Administrative and Finance, and Engineering and Operations committees. She also served as Project Manager for the David C. McCollom Water Treatment Plant. She has held her Special Districts Administrator certification from the Special District Leadership Foundation since 2008 and has completed California Special Districts Association's Special District Leadership Academy.

Your support for Ms. Thorner is encouraged and greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew R. Hahn".

Matthew R. Hahn
OMWD Board President





Kimberly A. Thorner, Esq.
General Manager
Olivenhain Municipal Water District

October 30, 2025

It is with great interest that I submit the attached nomination for the Special District Representative for the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission Special District Advisory Committee. I am the General Manager of Olivenhain Municipal Water District (OMWD) where I have served for the last 29 years. OMWD provides water, wastewater services, recycled water, hydroelectricity, and park/recreation facilities on behalf of approximately 87,000 customers over 48 square miles in northern San Diego County.

I currently serve as Chair of the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission's Special Districts Advisory Committee (SDAC) and have served on the SDAC for the last 17 years where I have participated and provided input and guidance on dozens of important LAFCO issues during my tenure and have spoken at many LAFCO hearings on behalf of the SDAC.

I have served on WateReuse California's Board of Trustees for several past terms along with six terms as a member of the Association of California Water Agencies' Federal Affairs Committee. Previously, I was OMWD's representative to San Diego County Water Authority, serving on the Audit, Administrative and Finance, and Engineering and Operations committees. I also served as Project Manager for the David C. McCollom Water Treatment Plant and the Olivenhain Water Storage Project.

Throughout my tenure in the water industry, I have proven to be thoughtful, forthright, solution-oriented, and collaborative when tackling complex issues that affect multiple stakeholders. It would be my honor to continue serving on LAFCO's SDAC and I respectfully ask for your support and vote.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kimberly A. Thorner".

Kimberly A. Thorner, Esq.
General Manager
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PUBLIC AGENCY WORK EXPERIENCE

Olivenhain Municipal Water District, Encinitas, CA 2006- Current
General Manager - Under my tenure, OMWD became a AAA rated agency, with rates in the lower half in the county, a customer satisfaction survey rating of 92% in 2022, a Platinum Accreditation from Special Districts Leadership Foundation, and the employees have voted OMWD Best Place to Work several times.

Olivenhain Municipal Water District, Encinitas, CA 2002 - 2006
Assistant General Manager

Olivenhain Municipal Water District, Encinitas, CA 1996 - 2002
Project Manager - Constructed World's Largest Immersed Membrane Treatment Plant at that time; Served on Project Team for the Olivenhain Dam

EDUCATION

Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego, CA - Juris Doctorate, May 1995

Editor for "The Restater" Law School Newspaper - 1993-1995
Teaching Assistant, Legal Analysis -1993-1994
President-Student Bar Association -1994-1995
Academic Chairperson-Student Bar Association - 1993-1994
American Jurisprudence Award - Fall 1992
American Jurisprudence Award - Spring 1993
West Publishing "Corpus Juris Secundum Award" - 1992-1993

University of Colorado, Boulder, CO - Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, May 1992

Secondary Emphasis - German
Active member of CU Law Club; CU Election Poll Manager -1991
Interned with Former State Legislator and then County Commissioner, Sandy Hume - 1991

ACHIEVEMENTS & PROFESSIONAL BOARDS (Last 10 years)

- Certified Special District Administrator from the Special District Leadership Foundation (2007 – present)
- 2019 Special District Leadership Academy (Governance Foundations)
- Licensed Attorney
- WaterReuse California Board of Directors (2018–2024)
- 2015 California WaterReuse Advocate of the Year
- Founding member and lead for the North San Diego County WaterReuse Coalition (2010 to present)
- Association of California Water Agencies Federal Affairs Committee (2006 – 2021)
- San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission Special Districts Advisory Committee (2008 to present) & Chair (2014 to present)
- Board of Directors of the San Diego North Economic Development Council (2007 -2020)
- Integrated Regional Water Management Regional Advisory Committee (2008 to present)
- Kenneth Miller Founders Award Recipient – Water for People (2025)
- Countless presentations in the community, at Senate and Assembly hearings, & regulatory meetings
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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Water for People (San Diego Core Committee) & Emcee at Annual Lunch (2013 to present)
- Lead Planner and Host for the North County Water Summit with the SDNEDC (2015)
- Board of Management – Magdalena Ecke YMCA (2007 - 2017)
- Board of Directors (President) – Arroyo Vista Homeowner's Association (2009 – 2023)
- Classroom Volunteer – Olivenhain Pioneer Elementary – 2012 to 2018
- Hands On San Diego Volunteer