



## Solano Local Agency Formation Commission

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Date: Commission Meeting of February 27, 2017  
To: Commissioners and Alternates  
From: Roseanne Chamberlain, Executive Officer  
Subject: Change the Date for Commissioner Terms

### RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Officer recommends the terms for LAFCo Commissioners end in January, i.e. the first Monday of January, to allow for appointments to coordinate with the calendar year and with city and county appointment actions; and the Bylaws be modified to reflect the desired changes.

### BACKGROUND

LAFCo terms are four years. Government Code §56334 states, in part, “The expiration date of the term of office of each member shall be the first Monday in May in the year in which the term of the member expires, unless procedures adopted by the commission specify an alternate date to apply uniformly to all members”.

County representatives to LAFCO are reviewed and appointed/reappointed in January each year. Most other appointments made by cities and the county have terms that begin and end at the beginning of the year. Government Code §56334 allows LAFCo to set the terms of office to an alternate date, which can coincide with these other appointments. All commissioners serve until the appointment and qualification of his or her successor.

### DISCUSSION

There was informal consensus among personnel committee members that shifting term dates to the beginning of the year would simplify coordination with other agencies. The May appointment date appears to be unique to LAFCO and could be inconvenient or confusing for other appointing authorities. In addition, terms will be easier to track when they follow the calendar year.

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