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**Subject:** Selection of a LAFCO Special District Representative  
**To:** Placer County Special District Presiding Officers  
c/o Clerk of the District  
**From:** Amy Engle, LAFCO Commission Clerk

On June 10, 2025, LAFCO initiated the nomination process for the selection of an Alternate Special District Representative, requesting that Special District Presiding Officers submit nominations for a qualified special district board member to fill this open seat. LAFCO received five nominations.

All five candidates are listed on the attached ballot. Each candidate submitted a statement of qualifications which is included in your packet.

- **Voting Instructions:** Please complete the attached ballot, clearly indicating your selection.
- **Authorized Signatures:** To be valid, ballots must be signed by the presiding officer of your special district or by another board member specifically designated by your board to cast the vote.
- **Quorum Requirement:** A quorum of Placer County Special Districts must submit ballots for the election to be considered valid.
- **Election Outcome:** The candidate who receives the highest number of votes will be appointed as the Special District Representative.
- **Supporting Materials:** This email includes the ballot and the statements of qualifications submitted by each candidate for your review.
- **Submission Deadline:** Please return your completed ballot via email to [lafco@placer.ca.gov](mailto:lafco@placer.ca.gov) no later than **Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 4:00 PM.**



## Ballot: Selection of Special District Alternate Representation on LAFCO

**Please choose one candidate:**

- ☐ **Pete Gallegos**, South Placer Fire Protection District
- ☐ **Richard Hercules**, Foresthill Fire Protection District
- ☐ **Jim Holmes**, Placer Resource Conservation District
- ☐ **Jenny Knisley**, Newcastle, Rocklin, Gold Hill Cemetery District
- ☐ **Scott Wilson**, Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency

**Name of Special District:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Presiding Officer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Presiding Officer:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Must be received by LAFCO via email at [LAFCO@placer.ca.gov](mailto:LAFCO@placer.ca.gov) no later than August 28 2025 by 4pm**

## **Statement of Qualification for LAFCO Nomination**

### **Pete Gallegos Board of Director for South Placer Fire District**

To Whom it may concern.

I am interested in the position on the LAFCO Board and feel that I am qualified for the position because of my vast experience in the fire service and being a lifelong resident of Placer County. I started my fire service career as a seasonal firefighter in 1987 for CAL FIRE. I rose through the ranks and retired as the Staff Chief/Administrator of the Command-and-Control Program statewide. I lead the planning, organization, direction, and control of CAL FIRE's statewide Command and Control programs. These programs encompass Command and Control, Operations Support (OAS), and Hired Equipment (HE). In this capacity, I was entrusted with CAL Fire policy development, budgeting, and serving as a subject matter expert for internal and external issues pertaining to these programs. I was responsible for the 23.5-million-dollar budget.

I was the Agency Administrator in the State Operations Center (SOC) during emergencies and natural disasters. This included wildland fires, mud slides, earthquakes, floods and other emergencies.

Yet another example includes my tenure as Battalion Chief (BC) overseeing two local government Schedule A Contracts, (City of Morgan Hill Fire Department and the South Santa Clara Fire Protection District), I held significant operational responsibility and managing budget administration totaling over \$10 million. Notably, I spearheaded and provided fiscal oversight for the creation of the first two-year budget for the City of Morgan Hill, demonstrating my proficiency in strategic financial planning. Furthermore, I provided clear and concise budget reports to both the fire district board and the city council, utilizing various statistical data for the annual financial report adopted by the city, fire district, and County of Santa Clara. Additionally, I played a pivotal role in designing and purchasing multiple apparatus for the city, ensuring alignment with operational needs and financial constraints. My responsibilities also extended to crafting staff reports that analyzed financial situations accurately and recommended effective courses of action. Through these efforts, I upheld fiscal responsibility while facilitating the efficient utilization of resources to support the operational objectives of both contracts. I was responsible for the staffing levels to meet operational needs.

I was raised and currently live in Granite Bay with my wife where we raised our three children. My wife and I have always been actively engaged in the community volunteering as board members in youth sports as well as coaching youth sports. We volunteer at church in the annual Christmas program feeding the hungry and I am currently on the Board of Directors for the South Placer Fire District.

Thank you for your time,

Pete Gallegos

## **Statement of Qualifications for Election to Placer LAFCO**

**Richard Hercules, President, Foresthill Fire Protection District**

### **The Opportunity for Placer County**

It is certain that the special districts within Placer County will have new challenges in their opportunities and manner in which they provide unique services to the public. These serviced communities need to be bound together to develop organizational solutions for the County. These may be that is different than what exists, but again, to the benefit of the public. New state laws will also affect those districts, governments, and their purposes.

Placer County has been affected by the increased rate of development in most all areas. Special districts will be affected, but are largely managed by elected volunteers and staff that focus on the operations of that district. It is apparent that there are separations between the larger urban districts and the more remote districts, but some effort is expected to better align these groups for the issues of the County. LAFCO, with staff and support from Placer County officials, the special district volunteers and local city officials, can evaluate impacts of growth and development on these districts and urban communities and effect change. Appropriately, citizens of Placer County have expectations of services at many levels, particularly those funded by property taxes and assessment measures.

### **My Background**

Much of my career in private industry was the development, operation of new businesses and organizations to deliver a service or product to a wide range of users. In almost all cases, my skills in these efforts required knowledge in long term planning, policy development, defined organizational structure, and legislative and financial management. Accordingly, conflict resolution and the need to manage negotiations for those opportunities is part of that environment. Further, my experience in mergers and acquisitions has broadened my perspectives in finding solutions beneficial to those parties involved, however disparate.

I have many strengths to work and balance improvements of these services through separation, consolidations or restructuring. While these activities are within the purview of LAFCO, I would apply the reality of the needs of the County and its citizens. In the last 5 years of my work with the Foresthill Fire Protection District board, I can offer that the district is better managed in this period than some of its previous history, and with better engagement and appreciation by the community it serves. This is the type of energy and commitment I would apply to this appointment. I look forward to discuss and understand the particular issues your district is experiencing. I can be reached through the Fire District web site or by telephone.

# STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

For

**JIM HOLMES**

(530) 305-7070 \* [USSHolmes@gmail.com](mailto:USSHolmes@gmail.com)

Jim Holmes brings a wealth of experience and a continuous commitment to public service, with a legacy rooted in the heart of Placer County. A descendant of two Pioneer Placer County families, Jim has spent over three decades serving the community, including 18 years as a Director of the Placer Consolidated Fire Protection District. He also contributed eight years of leadership as President and Trustee of the Auburn Union Elementary School District Board. Notably, Jim served for 20 years as a member of the Placer County Board of Supervisors for District 3, during which time he was also an active participant on the Placer LAFCO Board.

Throughout his career, Jim has demonstrated his dedication to the agricultural community, having been an influential voice in rural and county matters. As a board member of the Rural County Representatives of California, he helped advocate for policies that benefit these areas. He also founded the Placer County Youth Commission, which offers local youth the opportunity to engage with and learn about government processes.

Further extending his service to Placer County, Jim has held positions on the Placer County Air Pollution Control Board and the First 5 Children and Families Commission, focusing on issues ranging from environmental health to early childhood development. He currently serves as a board member for the Placer County Resource Conservation District, continuing his efforts in environmental stewardship. Additionally, Jim played a pivotal role in collaborating with local fire protection districts—Loomis, Penryn, and Newcastle—to successfully secure the revenue needed for sustaining vital fire services across the county.

Jim is asking for your support to continue his strong commitment to Placer County and Special Districts. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jim directly. Thank you for your consideration.

## Statement of Qualifications Placer County LAFCO

Jenny Knisley  
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June 24, 2025

Re: Special District Alternate Representative Placer County LAFCO

Dear LAFCO Commissioners:

I am submitting my Statement of Qualifications for the position of Special District Alternate Representative, Placer County LAFCO. My 2 1/2 years as the Alternate City LAFCO commissioner for the Town of Loomis, combined with consistent meeting attendance and participation in CALAFCO Conferences and training, have equipped me to contribute effectively to this board.

As the current Special District Representative for the Newcastle, Rocklin, and Gold Hill Cemetery Board and through my involvement on oversight committees, such as the South Placer Fire Oversight Committee, I bring a wealth of experience in board governance. My background as a former Mayor and Council member for the Town of Loomis, as well as Executive Director of the Loomis Basin Chamber of Commerce, where I collaborated with numerous special districts, positions me as a strong advocate for all our Special Districts.

Since 2022, I have attended nearly all Placer LAFCO meetings, familiarizing myself with LAFCO's strategic plans, work schedule, and budget. My career, balancing entrepreneurship, civic leadership in the Town of Loomis, and 29 years of participation with the Soroptimist International community service organization, demonstrates my commitment to the public. My priorities are centered on the welfare of the Placer County region, its residents, and local businesses.

My past education, certificates, and accomplishments include:

- \* 2019: Organized and helped develop a successful Loomis Leadership Development Program
- \* 2019: Introduction to Economic Development Certificate (CALED)
- \* 2015-2019: Provided leadership, encouraged volunteer efforts, negotiated contracts, and supported the rebuilding of the Loomis Library and Learning Center
- \* 2016: Institute for Organized Management, a professional Development Program Certificate
- \* 2016: Leadership Rocklin Graduate
- \* 2015: Western Association of Chamber Executive Academy Graduate

I am eager to bring my skills and experience to the Placer LAFCO board. With a strong work ethic, attention to detail, and a commitment to the well-being of Placer County, I will represent all special districts to the best of my ability. Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,  
Jenny Knisley

**Scott Wilson**  
**Director, Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency**  
♦ (530) 412-1559 ♦ Caledoniacircle1957@gmail.com  
Jurisdiction Represented: Eastern Placer County  
Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency / North Tahoe Public Utility District

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## **Statement of Qualifications: Placer County LAFCO Alternate Seat**

I am honored to submit my qualifications for consideration as an alternate member of the Placer County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

Currently in my third year on the Board of Directors for the Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency (T-TSA), I represent the North Tahoe Public Utility District (NTPUD), representing residents from the Nevada state line in Crystal Bay to Dollar Hill in Eastern Placer County. T-TSA serves, and is governed by five member districts across three counties of the North Lake Tahoe basin, which are: Tahoe City Public Utility District (TCPUD), North Tahoe Public Utility District (NTPUD), Olympic Valley Public Service District (OVPSD), Truckee Sanitary District (TSD), and Alpine Springs County Water District (ASCWD).

I bring to this role a deep commitment to public service, a collaborative leadership style, and experience working with local agencies and community-based organizations.

My leadership contributions include:

- Service on the T-TSA Finance Committee since 2022, where I've helped guide complex decisions such as necessary increases in service charges and connection fees, to addressing an aging infrastructure.
- Holding the position of Vice President of the Board (2023-2025) and recently honored to be elected as President.
- While facilitating T-TSA's membership, I was instrumental in joining the Climate Transformation Alliance (CTA), a cross-sector partnership focused on addressing climate change in the Tahoe-Truckee region.

Our board recently completed a comprehensive Land Use Study, identifying surplus land. This enables us to collaborate with other local agencies to assess and support their land needs.

Prior to my service with T-TSA, I enjoyed a nearly 40-year career in the distribution industry, holding leadership roles across public corporations, private equity firms, and privately owned enterprises. I bring expertise in strategic planning, finance, budgeting, collaborative leadership, team building, customer and supplier relations, and public outreach to every organization I serve.

With deep roots in the region, a strong business foundation, and demonstrated experience in Special District governance, I would be privileged to contribute to Placer County LAFCO as an alternate member.

Sincerely,  
Scott Wilson