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Staff Report

Meeting Date:	November 4, 2026
Agenda No:	Item No. 6.1
Agenda Item Title:	Appointment of Public Member Alternate
Proposal:	Staff are requesting that the Commission select a Public Member Alternate, from a pool of three candidates. The Public Member Selection Ad Hoc Committee will make their recommendation to the Commission.
Environmental Determination:	Not a project under CEQA
Staff Contact:	Mark Bramfitt

Analysis

Background

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act directs the Commission to have a Public Member appointed by the balance of the Commission and allows for the selection of an Alternate Public Member to serve in instances when the Public Member is unavailable, or the position becomes vacant.

Alternate Public Member Hodges has indicated that he is not seeking reappointment.

Staff received three applications for the Public Member Alternate position (attached).

To appoint a Public Member Alternate the Commission must have an affirmative vote of at least one of the members of each of the other appointing authorities (the County, Cities, and special districts).

The law is silent regarding a situation where the six Commissioners cannot reach agreement on an appointment. Staff recommends considering reopening the recruitment process if this occurs.

The Commission did appoint an ad hoc committee consisting of Commissioners Harvey and Gore to review applications and conduct interviews, and they will be able to report on their recommendations.

Recommendation

Staff recommend that the Commission name a Public Member Alternate with a four-year term expiring in 2030.

Alternate Recommendation

None.

Attachments:

1. Application packages for three candidates.