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Good afternoon,

The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) respectfully requests your agency's support for Director Larry Smith as the Regular Special District Member for the Western Riverside County seat on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

Mr. Smith was elected to the SGPWA Board of Directors on December 4, 2020, and currently serves as Vice President. He represents Division 5, including the communities of Calimesa and Beaumont, and works diligently to ensure the region maintains a high-quality, reliable, and affordable water supply. These communities, along with Yucaipa, have experienced some of the highest growth rates in the region, making thoughtful land use planning, service delivery, and infrastructure coordination especially critical. Mr. Smith is a strong advocate for clean water, transparent governance, and public accountability – principles that align directly with LAFCO's mission.

Mr. Smith brings decades of public service experience, including multiple terms as Mayor of Hemet, as well as service as a City Councilmember, Planning Commissioner, and two-time President of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency. He also served six years on the Airport Land Use Commission, where he participated in regional land use compatibility planning and interagency coordination efforts directly aligned with LAFCO's statutory responsibilities.

Attached for your review is a letter outlining his qualifications and experience. SGPWA would sincerely appreciate your agency's consideration and support of Director Larry Smith in the upcoming election and welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you.

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SAN GORGONIO PASS
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March 2, 2026

To Special District Board Presiding Officers and Clerks

To Whom it May Concern:

The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) is proud to endorse Lawrence “Larry” Smith for the upcoming seat on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) as the Regular Special District Member – Western Riverside County.

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In addition, Mr. Smith has served on several regional boards, including the Riverside County Transportation Commission, Western Council of Governments, and the Southern California Association of Governments, providing him with a strong regional perspective on growth management, infrastructure investment, and coordinated service delivery.

Mr. Smith holds a degree in Business Management from the University of Redlands and brings more than thirty years of experience in the construction industry, including work on major roadway, dam, and bridge projects. This background provides him with a practical understanding of infrastructure planning, capital financing, and complex contract negotiations, expertise that is highly relevant to LAFCO deliberations in fast-growing regions.

The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency strongly believes Vice President Smith would be an exceptional asset to LAFCO and a trusted representative for local agencies throughout Western Riverside County. We respectfully request your support of his candidacy and appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY

RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT

March 2, 2026

Via Electronic Mail

Re: Withdrawal of Candidacy – LAFCO Regular Special District Member (Western Region)

Dear Special District Selection Committee Members:

I am writing to formally withdraw my name from consideration as a candidate for the Regular Special District Member – Western Riverside County seat on the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission.

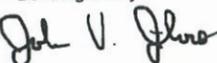
After thoughtful consideration, I have determined that it is in the best interest of the Western Region's special districts to consolidate support behind a candidate who brings extensive regional experience and demonstrated leadership in water governance. Accordingly, I respectfully withdraw my candidacy and offer my full endorsement of **Larry Smith, San Geronio Pass Water Agency**.

Director Smith has served with distinction in the water sector and has consistently demonstrated commitment to collaboration, fiscal responsibility, and responsible growth management within Riverside County. His experience representing special districts, particularly within the Western Region, positions him well to serve effectively on LAFCO and to advocate for sound boundary and governance decisions impacting our agencies.

I encourage my colleagues to give Director Smith their strong consideration and support during the Instant Runoff Voting process.

Thank you for your dedication to representing special districts throughout Riverside County and for your service in this important selection process.

Respectfully,

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