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Local Board Trustee Represents Coachella Valley in New Regional Leadership Role

(Coachella, CA) – The Riverside County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) recently appointed Dr. Bruce Underwood as one of its Commissioners on behalf of the Eastern Region of Riverside County.

After the initial Special District Selection Committee election resulted in a tie, a run-off election was conducted on July 2, 2024 where Underwood secured 19 of the 37 votes. Underwood will assume the seat immediately since the original term was slated to begin on May 6, 2024.

Underwood currently serves as Board Trustee for Coachella Valley Public Cemetery District, a position he has held since 2018. He also brings years of experience serving on various special district boards such as the Coachella Valley Recreation and Park District as well as the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District.

“The District was proud to support Trustee Underwood’s nomination for the LAFCO Commission, and very pleased to see he was supported by so many other districts in the election,” said Board Chair Ernesto Rosales. “Trustee Underwood has been a valuable member of our Board, and a reliable advocate for our community during his years of service to our valley. We wish him well in his new role as LAFCO Commissioner.”

Underwood’s work with a diverse range of special districts and organizations over the past 25 years allows him to offer a unique perspective in his new position. Over the next four years, he will aid the Riverside LAFCO Commission immensely with his passion for community well-being and education.

LAFCOs are state-mandated regulatory agencies that help implement State policy and regulate local public agency boundaries. There are 58 LAFCOs in California, one for every county, with each operating independently of the county government.

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About the Coachella Valley Public Cemetery District

The Coachella Valley Public Cemetery District is an independent California Special District formed in 1927. The District serves the public cemetery needs of an area encompassing nearly 3,444 square miles of Riverside County, including the cities of Coachella, Indio, La Quinta, Indian Wells, Palm Desert, as well as parts of Rancho Mirage and unincorporated Riverside County. The purpose of the District is to offer affordable interment services for our County residents.