

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF LAKE COUNTY
MINUTES OF MEETING
July 17, 2013

PRESENT:

Ed Robey, Chair, Public Member
Frank Gillespie, Special Districts Member
Jeri Spittler, City Member
Stacy Mattina, City Member
Gerry Mills, Special District Member
Denise Rushing, County Member
Jim Comstock, County Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Jim Abell, Spec. Dist. Alt.
Suzanne Lyons, Public Alt.
John Benoit, Executive Officer
P. Scott Browne, Legal Counsel
Lora Ceccon, Clerk

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. There was a quorum present.

2. Approval of Minutes – May 15, 2013

Commissioner G. Mills moved to approve the May 15, 2013 minutes, second by Commissioner J. Spittler; motion carried with Commissioners D. Rushing and J. Comstock abstaining.

3. Public Comment

Betsy Cawn advised the Commission that they are not getting the full story on the invasive species program.

4. Consent Agenda

Commissioner J. Comstock moved to authorize payment of the May and June 2013 expenses, second by Commissioner D. Rushing; motion carried.

5. Election of Lafco Chair and Vice-Chair for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

Commissioner D. Rushing moved to nominate E. Robey as Chair, second by Commissioner J. Spittler, motion carried.

Commissioner S. Lyons moved to nominate S. Mattina as Vice Chair, second by Commissioner J. Spittler, motion carried.

9:40 a.m. – Opened Public Hearing

6. Municipal Services Review and Sphere of Influence for the Callayomi County Water District.

J. Benoit reported that staff has worked with the district to prepare a hearing draft document and has met with the district board of directors on two occasions to discuss district issues. The district is viable and has a good board of directors. There has been little to no growth in the past five years. Some discussion followed regarding the map and the Rancheria.

9:49 – Closed Public Hearing

Commissioner D. Rushing moved to adopt Resolution 2013-0006 approving a Municipal Service Review of Services provided by the Callayomi County Water District and adopting written determinations thereon, second by Commissioner J. Comstock, motion carried on a roll call vote. (7-0)

Commissioner D. Rushing moved to adopt Resolution 2013-0007 making determinations and approving a Sphere of Influence Update for the Callayomi County Water District, second by Commissioner J. Comstock, motion carried on a roll call vote. (7-0)

9:50 a.m. – opened public hearing

7. Municipal Services Review and Sphere of Influence for the Clearlake Oaks County Water District.

J. Benoit stated that staff has worked with the district staff to prepare a hearing draft document and has met with the district board of directors to review the report and discuss the service review and sphere update.

Commissioner D. Rushing stated that on page 7, 2.1 – three parts – Clarks Island needs to be added; as a point of interest as well.

Commissioner S. Lyons asked about the difference from the 2010/2011 budget to the 2011/2012 budget. There is no explanation. Commissioner D. Rushing responded with some of the reasons for the difference. She stated that they did a thorough review of the budget and the community members were very involved and aware.

Betsy Cawn stated that the board member is a Mr. not a Ms. (Mr. Steel). Also, she objects to the watershed information included in the MSR because it is incorrect. J. Benoit stated that the information can be removed; it is not needed in this document.

10:05 – closed public hearing

Commissioner D. Rushing moved to adopt Resolution 2013-0008 approving a Municipal Service Review of Services provided by the Clearlake Oaks County Water District adopting written determinations thereon with the

following changes; add Clarks Island to page 7, 2.1 three parts and as a point of interest; change Ms. Steel to Mr. Steel and remove item D from page 16-17, second by Commissioner J. Spittler, motion carried on a roll call vote. (7-0)

Commissioner D. Rushing moved to adopt Resolution 2013-0009 making determinations and approving a Sphere of Influence Update for the Clearlake Oaks County Water District, second by Commissioner F. Gillespie, motion carried on a roll call vote. (7-0)

8. Review and Discuss Calafco Staff Workshop

J. Benoit stated that staff attended the Calafco Staff Workshop in Davis. John and Scott presented a workshop on consolidation of districts. John provided a summary of what was presented during the workshop. He also provided a summary of a workshop on Ethics and the public sector. S. Browne provided a summary of some recent, important cases.

9. Watershed Protection Service Review update

J. Benoit stated that staff is working through the first iteration of the MSR. He stated that he is confused as to what the district does. Commissioner D. Rushing suggested having the attorney take a look at the original documents for clarification. Discussion followed regarding the original purpose of the district, fiscal concerns, etc.

10. Executive Officer's report

J. Benoit provided a legislative update. AB678 would require health care districts to conduct an assessment of the community's health needs every 5 years and provide opportunity for public input. A short discussion followed.

SB56 – very important; seeks to restore VLF revenue; AB240 – Mutual Water Company - Open Meetings Act; requires some transparency; AB453 – Strategic Planning Grants; would allow Lafco to be eligible for grants

Grand Jury Report – J. Benoit stated that there are a couple sections in the G.J. report that Lafco has been requested to respond to; 90 days to respond. John will provide responses at the September meeting.

Fire MSR – John will get together with the fire chiefs in September to discuss the MSR.

Commissioner E. Robey asked John to write a response to the letter in the newspaper regarding Redbud Healthcare District.

John provided information on the Calafco Conference.

11. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner D. Rushing stated that she has been elected to the North Coast Opportunities (NCO) Board. They will be searching for an Executive Officer.

12. Correspondence - None

13. Adjourn to LAFCO's next regular meeting: September 18, 2013 in Clearlake

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.