

LAKE LOCAL FORMATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
November 18, 2020

Members Participating

Bruno Sabatier, Chair, County Member
Stacy Mattina, City Member
Ed Robey, Public Member
Dirk Slooten, City Member
Stan Archacki, Special Districts
Jim Scholz, Special Districts
Moke Simon, Vice-Chair/County Member
Joyce Overton, City Alternate
Victoria Brandon, Special District Alternate
Suzanne Lyons, Public Member Alternate.

Staff Participating

John Benoit, Executive Officer
P. Scott Browne, Legal Counsel
Kathleen Moran, Clerk

Absent: Tina Scott, County Alternate.

Participating by telephone or Zoom: Frank Costner, General Manager, Konocti County Water District.

1. Call to Order - Chairman Sabatier called meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. via teleconference and Zoom.

2. Approval of Minutes - Motion by Commissioner Mattina, second by Commissioner Robey to approve the Minutes of the September 16, 2020 Meeting. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Slooten, Archacki, Scholz, Robey, Sabatier and Mattina.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner Simon.

3. Public Comment – None.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Motion by Commissioner Robey, second by Commissioner Slooten to review and authorize payment of expenses for September and October 2020. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Slooten, Archacki, Scholz, Robey, Sabatier and Mattina.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner Simon.

b. Motion by Commissioner Slooten, seconded by Commissioner Mattina to Adopt Resolution 2020-0005 approving transfer of \$11,700 from General Reserve to Professional Services pursuant to action taken on September 21, 2020. Resolution passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Slooten, Archacki, Scholz, Robey, Sabatier and Mattina.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner Simon.

5. Konocti Co. Water District Service Review (MSR) and Sphere (SOI) Update

Chair opened Public Hearing. EO recapped the information presented at the previous meeting and stated that no deficiencies were found, and the District is functioning very well. EO further noted that as a Special District, KCWD has been able to qualify for and receive grant funding.

Discussion was held on privately owned water districts and mutual water districts and their ability to provide adequate services at affordable costs. Commissioner Slooten stated that the City of Clearlake has been looking into these issues.

Commissioner Slooten asked that the area on the north end of KCWD that is in the city but is not in a fire district be included in the SOI.

*9:45 a.m. Commissioners Simon and Overton logged into the meeting.

Mr. Costner gave an update on the inter-tie project, stating that the engineering process is complete, and the district has applied for grant funding. Brief discussion was held. Mr. Costner stated that he is working on securing additional grant funding up to 100%. Discussion was held on other potential funding sources.

EO recommended approval of both the MSR and the SOI.

Motion by Commissioner Slooten, second by Commissioner Simon to adopt Resolution 2020-0006 Adopting a Service Review for services provided by the Konocti County Water District. Resolution passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Slooten, Archacki, Scholz, Simon, Robey, Sabatier and Mattina.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.

Motion by Commissioner Slooten, second by Commissioner Simon to adopt Resolution 2020-0007 Adopting a Sphere of Influence Update for the Konocti County Water District, with amendment, as follows: Add area along eastside of Highway 53 north of the existing district service area within the boundary of the City of Clearlake. Resolution passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Slooten, Archacki, Scholz, Simon, Robey, Sabatier and Mattina.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.

6. Regular LAFCo meeting schedule for 2021

Motion by Commissioner Robey, seconded by Commissioner Robey to adopt LAFCo regular meeting schedule for 2021. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Slooten, Archacki, Scholz, Simon, Robey, Sabatier and Mattina.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.

7. Executive Officer's Report

- a. CSDA membership information – rate schedule for special districts
- b. Cemetery District MSR and SOI – have comments back from 5 districts, waiting for one more.
- c. Carlisle Annex to Clearlake Oaks Co. Water District-proceeding to BOS
- d. South Lakeport Annexation
- e. Callayomi Co. WD Annexation – proceeding to BOS

- f. Calafco Activities – No cost webinars scheduled through the end of the year. EO to send flyer to Commissioners which has a zoom link to various free roundtable discussions and workshops for Commissioners.

- g. EO stated he will agendize a discussion of Clearlake water district services to discuss how LAFCo could be involved in partnering with the City to explore options for service consolidation.

8. LAFCo Counsel's Report. No new information.

9. Commissioner Reports

Chairman Sabatier reported he has been in conversations with CPUC because of water district issues in the City of Clearlake. The City of Clearlake is looking at an estimated 30% rate increase by Golden State Water. Commissioner Sabatier has been in contact with representatives to voice concerns, provide information and try to stop the increases from moving forward. His comments will be added to the public record. He stated that Lucerne is in the top 10 of the most expensive water rates in the state and he does not want to see the City of Clearlake added to that list.

Commissioner Slooten stated that he has tried to contact Highlands Water District to ask for information on any funds they have earmarked for infrastructure and development but has not received a response.

10. Correspondence

Notice of CEQA action re: the Guenoc Valley Mixed Use Planned Development Project, and EIR, filed by the Center for Biological Diversity dated 9/24/20.

10:05 a.m. Meeting adjourned.

Next regular meeting: Wednesday January 20, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. either in Clearlake or on Zoom.

By: Kathleen Moran, Clerk