

LAKE LOCAL FORMATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
April 15, 2020 Special Meeting

Members Participating

Bruno Sabatier, Chair, County Member
Stacy Mattina, City Member
Dirk Slooten, City Member
Jim Scholz, Special Districts
Victoria Brandon, Special District Alternate
Moke Simon, Vice-Chair/County Member

Staff Participating

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

Absent: Ed Robey, Public Member, Joyce Overton, City Member, Stan Archacki, Special Districts, Tina Scott, County Alternate, Suzanne Lyons, Public Member Alternate.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Sabatier called meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. via teleconference.

2. Approval of Minutes - Motion by Commissioner Mattina seconded by Commissioner Slooten to approve the Minutes of the January 15, 2020 Regular Meeting. Motion carried: All yes.

3. Public Comment – None.

4. Consent Agenda

Chairman Sabatier removed items “a” and “b” from the Consent Agenda and stated that each item will be considered separately.

a. Motion by Commissioner Slooten, second by Commissioner Simon to review and authorize payment of expenses for January, February, and March 2020. Motion carried: All yes.

b. Ratify agreement between Lake LAFCo and Municipal Resource Group, LLC re: LAFCo Consultant for the South Lakeport Reorganization Application.

Chairman Sabatier stated that he has been working with Mr. Benoit and representatives of both the city and county. He expressed concern that the project timeline was constructed before COVID-19 and contains a May 11-22 timeframe for the final report to be submitted to LAFCo. He recommended an extension of the timeline. Commissioner Simon expressed concern that county staff is extremely busy with dealing with COVID-19 concerns and hoped that the timeline could be extended.

b. Motion by Commissioner Slooten, second by Commissioner Brandon to ratify agreement between Lake LAFCo and Municipal Resource Group, LLC re: LAFCo Consultant for the South Lakeport Reorganization Application, and authorize the Executive Officer, if necessary, to make adjustments to the timeline due to impacts resulting from COVID-19. Motion carried: All yes.

5. 2020-2021 Proposed LAFCo Budget

a. Receive Report from Executive Officer, conduct public hearing, and consider approval of LAFCo Resolution 2020-0002 adopting a proposed budget for 2020-2021.

Chairman Sabatier opened public hearing. EO made brief statement and reviewed the information provided in the meeting packet. Chair closed the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Slooten, seconded by Commissioner Simon to adopt Resolution No. #2020-0002, a Resolution Adopting a Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and authorize the Chairman to sign. Resolution passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Slooten, Scholz, Simon, Brandon, Mattina, and Sabatier.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

6. Policy, Standards and Procedures update (workshop #2) - Item postponed until the Commission can meet at a physical location.

7. Discuss options to reduce domestic water costs in communities where water is costly.

EO opened discussion with emphasis on the City of Clearlake. He stated that the city water service, quality and costs are impacted by fragmented and uneven service because there are four different service providers, i.e. Konocti County Water District, Lower Lake County Water District, Highlands Mutual Water Company and Golden State Water, a public utility.

Chairman Sabatier stated that Lucerne should be included in the discussion. Commissioner Slooten spoke to the City of Clearlake's concerns, such as fire suppression, development issues, substandard lines, lack of testing and capacity, and use of non-regulation equipment. He further stated that the public utility and the mutual water provider have been non-responsive to repeated requests by the city for information.

Discussion was held on the successful Cobb consolidation as an example of streamlining services. EO noted that the MSR for Konocti County Water District is in process and will be on the July agenda, and that other water districts could subsequently be brought into the MSR process as well for a comprehensive review. Commissioner Slooten will provide maps of the four districts to EO to compile and reproduce. Commissioners agree to continue with the MSR course and continued further discussion for receipt of the MSR at the July meeting.

8. Executive Officer's report.

- a. 700 Forms due June 1st.
- b. Upper Lake County Water District MSR and SOI – in process.
- b. Konocti County Water District MSR and SOI – in process.

- c. Cemetery District MSR and SOI
- d. Carlisle Annex to Clearlake Oaks Co. Water District
- e. Special District Alternate recruitment for a 4-year term.

9. LAFCo Counsel's Report – no new information.

10. Commissioner Reports – None.

11. Correspondence. None.

10:25 a.m. Meeting adjourned.

Next regular meeting: Scheduled for Wednesday May 20, 2020 9:30 a.m. in Clearlake. * Note: Meeting to be conducted via teleconference.

By: _____ Kathleen Moran, Clerk