



# STANISLAUS LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

## AGENDA MARCH 28, 2012

6:00 P.M.

JOINT CHAMBERS – BASEMENT LEVEL  
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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- B. Introduction of Commissioners and Staff.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the February 22, 2012 Meeting.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Specific Correspondence.
- B. Informational Correspondence
  - 1. "The Sphere, CALAFCO Newsletter, March 2012.
  - 2. Publication of the California Special Districts Association (CSDA), Volume 7, Issue 1, Jan – Feb 2012.
  - 3. C & L Newsletter Update on Public Law, Colantuono & Levin, PC, Winter 2012.
- C. "In the News".

**5. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS**

**6. PRESENTATION**

- A. Presentation by Edward Thompson, Jr., California Director and Senior Associate with the American Farmland Trust – Regarding a Perspective on Farmland Preservation

**7. CONSENT ITEM\***

The following consent item is expected to be routine and non-controversial and will be acted upon by the Commission at one time without discussion, unless a request has been received prior to the discussion of the matter.

- \*A. **MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW NO. 11-07, SPHERE OF INFLUENCE MODIFICATION NO. 2011-09 AND LAFCO APPLICATION NO. 2011-08 – EASTERLY CHANGE OF ORGANIZATION TO THE EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT:** Request to modify the Sphere of Influence and annex approximately 7,624 acres to the Eastside Water District. An update to the Municipal Service Review for the District is being processed concurrently with the request. The properties are located generally east of the District's existing boundaries in both Stanislaus and Merced Counties. All of the landowners within the change of organization area have consented to the annexation. (Staff Recommendation: Approve Resolutions 2012-06 and 2012-07.)

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. **CONTINUED MATTER FROM FEBRUARY 22, 2012 - WEST LANDING SPECIFIC PLAN REORGANIZATION TO THE CITY OF CERES** - The Commission will consider the following: Annexation of approximately 960 acres to the City of Ceres and to simultaneously detach the subject territory from the Westport Rural Fire Protection District. The boundaries of the proposal include the area generally bounded by the Union Pacific Railroad, Whitmore Avenue, Ustick Road, and Service Road, west of the existing City limits. (Staff Recommendation: Approve Resolution 2012-04.)

**B. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED LAFCO BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013.** (Staff Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 2012-08.)

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. Direction Regarding the Development of an Agricultural Preservation Policy

**10. ADDITIONAL MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

**11. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

- A. On the Horizon.

**12. CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL**  
**The Commission will convene in the Conference Room adjacent to the Basement Chambers.**

- A. Potential Litigation - Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9

**13. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

- A. The Commission will reconvene in the Basement Chambers in open session and announce any reportable actions taken in closed session.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Set the next meeting date of the Commission for April 25, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.  
B. Adjourn.

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**1. Disclosure of Campaign Contributions**

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