



STANISLAUS LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

MINUTES DECEMBER 3, 2008

The Stanislaus Local Agency Formation Commission met in the Joint Chambers at Tenth Street Place, Basement Level, 1010 10th Street, Modesto, California. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance to Flag. Vice-Chairperson led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- B. Introduction of Commissioners. Vice-Chairperson led in the introduction of the Commissioners and Staff.

Commissioners Present: Ken Lane, Vice-Chair, City Member
Brad Hawn, City Member
Tia Saletta, Public Member

Commissioners Absent: Thomas Mayfield, Chair, County Member
Jim DeMartini, County Member
Dick Monteith, Alternate County Member
Barbara Rouse, Alternate Public Member
John Fantazia, Alternate City Member

Staff Present: Marjorie Blom, Executive Officer
Sara Lytle-Pinhey, Assistant Executive Officer
Dean Wright, LAFCO Counsel
Debbie Hamilton, Commission Clerk

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- A. Minutes of September 24, 2008. Only two Commissioners (Hawn and Saletta) were present to vote for the September 24, 2008 Minutes at the December 3, 2008 meeting. Therefore, due to the lack of quorum for this item, the Minutes of September 24, 2008 will be continued for approval at the meeting of January 28, 2009.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Specific Correspondence.

1. Letter from Richard W. Robinson, Stanislaus County Chief Executive Officer, dated December 2, 2008 regarding Item No. 6:E – Handout.

B. Informational Correspondence.

1. Publication of the California Special District Association (CSDA), Volume 3, Issue 5, September-October, 2008 – Received.
2. “Save the Date” Flyer Regarding the 32nd Annual Stanislaus County Planning Commissioners Workshop, to be held on Saturday, January 24, 2009, hosted by the Modesto City Schools and the Turlock Unified School District - Received.

C. “In the News”:

- The Oakdale Leader, September 24, 2008, “Brown Outs Possible for Rural District” – Received.
- The Modesto Bee, October 8, 2008, “Stanislaus’ growth pact leaves some chagrined” – Received.
- Patterson Irrigator, October 11, 2008, “Advisors recommend 83K people in Patterson by 2048” – Received.
- The Modesto Bee, October 15, 2008, “Ex-councilman urges sewers for everyone” – Received.
- The Modesto Bee, October 16, 2008, “Developers eyeing parcel and its water” – Received.
- Westside Index, October 16, 2008, “Newman enlists help of legislator to get green light on project” – Received.
- The Modesto Bee, October 18, 2008, “4th growth area suggested in Oakdale” – Received.
- The Modesto Bee, October 21, 2008, “Oakdale gives OK to plan growth” – Received.
- The Modesto Bee, October 26, 2008, “Oakdale gets it right: Trees, trails and parks” – Received.
- The Riverbank News, October 22, 2008, “Council To Adopt General Plan”- Received.
- Turlock Journal, November 1, 2008, “New water plant a pricey proposition” – Received.

- The Modesto Bee, November 2, 2008, “Islands focus of county retreat” – Received.
- The Modesto Bee, November 7, 2008, “Ceres water hikes won’t tap residents as hard” – Received.
- The Modesto Bee, November 12, 2008, “Riverbank council decides not to raise sewer rates” – Received.
- Patterson News, November 12, 2008, “City staff unveils plan to address water issues” – Received.
- The Modesto Bee, November 12, 2008, “Mountain House swamped in debt” – Received.
- The Modesto Bee, November 14, 2008, “Manufacturers set up shop in Patterson” – Received.
- The Modesto Bee, November 14, 2008, “Annex plan details are emerging” – Received.
- The Modesto Bee, November 17, 2008, “Enrollments drop at Modesto-area schools as foreclosures, unemployment rise” – Received.
- The Modesto Bee, December 3, 2008, “Council OKs annexing land for complex” – Handout.

Other News

- Alameda Journal (InsideBayArea.com), October 6, 2008, “Alameda may shift fire services to county” – Received.
- North County Times, October 20, 2008, “Orange County Fire Authority a model for Prop. A” – Received.
- California Special Districts Association (CSDA), “2008 Major Accomplishments” – Received.

5. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

None.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

***CONSENT ITEMS**

- *A. **CONSIDERATION OF MSR NO. 08-04 & SOI UPDATE NO. 2008-06 – SERVICE REVIEW AND SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATES FOR THE HILLS FERRY, KNIGHTS FERRY AND PATTERSON CEMETERY DISTRICTS.**
Staff recommended approval of Resolution Nos. 2008-33, 2008-34, and 2008-35.

***B** **CONSIDERATION OF MSR NO. 08-05 & SOI UPDATE NO. 2008-07 – SERVICE REVIEW AND SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATES FOR THE EASTSIDE AND ROCK CREEK WATER DISTRICTS.**

Staff recommended approval of Resolution Nos. 2008-36 and 2008-37.

***C.** **CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AN UPDATE TO THE LAFCO PROCESSING FEE AND DEPOSIT SCHEDULE.**

Staff recommended approval of Resolution No. 2008-38.

Moved by Commissioner Hawn, seconded by Commissioner Saletta, and carried with a 3-0 vote to approve Consent Items A, B and C.

NON-CONSENT ITEMS

D. **ADOPTION OF SPECIALIZED JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE LAFCO STAFF AND THE RECLASSIFICATION OF THE LAFCO CLERK TO THE COMMISSION POSITION.**

Marjorie Blom, Executive Officer, presented the proposal with the recommendation for approval.

Vice-Chair Lane opened the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m.

FAVOR: No one spoke.

OPPOSITION: No one spoke.

Vice-Chair Lane closed the Public Hearing at 6:16 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Saletta, seconded by Commissioner Hawn and carried with a 3-0 vote that the Commission adopt Resolution No. 2008-39, approving the Adoption of Specialized Job Descriptions for the LAFCO Staff and the Reclassification of the LAFCO Clerk to the Commission to a Confidential Assistant V Position.

E. **PROCESS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF SENATE BILL 1458, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INVENTORY OF AUTHORIZED POWERS FOR COUNTY SERVICE AREAS WITHIN STANISLAUS COUNTY.**

Marjorie Blom, Executive Officer, presented the proposal with the recommendation for approval.

Vice-Chair Lane opened the Public Hearing at 6:18 p.m.

FAVOR: No one spoke.

OPPOSITION: No one spoke.

Vice-Chair Lane closed the Public Hearing at 6:19 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Hawn, seconded by Commissioner Saletta and carried with a 3-0 vote that the Commission adopt Resolution No. 2008-40, approving the process for implementing the provisions of Senate Bill 1458, including the establishment of an Inventory of Authorized Powers for County Service Areas within Stanislaus County.

7. OTHER MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.

None.

8. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

- A. On the Horizon. The Executive Officer informed the Commission of the following upcoming matters for the January 28, 2009 meeting:
1. Election of Officers. According to the Rotation Schedule, the Chair is slated to be Ken Lane, City Member; and the Vice Chair is to be selected among the Regular County Members.
 2. The Mid Year Budget Review.
 3. MSR and SOI Update for the City of Newman. The City is requesting to add approximately 197 acres to its Sphere of Influence.
- B. The City of Modesto approved an area proposed for annexation, which will include approximately 32 acres. (Refer to handout – Modesto Bee Article dated December 3, 2008.)
- C. The 32nd Annual Stanislaus County Planning Commissioner's Workshop will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Set meeting date and time. The next meeting date and time is January 28, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

SIGNED COPY ON FILE

Marjorie Blom, Executive Officer

dh,i:

(I:\LAFCOadmin\LAFCO\Minutes\2008\Dec 3rd Mtg.doc)