



STANISLAUS LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OCTOBER 27, 2010

The Stanislaus Local Agency Formation Commission met in the Joint Chambers at Tenth Street Place, Basement Level, 1010 10th Street, Modesto, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Chair DeMartini called the October 27, 2010 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance to Flag. Chair DeMartini led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- C. Introduction of Commissioners. Chair DeMartini led in the introduction of the Commissioners and Staff.

Commissioners Present: Jim DeMartini, Chair, County Member
Tia Saletta, Vice-Chair, Public Member
Charlie Goeken, City Member
William O'Brien, County Member
Amy Bublak, City Member
Ron Freitas, Alternate Public Member

Commissioners Absent: Vito Chiesa, Alternate County Member
Ken Lane, Alternate City Member

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- A. Minutes of September 22, 2010. It was moved by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Bublak, and carried with a 5-0 vote (Commissioner Freitas was ineligible) to approve the Minutes of the September 22, 2010 meeting.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Specific Correspondence.

None.

B. Informational Correspondence.

1. Executive Officer's Legislative Report (October 2010) - Received.
2. "The Sphere", CALAFCO Newsletter, October 2010 – Received.
3. Publication of the California Special District Association (CSDA) Volume 5, Issue 5, September – October – Received.
4. Staff Response to the City of Ceres West Landing Specific Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report, dated September 30, 2010 – Received.

C. In the News:

- Turlock Journal, September 29, 2010, Council thanks unions for their support" - Received.
- The Modesto Bee, October 4, 2010, "San Joaquin Delta water users alarmed by salmon report" – Received.
- The Modesto Bee, October 6, 2010, "Expert to SJ planners: Growth not the answer" – Received.
- Patterson Irrigator, October 7, 2010, "Commissioners postpone vote on general plan" - Received.
- The Modesto Bee, October 8, 2010, "Yes on sewer vote, despite bad timing" – Received.
- Patterson Irrigator, October 14, 2010, "Commission approves draft general plan" – Received.
- The Modesto Bee, October 19, 2010, "\$200K planned for Stanislaus County sewer studies" – Received.
- The Modesto Bee, October 22, 2010, "Modesto, Salida, county weigh joining fire forces" – Handout.

Other News:

- The Stockton Record, October 1, 2010, "Report says fire districts take too long to respond" – Received.
- Santa Cruz Sentinel, October 4, 2010, "Judge denies Bonny Doon's bid to create a local fire department" – Received.

- The Stockton Record, October 12, 2010, "Fire report shows fee ordinances necessary" – Received.
- Martinez News Gazette, October 14, 2010, "Contra Costa Fire districts lose out to RDAs" – Received.

5. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

None.

6. CONSENT ITEM*

*A. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2011 LAFCO CALENDAR.**

Moved by Commissioner Saletta, seconded by Commissioner Bublak, (Commissioner Freitas was ineligible) and carried with a 5-0 vote to accept the 2011 LAFCO Calendar.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

A. **LAFCO APPLICATION NO. 2010-03 – PELANDALE COMMERCIAL CHANGE OF ORGANIZATION TO THE SALIDA SANITARY DISTRICT.**

Sara Lytle-Pinhey, Assistant Executive Officer, presented the proposal with the recommendation for approval.

Chair DeMartini opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m.

FAVOR: Norm Soares, representing Bright Development.

OPPOSITION: None.

Chair DeMartini closed the Public Hearing at 6:06 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Goeken, seconded by Commissioner Saletta, (Commissioner Freitas was ineligible) and carried with a 5-0 vote to adopt Resolution No. 2010-16, approving the Pelandale Commercial Change of Organization to the Salida Sanitary District.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Collection of the Remaining City of Turlock Annual Apportionment for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

It was noted by Chair DeMartini that the matter was resolved and the City of Turlock paid the remaining apportionment for Fiscal Year 2010-11.

- B. 2010 CALAFCO Annual Conference Report.

Chair DeMartini commented that the sessions were very informative and he was able to pick and choose what classes to attend. Vice Chair Saletta commented that she liked the breakdown of the regional areas and the ability to network with the other LAFCOs. Chair DeMartini and Vice Chair Saletta both enjoyed the Mobile Workshop. Commissioner Bublak enjoyed the breakout session and commented that as a new LAFCO Commissioner, it helped her to get on board with LAFCO.

9. ADDITIONAL MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Chair DeMartini commented regarding his interest in an agricultural mitigation policy. He recommended in the future that LAFCO should come up with guidelines that would seem appropriate. He directed Staff to bring back a summary of what policies other LAFCOs (including Yolo and Santa Clara) currently have in place to be presented at a future meeting.

10. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

A. On the Horizon. The Executive Officer informed the Commission of the following:

1. Upcoming matters for the December 1, 2010 Meeting:

- a. Sphere Modification and Annexation request by the City of Modesto for their Wastewater Treatment Plant on Jennings Road.
- b. River Road Reorganization to the Ceres Fire Protection District.

2. Upcoming matters for the January 26, 2011 Meeting:

- a. Election of Officers.
- b. Kiernan Business Park East Change of Organization to the City of Modesto.
- c. Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Updates for the Modesto Irrigation District, Turlock Irrigation District and Salida Sanitary District.
- d. Annual Annexation Summary Report for 2000-2010.

B. Other Matters:

- 1. CALAFCO U Fire Course for November 5, 2010 at the MJC Regional Fire Training Center.
- 2. LAFCO Office will be closed during the week of Thanksgiving due to furloughs and holidays.

11. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Set the next meeting date of the Commission for December 1, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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Marjorie Blom, Executive Officer