



STANISLAUS LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

MINUTES DECEMBER 1, 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 December 1, 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
Vito Chiesa, Alternate County Member
Ron Freitas, Alternate Public Member

Commissioners Absent: 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

Robert Adkinson, Ceres Fire Protection District, spoke regarding his positive experience working with LAFCO's Executive Officer and Assistant Executive Officer. He thanked them and commended them for their assistance and guidance with the application process for River Road Reorganization to the Ceres Fire Protection District.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- A. Minutes of October 27, 2010. It was moved by Commissioner Saletta, seconded by Commissioner Bublak, and carried with a 5-0 vote (Commissioners Chiesa and Freitas were ineligible) to approve the Minutes of the October 27, 2010 meeting.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Specific Correspondence.

None.

B. Informational Correspondence.

1. *What's So Special About Special Districts? (Fourth Edition)*, Published by the State Local Government Committee, October 2010 - Received.
2. C&L Bulletin, Update on Public Law, November 13, 2010 - Received.
3. Letter dated November 9, 2010, from Kate McKenna, Executive Officer, Monterey LAFCO, thanking Stanislaus LAFCO for co-hosting the successful CALAFCO University Course, "Fire Service Challenges and Cooperative Solutions" in Modesto - Handout.

C. In the News:

- Ceres Courier, October 27, 2010, "Resident protests proposed corner drug store" – Received.
- The Modesto Bee, November 6, 2010 - OPINION - "Putting Community First" - Received.
- Ceres Courier, November 10, 2010, "CVS must address issues with intersection" - Received.
- Patterson Irrigator, November 11, 2010, "General plan EIR comments raise old fears" - Received.
- Patterson Irrigator, November 11, 2010, "Council set to continue work on general plan" - Received.
- The Modesto Bee, November 16, 2010, "Farmland preservation goes before appeals panel" - Received.
- The Modesto Bee, November 17, 2010, "Panel reviews Stanislaus rule for builders" - Received.
- The Modesto Bee, November 30, 2010, "Stanislaus County farmland protection upheld" - Handout.

Other News

- Merced Sun-Star, October 28, 2010, "Measure C: three other California counties have passed measures to save farmland; what happened?" - Received.
- Merced Sun-Star, October 29, 2010, "Managing Merced's Growth: General Plan calls for very different town in future" - Received.

- San Diego Union Tribune, November 11, 2010 – Editorial Opinion - “In the fire agency bureaucracy, less is more” - Received.
- Fresno Bee, November 14, 2010, “City, county at odds over Fresno annexation” - Received.
- The Desert Dispatch (Barstow), November 16, 2010, “LAFCO approves city takeover of Fire District” - Received.

5. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

None.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. LAFCO APPLICATION NO. 2010-05 - RIVER ROAD REORGANIZATION TO THE CERES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

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

Chair DeMartini opened the Public Hearing at 6:07 p.m.

FAVOR: No one spoke.

OPPOSITION: No one spoke.

Chair DeMartini closed the Public Hearing at 6:08 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Bublak, (Commissioners Chiesa and Freitas were ineligible), and carried with a 5-0 vote to adopt Resolution No. 2010-17, approving the River Road Reorganization to the Ceres Fire Protection District.

B. SOI MODIFICATION NO. 2010-07 & LAFCO APPLICATION NO. 2010-04 – JENNINGS ADDITION NO. 2 CHANGE OF ORGANIZATION TO THE CITY OF MODESTO.

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

Chair DeMartini opened the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m.

FAVOR: Dennis Turner, Public Works Director, City of Modesto; Brad Hawn, Modesto City Councilmember.

OPPOSITION: No one spoke.

Chair DeMartini closed the Public Hearing at 6:22 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Goeken, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, (Commissioners Chiesa and Freitas were ineligible) and carried with a 5-0 vote to adopt Resolution No. 2010-18, approving the Sphere of Influence Modification and Jennings Addition No. 2 Change of Organization to the City of Modesto.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

8. ADDITIONAL MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRPERSON

None.

9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Initial Information Regarding Agricultural Land Preservation Policies.

The Executive Officer provided the Commission with information regarding various LAFCOs' Agricultural Land Preservation policies. Staff recommended the Commission receive the information and no action was necessary.

The Commission commented regarding their interest in exploring the possibility of developing an agricultural land preservation policy. The Commission directed staff to bring back an item for further discussion in January with option for either forming a subcommittee or posting a workshop to consider development of an agricultural land preservation policy for Stanislaus LAFCO.

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

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

- a. Election of Officers for the annual term of February 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012.
- b. Kiernan Business Park East Change of Organization to the City of Modesto.
- c. Annual Annexation Summary.
- d. MSR & SOI Update for the Modesto Irrigation District.

C. Other Matters:

1. The Stanislaus County Planning Director's will be holding the Annual Planning Commissioner's Workshop on Saturday, March 5, 2011.
2. The LAFCO Office will be closed from the afternoon of December 24th through December 31st due to Furloughs and the Winter Holidays.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Set the next meeting date of the Commission for January 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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Marjorie Blom, Executive Officer