



# STANISLAUS LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

## MINUTES

JULY 27, 2011

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

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Chair Saletta called the July 27, 2011 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance to Flag. Chair Saletta led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- C. Introduction of Commissioners. Chair Saletta led in the introduction of the Commissioners and Staff.

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

None.

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- A. Minutes of May 25, 2011. It was moved by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Bublak, and carried with a unanimous vote (Commissioners Chiesa and Freitas were ineligible) to approve the Minutes of the May 25, 2011 meeting.

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Specific Correspondence.

None.

B. Informational Correspondence.

1. Publication of the California Special District Association (CSDA), Volume 6, Issue 3, May – June 2011 – Received.
2. 2011 Education Catalog of the California Special District Association (CSDA) Summer/Fall – Received.
3. California Planning Development Report (CP&DR) Volume 26, No. 10, May 15, 2011 – Received.
4. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Foothills Legacy Area Planning Update #1, May 2011 – Received.
5. CALAFCO Quarterly, July 2011 – Received.
6. Report on California Forward's Smart Growth Government Framework, July 11, 2011 – Received.

C. In the News

- The Modesto Bee, May 24, 2011, "Will fire merger be able to grow" – Received.
- The Modesto Bee, May 25, 2011, "Still brand-new, Stanislaus fire office could double in size" – Received.
- The Modesto Bee, May 27, 2011 – *EDITORIAL OPINION*, "Agencies combine to save money" – Received.
- The Oakdale Leader, June 1, 2011, "Oakdale Rural Fire Department Questions Division 1 Coverage" - Received.
- Ceres Courier, June 29, 2011, "West Landing annexation OK'd by City Council" - Received.
- The Modesto Bee, July 1, 2011, "Modesto, Stanislaus neighborhoods end lawsuit" - Received.
- The Modesto Bee, July 4, 2011, "Kamilos reaching out, with mixed success, on Modesto West Park" - Received.

Other News

- San Francisco Chronicle, May 31, 2011, "Think Long: Heavy-hitters try to reform state" - Received.

- Bakersfield.com, June 8, 2011, "Grand jury recommends Maricopa be dissolved as city" - Received.
- California Planning & Development Report, June 13, 2011, "Proposed 'New City' Banks on Resurrection of Salton Sea" - Received.

## 5. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

None.

## 8B. OTHER BUSINESS - Update on the County Mayors "Stanislaus Growth Management Plan" presented by Riverbank Mayor Virginia Madueño.

Called by Chair Saletta to reorder the agenda to allow for Presentation of 8B be heard prior to the remaining items on the agenda.

Riverbank Mayor Virginia Madueño provided a status report to the Commission on the County Mayors "Stanislaus Growth Management Plan".

Brad Barker, Edgebrook Drive, Modesto; Vance Kennedy, 5052 Tully Road, Modesto; and Denny Jackman, Chairman, Farmland Working Group stated their concerns regarding farmland preservation in Stanislaus County.

## 6. CONSENT ITEMS\*

- \*A. **CONSIDERATION OF MSR NO. 11-02 AND SOI NO. 2011-02 - MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW AND SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATE FOR THE NEWMAN DRAINAGE DISTRICT.** Staff Recommended Approval of Resolution No. 2011-09.
- \*B. **COUNTY PERFORMED LAFCO PURCHASING CARD AUDIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF JULY 1, 2009 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2010.** Report was received and filed by the Commission.

Moved by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Vice Chair Goeken, and carried with a 5-0 vote (Commissioners Chiesa and Freitas were ineligible) to approve Consent Items A and B.

## 7. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. **LAFCO APPLICATION NO. 2011-03 – CENTRAL-HATCH NO. 2 REORGANIZATION TO THE CITY OF CERES.**  
Marjorie Blom, Executive Officer, presented the proposal with the recommendation for approval.  
Chair Saletta opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m.  
**FAVOR:** Tom Westbrook, Planning Manager, City of Ceres.  
**OPPOSITION:** No one spoke.  
Chair Saletta closed the Public Hearing at 6:33 p.m.  
Moved by Vice Chair Goeken, seconded Commissioner Bublak, and carried with a 5-0 vote (Commissioners Chiesa and Freitas were ineligible) to adopt Resolution No. 2011-10, approving the Central-Hatch No. 2 Reorganization to the City of Ceres.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS.**

- A. CALAFCO Nominations for Boards of Directors, Designation of Annual Conference Voting Delegates.

It was moved by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Bublak, and carried with a 5-0 vote to appoint Vice Chair Goeken as the Voting Delegate and Commissioner DeMartini as the Alternate Voting Delegate to represent Stanislaus LAFCO at the 2011 CALAFCO Conference on September 1, 2011.

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

- A. Results of Executive Officer's Performance Review.

Chair Saletta reported that she, Vice Chair Goeken and past Chair DeMartini met with Marjorie Blom, Executive Officer, and reported that her annual review was a positive evaluation.

**10. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

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

1. Upcoming matters for the August 24, 2011 Meeting:

- a. Out-of-Boundary request from the City of Modesto (Beard Industrial Area).
- b. Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update for the Empire Sanitary District.

- B. Other Matters:

1. Staff continues to work on various MSR & SOI Updates for completion by the end of the year.
2. The LAFCO Office will be closed September 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> (CALAFCO Conference and Labor Day Holiday).

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Set the next meeting date of the Commission for August 24, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

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Marjorie Blom, Executive Officer

**NOTE: A tape recording of this meeting is unavailable due to equipment malfunction.**

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