



STANISLAUS LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2011

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 Saletta called the September 28, 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
Amy Bublak, City Member
Jim DeMartini, County Member
William O'Brien, County Member
Ron Freitas, Alternate Public Member

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

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- A. Minutes of August 24, 2011. It was moved by Commissioner Goeken, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, and carried with a 4-0 vote (Commissioner Bublak abstained and Commissioner Freitas was ineligible) to approve the Minutes of the August 24, 2011 meeting.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Specific Correspondence.

None.

B. Informational Correspondence.

1. Legislative Update (September 2011) – Received.
2. “The Sphere”, CALAFCO Newsletter, September 2011 – Received.
3. Publication of the California Special District Association (CSDA) Volume 6, Issue 4, July – August 2011 – Received.
4. CALAFCO University Flyer, “LAFCO as a Regional Partner: New Perspectives & Best Practices”, for October 28, 2011 – Received.
5. LAFCO Response to a Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the West Patterson Business Park Expansion Project – Received.
6. Del Puerto Water District letter dated September 2, 2011, regarding the City of Patterson’s NOP for a draft EIR for the West Patterson Business Park Expansion Project – Received.
7. LAFCO Response to a Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the City of Oakdale 2030 General Plan Update – Received.
8. Farmland Working Group Summer/Fall 2011 Newsletter – Received.
9. Materials for West Landing Specific Plan Reorganization to the City of Ceres Proposal – Handout.
10. A Letter from Ken Lane, dated September 27, 2011, regarding his resignation as Alternate City Member - Handout.

C. In the News

- The Modesto Bee, August 21, 2011, “A new plan for Salida: Annex it to Modesto” – Received.
- The Modesto Bee, August 23, 2011, “Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors Watch” – Received.
- Patterson Irrigator, August 25, 2011, “City invites residents to consider impact of business park expansion” – Received.
- Patterson Irrigator, August 25, 2011, “Council puts master plans into high gear” – Received.
- The Riverbank News, August 31, 2011, “Growth Management Plan Discussed” – Received.

- Westside Index, September 1, 2011, “Fire district leaves assessments unchanged” - Received.
- Patterson Irrigator, September 7, 2011, “Auto shop owners take on TID in class-action suit” - Received.
- The Oakdale Leader, September 7, 2011, “OID Board Hears Farmer Comments” - Received.
- The Modesto Bee, September 9, 2011, “More than \$5.4M paid for new easements in and near Stanislaus County” - Received.
- The Modesto Bee, September 18, 2011, “Urban growth to be centerpiece of Stanislaus County effort” - Received.
- The Modesto Bee, September 19, 2011, “Oakdale eyes development, help for firefighters” - Received.
- The Modesto Bee, September 25, 2011, “Keep Stanislaus County urban growth lines reasonable” – Handout.
- Oakdale Leader, September 28, 2011, “Proposed Expansion Pushes City Boundaries” – Handout.

Other News:

- Los Angeles Times, Orange County Edition, August 24, 2011, “Vernon’s debt may save it from disincorporation” - Received.
- Contra Costa Times, September 4, 2011, “Livermore eyes Doolan Canyon to Dublin’s surprise” - Received.
- Miller-McCune, September 6, 2011, “Rescuing the Rural Edge – It Takes a Village” - Received.
- Central Valley Business Times, September 8, 2011, “Rural areas would get help upgrading water systems” - Received.
- The Wall Street Journal, September 12, 2011, “An Apple Tree Grows in Suburbia” – Received.
- The Independent, September 17, 2011, “Livermore to Pursue Doolan SOI” - Received.

5. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

None.

6. CONSENT ITEM*

*A. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSED 2012 LAFCO MEETING CALENDAR**

Moved by Commissioner Goeken, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien (Commissioner Freitas was ineligible) and carried with a 5-0 vote to accept the 2012 LAFCO Calendar.

7. OTHER BUSINESS.

A. 2011 CALAFCO Annual Conference Report.

Commissioner DeMartini commented that he enjoyed the conference and the sessions were valuable; Commissioner Goeken concurred; and Commissioner O'Brien briefly summarized his session at the conference regarding "The Stanislaus Experience: Three Fire Agencies' Regional Approach to Cooperative Solutions in Challenging Times".

B. Authorization for the Executive Officer to Also Serve as a CALAFCO Deputy Executive Officer ("Volunteer" Staff Position).

Marjorie Blom, Executive Officer, presented the Staff Report.

Moved by Commissioner Goeken, seconded by Commissioner Bublak (Commissioner Freitas was ineligible) and carried with a 5-0 vote to authorize the Executive Officer to also serve as a CALAFCO Deputy Executive Officer ("Volunteer" Staff Position).

8. ADDITIONAL MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRPERSON

None.

9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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

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

a. No scheduled items. Staff recommends the Commission cancel the meeting.

2. Upcoming matters for the December 7, 2011 Meeting:

a. Park View Estates Annexation to County Service Area No. 10 (Salida).

b. MSR/SOI Update for the Riverdale Park Tract Community Services District.

c. Mayors Growth Strategy Update.

3. Upcoming matters for the January 25, 2012 Meeting:

- a. Election of Officers
- b. Mid-Year Budget
- c. MSR/SOI Update for the Salida Sanitary District
- d. Annual Annexation Summary

B. Other Matters:

1. The West Landing Specific Plan Reorganization to the City of Ceres. This proposal will be held at the December or January LAFCO Meeting. Review copies of background documents have been provided to the Commission.
2. Westside Area Annexation to the Turlock Irrigation District proposal was submitted by the City of Patterson. Staff is awaiting a response from the Turlock Irrigation District.
3. Shackelford Annexation to the City of Modesto will to be heard by the Modesto City Council in November.
4. Marjorie Blom, Executive Officer, attended a City Mayors meeting on September 14th in Ceres regarding the Mayors Growth Strategy. Vice Chair Goeken was also in attendance. This meeting was referenced in a Modesto Bee article on September 18th, included with the "In the News" materials. Their next meeting is in early November.
5. The LAFCO Office will be closed the week of November 21st through 25th due to the closure of Tenth Street Place for Furloughs and the Thanksgiving Holiday.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Moved by Commissioner Bublak, seconded by Commissioner Goeken, and carried with a 5-0 vote to cancel the Regular Meeting of October 26, 2011, and schedule the next meeting date and time for December 7, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

SIGNED COPY ON FILE

Marjorie Blom, Executive Officer

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