



STANISLAUS LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

MINUTES JANUARY 25, 2012

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. Vice-Chair Goeken called the January 25, 2012 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance to Flag. Vice-Chair Goeken led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- C. Introduction of Commissioners. Vice-Chair Goeken led in the introduction of the Commissioners and Staff.

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

Commissioner Absent: Tia Saletta, Chair, Public 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 December 7, 2011. It was moved by Commissioner Bublak, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, and carried with a 5-0 vote (Commissioner Beekman was ineligible) to approve the Minutes of the December 7, 2011 meeting.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Specific Correspondence.

None.

B. Informational Correspondence.

1. Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) Report of Special Districts and LAFCOs, released on January 4, 2012 – Received.
2. Farmland Working Group Newsletter, Winter 2011 – Received.
3. California Planning & Development Report, December 2011 – Excerpt Regarding the Southern California Association of Governments Adopted Sustainable Communities Strategy – Received.
4. CALAFCO University Course Flyer - “Understanding Health Care Districts and the Role of LAFCo” to be held February 3, 2012 in San Jose – Received.
5. CALAFCO 2012 Events Calendar – Received.
6. California Special Districts Association (CSDA) 2012 Education Catalog – Received.
7. Publication of the California Special District Association (CSDA) Volume 6, Issue 6, November – December 2011 – Handout.

C. In the News

- Oakdale Leader, December 7, 2011, “OID Board Selects Officers” - Received.
- The Modesto Bee, December 9, 2011 – OPINION, “Mayors’ ag land plan would protect very little” - Received.
- Oakdale Leader, December 12, 2011, “Stanislaus and Oakdale fire agencies step closer to merger” - Received.
- The Modesto Bee, January 1, 2012 - OPINION, “2012 marks year of big decisions for Modesto area residents” – Received.
- The Modesto Bee, January 8, 2012 – OPINION, “MAYORS: Saving ag land and planning a sustainable future” – Received.
- Patterson Irrigator, January 11, 2012, “Mayors’ regional plan draws council’s ire” – Received.

Other News:

- Sustainable Communities – November/December 2011, Vol. 1, No. 6, “San Diego Adopts California’s First Sustainable Communities Strategy: Critics say transit takes backseat to freeway expansion” – Received.
- Contra Costa Times, December 5, 2011, “Consultant finds health care district dissolution justified” – Received.
- Public CEO.com, December 9, 2011, “RIGHTSIZING LOCAL GOVERNMENT” – Received.
- Los Angeles Times, December 13, 2011, “Vernon agreed to pay \$60 million to avoid disincorporation” – Received.
- Chico News & Review, December 15, 2011, “Protecting prime land” – Received.
- The Washington Post, December 19, 2011, “Maryland governor signs land-use order” – Received.
- The Stockton Record, December 26, 2011, “Stockton? It disbanded back in 2012” – Received.
- The Stockton Record, December 27, 2011, “Once-booming Tracy scales back growth projects” – Received.
- Tracy Press, December 30, 2011, “Going forward: Change from the top down” – Received.
- American Planning Association, January 2012 – Web-Only Sidebar, “Annexations, Incorporations, and Reorganizations” – Received.
- CA Special Districts Association (CSDA) e-News, January 9, 2012, “LAO Releases New Special District Report” – Received.
- Contra Costa Times, January 12, 2012, “Contra Costa regulators vote to dissolve Mt. Diablo Health Care District” – Received.
- Napa Valley Register, January 12, 2012, “Will historic sites become collateral damage of ag Preserve?” – Received.

5. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

None.

6. PRESENTATION

Vince Harris, Executive Director and Jaylen French, Associate Planner, from the Stanislaus Association of Governments (StanCOG) provided an informational presentation regarding the Development of the Stanislaus Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS).

7. CONSENT ITEM

The following item was removed from consent at the request of Commissioner Freitas.

- A. **CONSIDERATION OF MSR NO. 11-06 AND SOI NO. 2011-08 – MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW AND SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATE FOR THE SALIDA SANITARY DISTRICT.** Staff Recommended Approval of Resolution No. 2012-01.

Moved by Commissioner Freitas, seconded by Commissioner Bublak and carried with a 5-0 vote (Commissioner Beekman was ineligible) to approve the Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update for the Salida Sanitary District.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Annual Election of Officers.

Moved by Commissioner DeMartini, seconded by Commissioner Bublak and carried with a 5-0 vote (Commissioner Beekman was ineligible) to adopt Resolution No. 2012-02, approving Charlie Goeken, City Member, as Chairperson and Bill O'Brien, County Member, as Vice-Chairperson for the annual term of February 1, 2012 to January 31, 2013.

- B. Mid-Year Budget Report for Fiscal Year 2011-12

Moved by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Freitas (Commissioner Beekman was ineligible) and carried with a 5-0 vote to accept the Mid-Year Budget Report for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

- C. Legislative Update – First Quarter 2012

Moved by Commissioner Bublak, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien (Commissioner Beekman was ineligible) and carried with a 5-0 vote to accept the Legislative Update, First Quarter 2012.

- D. Annual City Annexation Summary and Special Districts Report

Moved by Commissioner Bublak, seconded by Commissioner DeMartini (Commissioner Beekman was eligible) and carried with a 5-0 vote to accept the Annual City Annexation Summary and Special Districts Report.

9. ADDITIONAL MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Vice-Chairperson Goeken stated he would like to see a LAFCO Policy on Agricultural Preservation be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

10. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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

1. Upcoming matters for the February 22, 2012 Meeting:

- a. Roy Wasden, Turlock's City Manager, has requested to speak to the Commission regarding "A Local Perspective on the effects of agricultural mitigation requirements on land use policy, government finances, and job growth".
 - b. City of Ceres Municipal Service Review (MSR), Sphere of Influence Modification and West Landing Specific Plan Reorganization to the City of Ceres. City documents including Specific Plan, EIR, and Infrastructure Plans were previously provided to the Commission at the September 28, 2011 Meeting.
 - c. Shackelford Change of Organization to the City of Modesto. There is no detachment being proposed from Industrial Fire Protection District.
2. Upcoming matters for the March 28, 2012 Meeting:
- a. Municipal Service Review, Sphere of Influence Modification and annexation request by the Eastside Water District. The area includes 4,600 acres between Stanislaus and Merced County.
 - b. Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013; with the Final Budget recommended at the May 23, 2011 meeting.
 - c. LAFCO Policies and Procedures Update – due to recent changes in state law, including SB 244 – Disadvantaged Communities.
3. Of Note to the Commission:
- a. The Annual County Planning Commissioners Workshop will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2012 in Riverbank.
 - b. Westside Electrical Service Area and SOI Modification and Change of Organization to the Turlock Irrigation District. The City of Patterson has decided to amend the boundaries of their proposed annexation request to the Turlock Irrigation District.
 - c. Fire Municipal Service Review Update – The time has come to begin the update of the Countywide Fire Services Municipal Service Review, which was first adopted by the Commission in April 2007. The 2007 Fire Services MSR was prepared with the assistance of an outside consultant. The effort did not include review of the districts' spheres of influence. As a budgetary measure, Staff is prepared to complete the MSR and Sphere update in-house, unless the Commission directs otherwise. This effort will require coordination with the County Fire Districts and the County Fire Marshal.
 - d. CALAFCO Staff Workshop is April 24-27, 2012. This conflicts with the Commission's April 25th meeting. At this point, there are no applications scheduled for the Commission in April. Thus, Staff may recommend that the Commission cancel your April meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Set the next meeting date and time of the Commission for February 22, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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Marjorie Blom, Executive Officer

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