STANISLAUS LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

MINUTES
May 28, 2014

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

Chair Bublak called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance to Flag. Chair Bublak led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

B. Introduction of Commissioners and Staff. Chair Bublak led in the introduction of the Commissioners and Staff.

Commissioners Present: Amy Bublak, Chair, City Member  
Matt Beekman, City Member  
William O'Brien, County Member  
Brad Hawn, Public Member  
Donald Hutchins, Alternate City Member  
Annabel Gammon, Alternate Public Member  
Terry Withrow, Alternate County Member

Commissioners Absent: Jim DeMartini, Vice Chair, County Member

Staff Present: Marjorie Blom, Executive Officer  
Sara Lytle-Pinhey, Assistant Executive Officer  
Jennifer Goss, Commission Clerk  
Robert J. Taro, LAFCO Counsel

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Minutes of March 26, 2014. Motion by Commissioner Hawn seconded by Commissioner Withrow, and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve the Minutes of the March 26, 2014 meeting.

Ayes: Commissioners: Bublak, Beekman, Hawn, and Withrow
Noes: Commissioners: None
Ineligible: Commissioners: Gammon and Hutchins
Absent: Commissioners: DeMartini
Abstention: Commissioners: O'Brien
4. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Specific Correspondence.

None.

B. Informational Correspondence.


3. CA Special District Magazine, Publication by the California Special Districts Association (CSDA), Vol. 9, Issue 2, Mar-April 2014.

4. CALAFCO Executive Director Activities Report, May 2, 2014.

5. CALAFCO Executive Director’s Letter dated April 30, 2014, regarding Staff’s attendance at the 2014 CALAFCO Staff Workshop.

6. Executive Officer’s Memorandum regarding highlights from the 2014 CALAFCO Staff Workshop, held April 23-25, 2014 in Berkeley.

7. Executive Officer’s Legislative Report.

8. CALAFCO University – LAFCO Greatest Hits of 2013: Projects of the Year registration form.


11. LAFCO Staff’s response letter dated May 28, 2014 regarding the Notice or Preparation of a Master Environmental Impact Report – City of Modesto General Plan Amendment – Handout.

C. “In the News.”

5. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

None.

6. CONSENT ITEM

A. OUT-OF-BOUNDARY SERVICE EXTENSION REQUEST – CITY OF MODESTO – PARKLAWN NEIGHBORHOOD. The City of Modesto has requested that LAFCO consider approval of an area wide out-of-boundary sewer extension to the unincorporated Parklawn Neighborhood. The County recently obtained a grant for the installation of sewer infrastructure within the Parklawn Neighborhood to remedy failing septic tanks. LAFCO review is required prior to the extension of City services.
Stanislaus County, as Lead Agency, under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), prepared an initial study and adopted a negative declaration for the proposed sewer extension. LAFCO, as a Responsible Agency, will consider the environmental documentation prepared by the County as part of this action. (Staff Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2014-05.)

Motion by Commissioner Hawn, seconded by Commissioner Withrow and carried with a 5-0 vote to adopt Resolution No. 2014-05, approving the proposal by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: Beekman, Bublak, Hawn, O'Brien and Withrow
Noes: Commissioners: None
Ineligible: Commissioners: Gammon and Hutchins
Absent: Commissioners: DeMartini
Abstention: Commissioners: None

7. PUBLIC HEARING


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

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

No one spoke in favor or in opposition.

Chair Bublak closed the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m.

Commissioner O'Brien stated that he had concerns regarding approving the final budget at this time.

Motion by Commissioner Withrow, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and carried with a 5-0 vote to continue the item to a Special Meeting to be scheduled prior to June 15th in order for the Executive Officer to provide further information regarding staffing and revenues by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: Bublak, Beekman, Hawn, O'Brien, and Withrow
Noes: Commissioners: None
Ineligible: Commissioners: Gammon and Hutchins
Absent: Commissioners: DeMartini
Abstention: Commissioners: None

8. ADDITIONAL MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Councilman Tony Madrigal, Modesto City Councilmember and Former Councilman David Geer both thanked the Commission for their approval of Parklawn Neighborhood Out-of-Boundary Service Extension.
10. EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

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

1. Of Note to the Commission:

   a. Your Agenda Packet included information regarding Staff’s Participation at the CALAFCO Staff Workshop, held April 23rd-25th in Berkeley.
   
   b. On Saturday, May 10th LAFCO Staff and Commissioner Gammon attended the 37th Annual Planning Commissioners Workshop in Oakdale. The topic for the Workshop was water and had over 75 people in attendance.

2. Upcoming Items:

   Smaller District Municipal Service Review (MSR) and Sphere of Influence (SOI) Updates.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A. Chair Bublak announced that the Executive Officer Marjorie Blom will notify the Commission when the Special Meeting to review the final budget will be scheduled.

B. The meeting was adjourned 6:25 p.m.