



STANISLAUS LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

March 25, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair DeMartini called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance to Flag. Chair DeMartini led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- B. Introduction of Commissioners and Staff. Chair DeMartini led in the introduction of the Commissioners and Staff.

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

Commissioners Absent: None

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 MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the January 28, 2015 Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Hawn, seconded by Commissioner Beekman and carried with a 5-0 vote to approve the Minutes of the January 28, 2015 meeting by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: Beekman, Bublak, DeMartini, Hawn and Withrow
Noes: Commissioners: None
Ineligible: Commissioners: Gammon, R. O'Brien and W. O'Brien

Absent: Commissioners: None
Abstention: Commissioners: None

4. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Specific Correspondence.

1. Resolution from Pat Paul, City of Oakdale, dated March 20, 2015, regarding Item 6-A.
2. Email from Brad Barker, Yokuts Group of the Sierra Club, dated March 23, 2015, regarding Item 6-A.
3. Letter from Edward Thompson, Jr., American Farmland Trust, dated March 24, 2015, regarding Item 6-A.
4. Resolution from the City of Waterford, dated March 24, 2015, regarding Item 6-A.
5. Letter from Pat Paul, Mayor, City of Oakdale, dated March 25, 2015, regarding Item 6-A.
6. Letter from David E. Cogdill, Sr., California Building Industry Association, dated March 25, 2015, regarding Item 6-A.
7. Letter from Douglas L. White, Churchwell White, dated March 25, 2015, regarding Item 6-A.
8. Letter from Jim Holgersson, City Manager, City of Modesto, dated March 25, 2015, regarding Item 6-A.
9. Email from John Gunderson, Councilmember, City of Modesto, dated March 25, 2015, regarding Item 6-A.
10. Letter from Edward Persike, Resident, delivered to commission at meeting on March 25, 2015, regarding Item 6-A.

B. Informational Correspondence.

1. Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) Longevity Distribution Credit Letter, dated February 19, 2015.
2. CH&W Newsletter, Update on Public Law, Winter 2015
3. CALAFCO Items: Board of Directors Reports for January 2015 and February 2015.
4. California Special District's Association (CSDA) Volume 10, Issue 1, Jan-Feb 2015.

C. "In the News".

5. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

None.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO POLICY 22 – AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION POLICY.** Sara Lytle-Pinhey, Assistant Executive Officer presented the proposed amendment to the Agricultural Preservation Policy with a recommendation of approval.

Chari DeMartini opened the Public Hearing at 6:18 pm

The following persons spoke regarding the Agricultural Preservation Policy: Tom Hallinan, Attorney with Churchwell White; Bill Martin, Executive Director of Central Valley Farmland Trust; Jill Anderson, Riverbank City Manager; Ken Irwin, Patterson City Manager; Toby Wells, Ceres City Manager; Denny Jackman, resident of Modesto; Bryan Whitemyer, Oakdale City Manager; Wayne Zipser, Executive Director of Stanislaus County Farm Bureau; Jeani Ferrari, resident of Turlock; Brad Barker, resident of Modesto; John Beckman, CEO of Building Industry Association of Greater Valley; Ed Persike, resident of Modesto; Katherine Borges, resident of Salida; and Doug White, City Deputy Attorney for multiple cities.

Chair DeMartini closed the Public Hearing at 7:13 pm.

Motion by Commissioner Hawn, seconded by Commissioner Bublak to continue the item and bring it back in 60 days failed. Motion by the following 2-3 vote:

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

Motion by Commissioner Withrow, seconded by Commissioner Beekman and carried with a 3-2 vote to approve the proposed amendment as recommended and adopt Resolution No. 2015-06 by the following vote:

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

- B. **ADOPTION OF PROPOSED LAFCO BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016.** Marjorie Blom, Executive Officer, presented the proposal with a recommendation for approval.

Chair Demartini opened the item for Public Hearing at 7:55 pm

No one spoke regarding this item.

Chair DeMartini closed the item for Public Hearing at 7:55 pm.
Motion by Commissioner Hawn, seconded by Commissioner Withrow and carried with a 5-0 vote to adopt the proposed budget as amended (Alternate Member W. O'Brien suggested that the proposed budget should be amended to remain the same as the previous year's net budget and with direction to ensure cash-out liability is budgeted in reserves) by the following vote:

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

7. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Beekman recommended that Staff increase communication with the city councils and elected officials.

Chair DeMartini concurred that outreach by Staff is important.

Commissioner Withrow advised Staff to come back with a plan to meet with each city council to educate them on LAFCO and its policies.

10. ADDITIONAL MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRPERSON

None.

11. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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

1. Of Note to the Commission

- Along with CALAFCO Executive Director, attended a meeting with Governors staff on Monday, March 23, 2015 regarding small Public/Private Water Companies.
- Attended with the Commission Clerk, the annual SDRMA Safety Day in Sacramento.
- Provided an update on the Executive Officer Recruitment process (Vice-Chair Hawn mentioned he would like to participate on the initial panel interviews).

2. Upcoming Items for the April 22, 2015 Meeting

- a. There are no scheduled items for the April 22nd Meeting, therefore Staff recommended cancellation of the April meeting.

3. Upcoming Items for the May 27, 2015 Meeting

- a. Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

- b. MSR/ SOI's for Special Districts.
- c. Closed Session for the Executive Officer Recruitment.

12. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Chair DeMartini announced that the April 22nd meeting is cancelled and the next meeting date and time is May 27th, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
- B. The meeting was adjourned 8:08 p.m.

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Marjorie Blom, Executive Officer