

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL DISTRICTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MAY 16, 2008 MEETING**

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DRAFT MINUTES

There being a quorum present, the meeting was convened at 9:35 a.m., by Chairwoman Jo Mackenzie (Vista ID). Attending were: **Committee Members** – James Alkire (South Bay Irrigation District), Gary Arant (Valley Center MWD), Gary Croucher (Otay Water District), Judy Hanson (Leucadia WD), Ron Fuller (Alpine FPD), Keith Lewinger (Fallbrook Public Utility District), Vice Chairman Tom Pocklington (Bonita-Sunnyside FPD), Jim Poltl (Vallecitos WD), and Kimberly Thorner (Olivenhain MWD). **LAFCO Staff** – LAFCO Consultant Harry Ehrlich; and Chief, Policy Research, Shirley Anderson. Absent were: **Committee Members** – Larry Jackman (San Miguel Consolidated FPD), Richard Olson (North County FPD), John Pastore (Rancho Santa Fe CSD), Augie Scalzitti (Padre Dam MWD), Dennis Shepard (North County CD), and Diana Towne (Rincon del Diablo MWD).

Item 1

Approval of Minutes of March 28, 2008

With Ron Fuller, Gary Arant, and Keith Lewinger abstaining, ON MOTION of Judy Hanson, seconded by Jim Poltl, and unanimously approved by the remaining committee members, the Committee dispensed with reading the March 28, 2008 minutes and approved said minutes.

Item 2

Consultant's Recommended Agenda Revisions

Harry Ehrlich indicated that there were no revisions to the agenda.

Item 3

Committee Member/Consultant's Announcements

Harry Ehrlich announced that the call for nominations for the 2008 Special Districts election was sent April 25, 2008. He said that one (1) Regular Special District Member position and eight (8) Special District Member positions are up for election in 2008. Mr. Ehrlich indicated that the deadline to return nominations to the LAFCO office is June 12, 2008.

Item 4

Public Comment

No members of the public requested to speak.

Item 5

Project Report: Consolidation of the East County and San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection Districts

Harry Ehrlich said that the East County and San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection Districts' (FPD) consolidation proposal is being presented to the Committee as an informational item to keep them up-to-date with some of the proposals that LAFCO staff is processing. He introduced Shirley Anderson who managed the proposed consolidation.

Shirley Anderson provided a staff presentation to the Committee. Ms. Anderson indicated that the Boards of Directors for the East County and San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection Districts submitted a resolution to LAFCO requesting the consolidation of both districts into a successor district – the San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District. She said that State Law requires LAFCO to approve or conditionally approve the proposal because both boards unanimously adopted substantially similar resolutions.

In response to a question from Tom Pocklington, Ms. Anderson said that once the consolidation is finalized between East County and San Miguel Consolidated FPDs, the new consolidated agency will receive a benefit assessment revenue from Proposition E. She said that Proposition E was passed by voters in East County, which increased its annual revenue by \$1.4 million and doubled East County FPD's annual income.

Augie Ghio, Fire Chief of the San Miguel Consolidated FPD, addressed the Committee in support of the proposed consolidation. He said he would be available to answer any questions that the Committee or public may have in regards to the consolidation proposal.

Jack Krogger, Acting Chief of East County FPD, addressed the Committee in support of the consolidation and said that the consolidation would enable the fire districts to provide better fire protection and emergency medical services to the residents of East County.

Gary Croucher thanked LAFCO staff for their hard work and assistance with the fire consolidation.

Item 6

Project Report: Water Supply and Service Role of LAFCO

Harry Ehrlich said that at the April 7, 2008 Commission meeting, the Commission requested that LAFCO staff seek input from the Special Districts Advisory Committee regarding LAFCO's role in water supply and delivery service. Mr. Ehrlich said that a copy of the report was mailed to the Committee on April 7, 2008. Mr. Ehrlich introduced the following people who would be addressing the Committee: Dana Frieauf (San Diego County Water Authority), Eric Larson (San Diego County Farm Bureau), and Brian Kelley (San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board). A handout of Mr. Ehrlich's PowerPoint presentation was provided to the Committee.

Dana Friehauf, San Diego County Water Authority, provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee. The presentation included information regarding the CWA's 2008 Water Authority Strategic Plan, Activated Drought Management Plan, Regional Theme for Increased Voluntary Conservation, Water Supply Diversification since 1991 and in 2020, Bay-Delta Strategy, and Supply Development.

Eric Larson, San Diego County Farm Bureau, provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee. The presentation included information regarding the Farm Bureau's members' economy status, impacts on farmers, removal of citrus trees, stumping of avocado trees, and long term fiscal impacts.

Brian Kelley, San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, provided information to the Committee regarding the Board's purpose and strategies. Julie Chan, also with the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, assisted Mr. Kelley in answering questions from the Committee regarding water quality and runoff control issues.

Gary Arant left at 11:34am.

The Committee took no action on the item and provided some comments to be considered later as the water policy issue is studied.

Item 7

Review of Pending Legislation Tracking Report of Legislation Affecting LAFCO

At the request of Harry Ehrlich, the Committee waived the staff presentation. Mr. Ehrlich indicated that a matrix of pending legislation being tracked by LAFCO staff is included in the Committee's agenda.

Keith Lewinger suggested that Committee members keep track of AB 2153 regarding water conservation requirements for new projects. Harry Ehrlich said he would provide a copy of the bill to Committee members.

Item 8

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Special Districts Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m. to the tentatively scheduled meeting on June 20, 2008, if it is to be held. However, no meeting on June 20th is planned.

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