

**SAN DIEGO LAFCO
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 6, 2009**

There being a quorum present, the meeting was convened at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Bill Horn. Also present were: Regular Commissioners – Supervisor Dianne Jacob; Councilmembers Donna Frye and Carl Hilliard; Bud Pocklington and Andy Vanderlaan. Alternate Commissioners – Councilmember Sherri Lightner; Mayor Mark Lewis; John Ingalls and Harry Mathis. LAFCO Staff – Executive Officer Michael Ott; LAFCO Consultant Harry Ehrlich; and LAFCO Legal Counsel William Smith. Absent were: Regular Commissioner – Councilmember Betty Rexford; Alternate Commissioner – Supervisor Greg Cox.

Item 1
Roll Call

The Commission Secretary performed the roll call for the April 6, 2009 LAFCO meeting. All commissioners were present with the exception of Commissioner Betty Rexford. The Commission Secretary indicated that Mark Lewis would vote in place of regular Commissioner Betty Rexford who was absent, and that John Ingalls would vote in place of regular Commissioner Andy Menshek who resigned from the Commission on February 2, 2009.

Item 2
Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held March 2, 2009

On motion of Commissioner Ingalls, seconded by Commissioner Jacob, and carried unanimously by the commissioners present, the Commission dispensed with reading the minutes of March 2, 2009 and approved said minutes.

Item 3
Executive Officer's Recommended Agenda Revisions

Michael Ott indicated that there were no revisions to the agenda.

Item 4
Installation of Councilmember Sherri Lightner as LAFCO Alternate City of San Diego Member

LAFCO Legal Counsel, William Smith, performed the installation of Councilmember Sherri Lightner as the Alternate City of San Diego Member on the Local Agency Formation Commission.

Item 5
Commissioner/Executive Officer Announcements

There were no Commissioner/Executive Officer Announcements.

Item 6
Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Item 7
Administrative Approval of a Contractual Service Agreement: Lakeside Sanitation District / Carolyn Green (OAS09-02)

Commissioner Jacob requested that the proponent resolve associated planning issues prior to the Commission's consideration.

Michael Ott indicated that in consideration of the health and safety issue confirmed by the County Department of Environmental Health in a letter dated January 29, 2009, a contractual service agreement was administratively approved on February 3, 2009. He said that LAFCO staff will ensure that the planning issues are addressed prior to bringing the proposed annexation to the Commission for consideration.

This was an information item and no action was required.

Item 8
Third Quarter Budget Update FY 2008-09: A status on LAFCO's budget

At the request of Michael Ott, the Commission waived the staff presentation.

On motion of Commissioner Pocklington, seconded by Commissioner Jacob, and carried unanimously by the commissioners present, the Commission took the following action:

Received and ratified the Third Quarter Budget Update FY 2008-09.

Item 9
Quarterly Self-Approved Claims Report

At the request of Michael Ott, the Commission waived the staff presentation.

On motion of Commissioner Pocklington, seconded by Commissioner Jacob, and carried unanimously by the commissioners present, the Commission took the following action:

Received the April 6, 2009 Quarterly Self-Approved Expense Claims Report.

Item 10
Legislative Report

At the request of Michael Ott, the Commission waived the staff presentation.

This was an information item and no action was required by the Commission.

Item 11
Water Symposium: Role of LAFCO in Water Supply and Availability
(Available on Audio Cassette and DVD)

Michael Ott said that the April 6th Water Symposium was scheduled to educate commissioners and stakeholders on the current status of water supply and availability.

Harry Ehrlich introduced the three speakers and gave a brief biography of each one. He said that the speakers were Timothy Quinn (Executive Director, Association of California Water Agencies), John Coleman (Meteorologist and Weatherman, KUSI News), Dennis Cushman (Assistant General Manager, San Diego County Water Authority), and Ken Weinberg (Director of Resources, San Diego County Water Authority).

Timothy Quinn, Dennis Cushman, and Ken Weinberg provided PowerPoint presentations, which are available on LAFCO's website located at sdlafco.org.

At the request of Commissioner Pocklington, Dennis Cushman discussed the regulatory pumping restrictions that limit imported water from Northern California. He said that the Delta smelt restriction has severely cut water supplies. Mr. Cushman said that California's major reservoirs are experiencing low levels.

Ken Weinberg reported that on April 14, 2009, the Metropolitan Water District will be considering a water shortage allocation plan. He said that he believes a rate increase on water supply will be imposed in the future, which will impact water rates for consumers. Mr. Weinberg said that water agencies have no land-use planning authority, and that it is critical for these agencies to collaborate with each other to improve water issues.

Commissioner Bud Pocklington said that the Regional Quality Control Board will be considering desalinization at its next meeting in April.

In response to a question from Commissioner Jacob, Ken Weinberg said that on a daily basis approximately 60 to 70 million gallons of recycled water is produced; but only half of it is being used because of standard requirements for reusable water. He said that the Regional Quality Control Board is collaborating with water agencies and other local entities to improve the efficiency of using recycled water, as well as conducting groundwater research.

Commissioner Jacob said that the Commission requested a water forum to obtain information on the water crisis and to eventually take action to address water supply and availability issues.

In response to a question from Chairman Horn, Ken Weinberg said that some agencies are conducting groundwater research as a possible water source to recycle.

Commissioner Mathis said political will is the key factor in improving the water issues.

In response to a question from Commissioner Frye, Ken Weinberg said that the San Diego County Water Authority provides literature on drought management and information on water allocation measurements.

Shiela Walson, public member from Bonsall, addressed the Commission with comments regarding desalination plants.

Gerald Walson, Rainbow Municipal Water District representative, addressed the Commission with concerns of water issues.

Mark Weston, Helix Water District representative, addressed the Commission about actions water districts have taken to improve water supply and availability. He also said that since 1991, the per capita usage of water in San Diego County has dropped approximately 25% due to water conservation awareness.

Chairman Horn suggested that LAFCO collaborate with the Regional Quality Control Board to assist and get involved with improving water supply and availability.

Commissioner Jacob said that the County of San Diego has implemented fire and water-wise landscaping requirements for County projects.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. to the May 4, 2009 meeting, in Room 302, County Administration Center.

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