

San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission

Regular Commission Meeting
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Agenda Consent Items Nos. 1-8

- 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes | February 4, 2019 (action)**
- 2. Commission Ratification | Recorded Payments for January 2019 (action)**
- 3. Proposed “Nordahl Road-Diaz Change of Organization” | Annexation to the Vallecitos Water District (action)**
- 4. Proposed “Menchaca-St. Paul Drive Change of Organization” | Annexation to the Vallecitos Water District (action)**
- 5. Progress Report on 2018-2019 Workplan (action)**

Agenda Consent Items Nos. 1-8 Cont.

6. Annual Report | Sphere of Influence and Municipal Service Review Summary of Actions (action)

7. Current Proposals and Related Activities (information)

8. Legislative Report | Items of Interest Proceeding into the New Legislative Session (information)

Approve

Agenda Item No. 1

**Approval of Meeting Minutes |
February 4, 2019 (action)**

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**Commission Ratification |
Recorded Payments for January 2019 (action)**

Agenda Item No. 3

**Proposed “Nordahl Road-Diaz Change of
Organization” |
Annexation to the Vallecitos Water District
(action)**

Agenda Item No. 4

**Proposed “Menchaca-St. Paul Drive Change
of Organization” |
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(action)**

Agenda Item No. 5

**Progress Report on 2018-2019 Workplan
(action)**

Agenda Item No. 6

Annual Report | Sphere of Influence and Municipal Service Review Summary of Actions (action)

Agenda Item No. 7

Current Proposals and Related Activities (information)

**Legislative Report |
Items of Interest Proceeding into the New
Legislative Session (information)**

Agenda Item No. 9

**First Reading |
Proposed Update to the Fund Balance Policy
(action)**

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Baseline

Current Fund Balance Policy

- Adopted in 2013 and recites GASB 54 Standards

Fund Balance Totals

- Audited fund balance as of June 30, 2018 was \$1,607,486
- Projected fund balanced on June 30, 2019 is \$1,450,000
 - ... incorporates budgeted use of \$110,000 as off-setting revenues
 - ... also reflects anticipated operating shortfall of \$50,000
- Current designations total \$225,000 and date back to 2013
 - ... \$175,000 "committed" for fee waivers & fire service reorganizations
 - ... \$75,000 "assigned" for litigation

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Proposed Changes

Headliner

- 4-month reserve of unassigned monies (cash-flow)

Others

- 1-month operating contingency of committed monies (shortfalls)
- Authority to EO to designate up to \$125,000 in assigned monies
- Procedures to credit excess unassigned monies to agencies
- Restoration plan to replenish reserves
- Regular fund balance review

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Implementation Effect...

LAFCO FUND BALANCE POST POLICY UPDATE	
Committed	
... one-month of contingency	157,808
Assigned	
... special legal	62,500
... fee waivers	62,500
Unassigned	
... minimum reserve	633,133
... remainder	534,059
Expected Balance as of 6-30-19	1,450,000
Potential Uses of the Remainder...	
... LAFCO Initiated Projects	
... Office Space	
... IOS System	
... Compensated Absences	
... Agency Credits (\$72,000 proposed in 19-20)	

First Reading |

**Proposed Update to the Preservation of
Open-Space and Agricultural Lands Policy
(action)**

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Context

Timing

- Would be amended for first time in 20 years
 - Concurrent with CALAFCO White Paper on Agricultural Preservation and Best Practices

Existing Policy

- Echoes state-level policy
- Does little to expand on state’s goals and objectives
- Does not acknowledge importance of preserving important agricultural land

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Important Farmland

Value of Agriculture in San Diego County

- 5th largest industry in the county, 19th largest in the U.S.
- Supports regional food production, jobs, income, and community

Relevant Trends in San Diego County

- Annual total loss of (1%), net loss of (0.3%)
- 49% of prime farmland lost since 1992 at 4.3% annually
- Leads Southern Coastal region in farmland converted to urban use
- Converts 5x more farmland to urban use than the entire state
- Important Farmland projected to disappear by 2045

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Policy Recommendations

Best Practices

- Should reflect conversion trends and urban development in more robust goal-objective format

Proposed Amendments

1. Target and measure reduction in conversion rate
2. Consider regional housing needs in proposal review
3. Deference to County General Plan for land use designations
4. Extension of municipal services to support viability of agriculture

Agenda Item No. 11

Report from CALAFCO Board Retreat

Next Meeting on April 8, 2019

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