

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL DISTRICTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2004 MEETING**

There being a quorum present, the meeting was convened at 10:03 a.m., by Vice Chairwoman Jo Mackenzie (Vista Irrigation District). Also present were: **Committee Members** – Gary Arant (Valley Center MWD), Barbara Barber (Helix WD), Daniel Goldberg (Fallbrook HCD), Trish Hannan (Vallecitos WD), Darrell Jobes (East County FPD), John Pastore (Rancho Santa Fe CSD), Tom Pocklington (Bonita-Sunnyside FPD), Augie Scalzitti (Padre Dam MWD) and Dennis Shepard (North County CD); **LAFCO Staff** – Executive Officer Michael D. Ott, Chief, Governmental Services Ingrid Hansen and Local Governmental Analyst Robert Barry. Absent were: **Committee Members** – Harry Ehrlich (Olivenhain MWD), Ron Fuller (Alpine FPD), Judy Hanson (Leucadia WD), Dr. Hanno E.G. Ix (Rincon del Diablo MWD), and Keith Lewinger (Fallbrook PUD).

Item 1
Public Comment

No members of the public requested to speak.

Item 2
Approval of Minutes of December 12, 2003

ON MOTION OF Trish Hannan, seconded by Dennis Shepard, and carried unanimously by the committee members present, the committee dispensed with reading the minutes of the December 12, 2003 meeting, and approved said minutes.

Item 3
Executive Officer / Committee Member Announcements

Vice Chairwoman MacKenzie indicated this item would be taken out of sequence because Mr. Ott needed to make several announcements to the Committee before SANDAG's presentation on the Regional Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Ott introduced new LAFCO staff members to the Advisory Committee, to include: Robert Barry and Laura Biery, who are both Local Governmental Analysts; and Tammy Luckett, who is an Administrative Aide.

Mr. Ott also introduced Bob Leiter, SANDAG's Planning Director, who will give the SANDAG presentation regarding the Regional Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Ott indicated that John Traylor, the new Executive Director of LAFCO's Task Force on Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services, is replacing Karl Bauer, who resigned to accept the Fire Chief position in Leadville, Colorado.

Mr. Ott explained that LAFCO and the Task Force will be co-sponsoring a symposium on the regionalization of fire protection and emergency medical services in San Diego County. Mr. Ott said that among the panelists are San Diego County Sheriff Bill Kolender, City of San Diego Fire Chief Jeff Bowman, representatives from the Orange County Fire Authority, the San Bernardino County Fire Chief, and local representatives from the San Diego County Fire Chief's Association. Mr. Ott said that Supervisor Dianne Jacob will serve as moderator, and that the Advisory Committee members will receive invitations to the April 30, 2004 symposium.

Mr. Ott said that Ingrid Hansen would present an update on the Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence on Agencies Providing Floodwater and Sewage Control, Waterworks Construction, and Groundwater Management and Protection in the Tijuana Watershed (Western Hydrologic Unit).

Augie Scalzitti said that there is a proposal to change legislation so that a person does not need to be a landowner in an irrigation district to be able to serve as a Board member of that district. He asked if other committee members had any knowledge of this matter.

Mr. Ott said there is proposed legislation addressing ownership requirements for irrigation districts. Mr. Ott said that Barbara Barber, who is a member of an irrigation district, might have an update on this legislation.

Barbara Barber indicated that Helix Water District was holding a special Board meeting to discuss this legislation, which addresses only two districts – South Bay Irrigation District and Helix Water District. Mr. Ott suggested that Ms. Barber, or Helix Water District, contact Harry Ehrlich, who is a member of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), regarding this legislation.

Mr. Scalzitti said that ACWA opposed this legislation.

Gary Arant said that most irrigation districts in California are found in the central valley and the Sacramento Valley areas and not in urban areas; therefore, the only way to achieve changes to an irrigation district in an urban environment would be by "exception" rather than statewide. He said irrigation districts in the central valley and Sacramento Valley areas would not support a statewide change in the law.

Item 4

Draft Data Summary and Analysis: Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update: Agencies Providing Floodwater and Sewage Control, Waterworks Construction, and Groundwater Management and Protection in the Tijuana Watershed (Western Hydrologic Unit)

Mr. Ott introduced Ingrid Hansen, who presented a brief update on this item.

This was an information item and the Committee took no action.

Item 5

SANDAG Presentation: Regional Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Ott introduced Bob Leiter of SANDAG, who gave an overview and a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee regarding the Regional Comprehensive Plan, which was crafted by the citizens of the region, the 18 cities and the County working together as the San Diego Association of Governments. Mr. Leiter was unable to conclude his presentation due to a considerable number of questions and lengthy discussions by the Advisory Committee members; therefore, Mr. Ott extended an invitation to Mr. Leiter to return to the May 21, 2004 meeting of the Special Districts Advisory Committee to complete his presentation.

This was an information item and the Committee took no action.

Item 6

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. to the meeting date of May 21, 2004.

**Jan Bryson
Executive Assistant**