

**APPROVED MINUTES
SAN DIEGO LAFCO
January 5, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING**

Via Videoconference Only

1. CALL TO ORDER | ROLL CALL

The special meeting was called to order remotely by videoconference at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Vanderlaan.

The Commission Clerk performed the roll call with the following attendance recorded.

Regulars Present: Chris Cate, City of San Diego
Jim Desmond, County of San Diego (VICE CHAIR)
Paul McNamara, City of Escondido
Andy Vanderlaan, Public (CHAIR)
Barry Willis, Alpine Fire Protection District

Alternates Present: Joel Anderson, County of San Diego (voting)
Kristi Becker, City of Solana Beach (voting)
David Drake, Rincon del Diablo (voting)

Members Absent: Mary Casillas Salas, City of Chula Vista (regular)
Harry Mathis, Public (alternate)
Jo MacKenzie, Vista Irrigation District (regular)
Nora Vargas, County of San Diego (regular)
Marni von Wilpert, City of San Diego (alternate)

The Commission Clerk confirmed a virtual quorum was present with eight voting members – including – Alternate Commissioners Becker voting in place of Salas, Drake voting in place of MacKenzie, and Anderson voting in place of Vargas. Also present: Executive Officer Keene Simonds, Commission Counsel Holly Whatley, Executive Assistant Erica Blom, and Commission Clerk Tamaron Lockett.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Vanderlaan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. AGENDA REVIEW AND COMMISSIONER DISCLOSURES

Chair Vanderlaan asked the Executive Officer if there were requests to remove or rearrange items on the agenda. The Executive Officer stated no changes to the agenda were needed and recommended the Commission proceed as planned. The Executive Officer also noted the meeting was being live-streamed on LAFCO's YouTube page and instructions for the general public to participate and provide comments are provided on the agenda. There were no disclosures by the Commission.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Vanderlaan invited anyone from the public to address the Commission on a matter not directly related to an agenda item. The Commission Clerk confirmed there were no comments from the chambers or pre-registered speakers. The Executive Assistant also confirmed there were no live e-mail comments.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items heard by the Commission.

6. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

There were no public hearing items heard by the Commission.

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

Item 7a

Authorization to Continue to Conduct Remote/Hybrid Meetings

Item present to consider a resolution making findings in accordance with AB 361 authorizing LAFCO to continue to conduct all meetings – including standing and ad hoc committees – through a combination of in-person and remote participation or entirely by remote as circumstances warrant. Recommendation to approve.

Executive Officer Keene Simonds provided brief comments.

Chair Vanderlaan invited comments from the public. The Commission Clerk confirmed there were no pre-registered speakers. The Executive Assistant also confirmed there were no live e-mail comments.

Chair Vanderlaan invited initial Commission comments or questions. No comments from the Commission.

Commissioner Willis motioned to approve the staff recommendation as provided in the agenda report with a second from Commissioner McNamara. Roll call requested:

AYES:	Anderson (voting), Becker (voting), Cate, Desmond, Drake (voting), McNamara, Vanderlaan and Willis
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	MacKenzie, Mathis, Salas, Vargas and Von Wilpert
ABSTAINING:	None

The Commission Clerk confirmed the motion was approved 8-0.

8. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

- Executive Officer Simonds announced Executive Assistant Ruth Arellano officially retired in December after 32 years of combined service with the County and LAFCO. Executive Officer added Analyst Linda Heckenkamp has resigned from LAFCO after four years to relocate back home in Florida to be closer to family.
- Executive Officer noted COVID related illnesses within the LAFCO office have delayed some projects and will be discussed as part of the next quarterly update on the workplan set for the February meeting.

9. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS | REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

There were no Commissioner announcements or request for future items.

10. CLOSED SESSION

None

11. ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT MEETING

With no further business the Chair adjourned the hybrid/videoconference meeting at 10:11 a.m.

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I hereby attest the minutes above accurately reflect the deliberations of the Commission at its January 5, 2022 videoconference meeting.

ATTEST,



Tamaron R. Lockett
Commission Clerk

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