



**SAN LUIS OBISPO
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES FOR
JUNE 18, 2015**

Call to Order:

The San Luis Obispo Local Agency Formation Commission meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2015 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the County Government Center in San Luis Obispo, California by Chairman Tom Murray.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Chairman Murray

Roll Call:

Present: Chairman Tom Murray, Vice-Chairman Frank Mecham, Commissioners Muril Clift, Roberta Fonzi, Bruce Gibson, Marshall Ochylski, Ed Waage and Alternate Commissioners Robert Enns, and Jamie Irons

Absent: Alternate Commissioners David Brooks and Adam Hill

Staff: David Church, LAFCO Executive Officer, Raymond A. Biering, LAFCO Legal Counsel, Mike Prater, LAFCO Analyst, Donna J. Bloyd, LAFCO Commission Clerk

Approval of Minutes: Vice-Chairman Mecham moved approval of the Minutes for May 21, 2015 with no changes or corrections. Commissioner Fonzi seconded the motion.

AYES: Vice-Chairman Mecham, Commissioners Fonzi, Gibson, Ochylski, Waage, and Chairman Murray

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: Commissioner Clift

The Minutes were approved with a roll call vote.

Non-Agenda Public Comments:

Eric Greening, 7365 Valle Avenue, Atascadero, CA 93422. Mr. Greening spoke about the Eagle Ranch Annexation and the Atascadero Sub-basin.

Informational Matters:

A-1: Study Session: Paso Robles Basin Water District. Erik Eckdahl, State Water Resources Control Board, Mr. Gerhardt Hubner, Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency; Fugro/Bulletin 118 Boundary Discussion; Schedule and Venue Status

David Church, LAFCO Executive Officer, introduced this item stating that there would be two guest speakers at today's meeting: Erik Eckdahl, Program Manager for the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and Gerhardt Hubner, Deputy Director with the Ventura County Watershed Protection District/Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency.

Mr. Church introduced Mr. Eckdahl stating that he would discuss the SWRCB's role in implementing the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) with regard to compliance and enforcement of the new law.

Mr. Eckdahl spoke about the three bills adopted by the State Legislature: AB 1739, AB 1168 and SB 1319. These bills make up the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Mr. Eckdahl also spoke about the formation of groundwater agencies and management tools for agencies. He discussed timeframes for establishing management agencies, stating that all medium and high-priority basins must be covered by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) by January 31, 2020. Mr. Eckdahl described what steps the State would take if local areas had not created a GSA.

Mr. Church introduced Mr. Gerhardt Hubner, stating that he would discuss the powers and authorities of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency. He added that Fox Canyon and the Paso Robles areas are much different and that the purpose of inviting Mr. Hubner to speak is to provide the Commission and members of the public with an idea of how a groundwater agency functions, its programs, costs and challenges.

Mr. Hubner discussed the need for data collection stating that "you cannot manage what you cannot measure". He described the make-up of the Board of Directors for Fox Canyon and the difference between water allocations and water rights. He spoke about basic operating expenses and revenues associated with running an agency such as Fox Canyon. He also discussed the various programs implemented by Fox Canyon.

Both Mr. Eckdahl and Mr. Hubner answered questions from LAFCO Staff and the Commissioners.

At 11:08 a.m. Chairman Murray called for a 10 minute break.

At 11:18 a.m. Chairman Murray called the session back into order.

Public Comment:

Greg Grewal, P.O. Box 376, Creston, CA 93432. Mr. Grewal spoke about AB 2453 and stated that he was not in favor of forming the Paso Robles Basin Water District.

Dennis Loucks, 1810 San Marcos Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446. Mr. Loucks stated that he was not in favor of forming the Paso Robles Basin Water District.

Bill Pelfrey, 160 Foxtail Lane, Templeton, CA 93465. Mr. Pelfrey provided a geologic map to the Commission and Staff and spoke about the basin.

John Neil, Atascadero Mutual Water Company, 5005 El Camino Real, Atascadero, CA 93422. Mr. Neil stated that he thought the Fugro boundary was the boundary to use in forming the Paso Robles Basin Water District.

Michael Brown, COLAB, 970 Osos Street, Suite F-5, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. Mr. Brown asked that an expert on basin adjudication be invited to speak at a Commission meeting.

Sally Loucks, 1810 San Marcos Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446. Mrs. Loucks asked about water users in the basin area.

William Frost, 1990 Surrey Way, Paso Robles, CA 93446. Mr. Frost stated that he appreciated the two presentations and would like to see graphics on the LAFCO website. He requested that LAFCO hold another workshop.

Susan Harvey, North County Water, 2430 Geneseo Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446. Ms. Harvey stated that she appreciated hearing the two speakers and had questions regarding Fox Canyon.

Ann Myhre, 60901 Pancho Rico Road, San Ardo, CA 93450. Mr. Myhre stated that she lived in Monterey County but owned property in San Luis Obispo County. She applauded the speakers for their presentations. She stated that she would like to see protection for existing water users in the basin area.

John Diodati, County of San Luis Obispo, Public Works Department. Mr. Diodati thanked the two guest speakers for their presentations and asked LAFCO to provide guidance regarding the boundary for the Paso Robles Basin Water District.

Maria Lorca, Basin Advisory Committee Alternate, P. O. Box 502, Creston, CA 93432. Ms. Lorca stated that she feared the composition of the Board of Directors of the Paso Robles Basin Water District might be taken over by big money interests. She stated that she preferred that the Flood Control District manage the Paso Robles Basin Water District.

Willy Cunha, 670 Dolores, Templeton, CA 93465. Mr. Cunha stated that he would like to hear more from Mr. Eckdahl regarding boundary issues.

Michael Baugh, 7900 Creston Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446. Mr. Baugh stated that his neighbors were in favor of the Paso Robles Basin Water District and wanted to vote on the issue. He thanked LAFCO Staff for inviting the two speakers.

Sue Luft, Chair, Paso Robles Basin Water District Advisory Committee, 4561 Almond Drive, Templeton, CA 93465. Ms. Luft stated that she wanted the completed application moved to LAFCO for processing and stated that she felt that the Fugro boundary was based on good science.

Laurie Gage, Paso Robles Basin Water District Advisory Committee Alternate, 5715 Linne Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446. Ms. Gage asked that the Fugro boundary be used in establishing the Basin Advisory Committee Alternate and that adjustments come at a later time.

Robert Brown, PRAAGS. Mr. Brown asked that the de minimus extractors in the area be clarified.

Ted Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert is in favor of adjudication of the basin.

End of Public Comment.

Mr. Church requested that Mr. Eckdahl and Mr. Hubner respond to some questions from members of the public at this time and they did so at this time.

LAFCO Staff provided information about the Fugro boundary and the Bulletin 118 boundary for the Paso Robles Basin Water District. The Staff Report provided information about both boundaries. Staff recommended that the Fugro boundary be used as it is based on the best available science.

There were questions to LAFCO Staff from Commissioners.

Mr. Church and Mr. Ray Biering, LAFCO Legal Counsel, responded to the questions.

Vice-Chairman Mecham moved to recommend that the Commission provide tentative guidance to LAFCO Staff that the Fugro boundary is the preferred service area for the proposed district with the Bulletin 118 boundary being used as the Sphere of Influence, recognizing that the Commission has discretion to adjust the boundary.

Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion.

AYES: Vice-Chairman Mecham, Commissioners Gibson, Fonzi, Ochylski, Waage, and Chairman Murray

NAYS: Commissioner Clift

ABSTAINING: None

The motion carried with a 6-to-1 roll call vote.

Commissioner Ochylski left the meeting at this time. **Alternate Commissioner Enns** was seated in his place.

Chairman Murray thanked Mr. Eckdahl and Mr. Hubner for coming to San Luis Obispo to speak at the LAFCO Commission meeting.

A-2: Legislative Update: Water-related Legislation and CALAFCO Legislative Update.

Mr. Church introduced this item and gave a brief summary of the four groundwater resource bills and summarized the CALAFCO Legislative Update for the Commission. There was discussion among the Commissioners and LAFCO Staff regarding the bills.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Fonzi moved to receive and file the Staff Report for this item.

Vice-Chairman Mecham seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioner Fonzi, Vice-Chairman Mecham, Commissioners Clift, Gibson, Waage, Enns and Chairman Murray

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

The motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioner Comments: None

Legal Counsel Comments: None

Executive Officer Comments: Mr. Church thanked LAFCO Legal Counsel, Ray Biering and LAFCO staff for their extra effort working on the Paso Robles Basin Water District proposal. He also stated that the Adelaide Room at the Paso Robles Event Center had been reserved for the August 20, 2015 LAFCO Commission meeting. He added that AGP Video, Inc. would be recording the meeting.

Adjournment: With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m. until the next meeting of the Commission in the Adelaide Room at the Paso Robles Event Center, Paso Robles, CA.

THESE MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL NOR ARE THEY A PERMANENT PART OF THE RECORD UNTIL THEY ARE APPROVED BY LAFCO COMMISSIONERS AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna J. Bloyd, LAFCO Commission Clerk