



**SAN LUIS OBISPO
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES FOR
MAY 15, 2014**

Call to Order:

The San Luis Obispo Local Agency Formation Commission meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, May 15, 2014 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the County Government Center in San Luis Obispo, California by Chairperson Roberta Fonzi.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner Mecham

Roll Call:

Present: Chairperson Roberta Fonzi, Vice-Chairman, Tom Murray, Commissioners Muril Clift, Frank Mecham, Marshall Ochylski, Duane Picanco, and Alternate Commissioners David Brooks, and Robert Enns

Absent: Commissioners Bruce Gibson and Alternate Commissioners Adam Hill and Kris Vardas

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

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Mecham moved that the Minutes of April 17, 2014 be approved with no changes or corrections. Commissioner Picanco seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved with a unanimous roll call vote.

Non-Agenda Public Comments: None

Regular Matters:

Item A-1: Sphere of Influence/Municipal Services Review Update-Coastal Special Districts

Mr. Church stated that the public comment period for this item ended on May 13, 2014, two days before the scheduled hearing. Because comments had not been considered or responded to at this time he recommended a continuance of the item to the June 19, 2014 LAFCO Commission hearing.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Picanco moved to continue this item to June 19, 2014.

Vice-Chairman Murray seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioner Picanco, Vice-Chairman Murray, Commissioners Enns, Mecham,

Ochylski and Chairperson Fonzi

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioner Clift joins the meeting. Alternate Commissioner Enns steps down.

Informational Matters:

Item B-1: Water Status Update: Formation Process of a Water District Report, AB 2453 Update and Recent Letters

Mr. Church presented this item along with a PowerPoint presentation. He stated that this was the third report to the Commission on water-related topics and summarized the previous reports.

Today's report covers the formation process for a California Water District. Mr. Church explained that AB 2453 had been approved by the Assembly Local Government Committee in Sacramento on May 7, 2014.

Mr. Church described the next steps for AB 2453, stating that it must be voted on at the Assembly level by May 30, 2014 when it would then move to the Senate and be considered by a Senate Committee (Governance and Finance), which has until June 27, 2014 to consider the bill. If the bill passes the committee, it would go to the Senate floor and be voted on by August 31, 2014.

Mr. Church explained that this timing would not allow LAFCO to take action on an application, but that information could be provided to interested parties.

Mr. Church summarized the formation process. He also explained the powers and functions of a water district. He stated that some powers listed in the water code have to do with operating a district.

Mr. Church explained the issues which would be taken into consideration by the LAFCO Commission.

Public Comment:

Mr. Gary Kirkland, 4620 Portola Road, Atascadero, CA 93422. Mr. Kirkland stated that he was opposed to forming a water district because he had issues with the formation and potential powers of a water district.

Mr. Eric Greening, 7365 Valle Avenue, Atascadero, CA 93422. Mr. Greening spoke about Chairperson Fonzi's letter to Assemblymember Achadjian and that the Senate has the last word on passage of AB 2453.

Ms. Susan Harvey, PO Box 240, Creston, CA 93432. Ms. Harvey spoke about absentee

landowners and renters possibly having a major say in the water district policies.

Mr. Jerry Reaugh, 3200 Branch Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446. Mr. Reaugh gave a history of PRAAGS and stated that no single party or group would be able to control the water district.

Mr. Bob Brown, 7995 Melody Mountain Lane, Paso Robles, CA 93446. Mr. Brown spoke about the proposed composition of the Board of Directors for the district.

Ms. Gwen Pelfrey, 160 Foxtail Lane, Templeton, CA 93465. Ms. Pelfrey spoke about conditioning the district and collecting sufficient information about the groundwater basin before creating a district.

Mr. Matt Merrill, 175 Cripple Creek Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446. Mr. Merrill stated that he had been in Sacramento at the May 7, 2014 Assembly Local Government Committee meeting and stated that AB 2453 is a good example for a hybrid water district.

The Commissioners had questions regarding the formation process and AB 2453.

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

Commissioner Ochylski moved to receive and file the Water Status Update report.

Commissioner Clift seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Ochylski, Clift, Vice-Chairman Murray, Commissioners, Mecham, Picanco and Chairperson Fonzi

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Commissioner Comments: None

Legal Counsel Comments: None

Executive Officer Comments: Mr. Church commented on the status of Mike Prater, LAFCO Analyst.

Adjournment: With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m. until the next meeting of the Commission in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the County Government Center in San Luis Obispo.

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