



**SAN LUIS OBISPO
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES FOR
MARCH 15, 2018**

Call to Order:

The San Luis Obispo Local Agency Formation Commission meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2018 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the County Government Center in San Luis Obispo, California by Chairman Ed Waage.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Chairman Waage

Roll Call:

Present: Chairman Ed Waage, Vice-Chair Lynn Compton, Commissioners Debbie Arnold, Roberta Fonzi, Tom Murray, Marshall Ochylski and Alternate Commissioner Ed Eby

Absent: Commissioner Robert Enns and Alternate Commissioners Adam Hill, Jamie Irons, and Heather Jensen

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

Approval of Minutes: **Commissioner Fonzi** moved approval of the Minutes for February 15, 2018 with no changes or corrections. **Commissioner Ochylski** seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Non-Agenda Public Comments: None

Informational Matters:

A-1: Study Session: Overview of Fire and Emergency Services in SLO County

LAFCO Executive Officer, David Church, presented this item. He began by stating that LAFCO is taking a step back today and is taking a higher level look at fire services in San Luis Obispo County (County). He added that LAFCO had invited several experts to speak to the Commission at today's meeting:

- Chief Scott Jalbert, County Fire/CAL Fire;
- Mr. Dan Turner, Fire Safe Council;

- Mr. Vince Pierucci, County Emergency Medical Services Agency; and
- Mr. Ron Alsop, County Office of Emergency Services

Mr. Church summarized local circumstances and circumstances in other counties.

Mr. Church introduced Chief Jalbert.

Chief Jalbert gave an overview of the fire service systems in the County. He spoke about the various types of fire agencies and described the agencies in the County. He covered the responsibilities of the agencies and services provided by each, as well as collaboration efforts among the agencies.

Chief Jalbert described agencies by type and noted which services were provided to each jurisdiction in the County.

The Chief also defined non-emergency services.

The Commissioners had questions for Chief Jalbert regarding costs of services and levels of service, volunteer fire fighters, and why the State is having issues with fire protection agencies providing services to communities.

Chief Jalbert explained that he cannot negotiate such things as salaries with prospective employees. He stated that the State provides a rate sheet to which he must adhere.

Chief Jalbert also explained that the expectations for fire service have grown, that much more is required of fire services.

Chief Jalbert responded to several other questions.

At 9:50 a.m. **Commissioner Ochylski** left the meeting.

Mr. Dan Turner, Fire Safe Council

Mr. Turner spoke about the Fire Safe Council which is “a diverse, collaborative group dedicated to creating a fire safe environment through education, partnerships and action”. He defined the partnerships:

CAL Fire; US Forest Service; SLO County Fire Agencies; Cal Poly; California Conservation Corps; PG &E: Landowners; Homeowners’ Associations; Community Focus Groups.

Mr. Turner stated that an important part of the Fire Safe Council is applying for and managing grants from federal, state and private donors. This money is used for projects throughout the County.

Commissioner Arnold, Executive Board President of the Fire Safe Council, mentioned several aspects of the Fire Safe Council and lauded Mr. Turner and the Fire Safe Council for its work in the County.

There were questions from the **Commissioners** regarding the Fire Safe Council and various features of its work in the County.

Mr. Turner responded to the questions.

Mr. Vince Pierucci, County Emergency Medical Services Agency

Mr. Pierucci explained that the Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMS) plans and implements EMS medical control policies and medical and health resources during disasters. He added that the SLO County Emergency Medical Services Agency responded to 28,000 calls in 2017. Mr. Pierucci explained that the Emergency Medical Services Agency sent a crew to the Santa Barbara area following the fire and mudslides in the area.

Mr. Pierucci discussed the difference between paramedic and EMD personnel and the hospitals and services each offered for various complaints such as strokes or other injuries.

There were comments and questions from the **Commissioners**.

Mr. Pierucci responded to those comments and questions.

Mr. Ron Alsop, County Office of Emergency Services

Mr. Alsop explained that the County Office of Emergency Services is committed to serving the public before, during and after times of emergency by promoting effective coordination between agencies, and encouraging preparedness of the public and organizations involved in emergency response. He provided a brief overview of general emergency management.

There were comments and questions from the **Commissioners**.

Mr. Alsop responded to those comments and questions.

Chief Jalbert returned to speak to the Commission regarding California's significant fire problem such as those caused by lack of rain and building in risky areas.

He responded to additional questions from the **Commissioners**.

Mr. Church thanked the presenters for their time.

The **Commissioners** also thanked the presenters.

Public Comment: None

Item A-2 Status Report - LAFCO Directory of Local Agencies - was moved to later in the meeting at the request of the Commission.

Regular Matters:

B-1: Nipomo Community Services District - Sphere of Influence and Municipal Services Review Update

Mr. Church introduced this item. He thanked Nipomo CSD (NCSD) **General Manager, Mario Iglesias**, for his input into the process. **Mr. Church** also thanked **LAFCO Senior Analyst, Mike Prater**, for consolidating the comments from the NCSD and his patience in bringing

together the final draft of the Sphere of Influence Review/Municipal Services Review Update (SOI/MSR).

Mr. Prater thanked **Mr. Iglesias and LAFCO Alternate Special Districts Member, Ed Eby**, who is also the President of the NCSD Board of Directors, as well as other directors, for their cooperation in creating a final SOI/MSR. He stated that the changes enhanced the document.

Mr. Prater stated that LAFCO is the lead agency for this SOI/MSR update. He presented a map displaying the Study Areas.

In summary, **Mr. Prater** spoke about added conditions to the SOI/MSR.

Public Comment:

Mario Iglesias, General Manager of the Nipomo Community Services District. **Mr. Iglesias** thanked **LAFCO Staff and the Commission** for working with the NCSD. He also thanked **Mr. Prater** for his patience in working on the SOI/MSR.

Ed Eby, LAFCO Commissioner. Mr. Eby stated that the NCSD Board appreciated the comments from LAFCO Staff.

Vice-Chair Compton moved to adopt the Staff recommendation.

The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Eby**.

AYES: Vice-Chair Compton, Commissioners Eby, Arnold, Fonzi, Murray and Chairman Waage

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

B-2: Cemetery Districts - Sphere of Influence Review and Municipal Services Review Update

Mr. Prater presented this item and provided a map of the Cemeteries Districts.

Mr. Prater gave a brief discussion of the minor corrections to the final Sphere of Influence/Municipal Services Review (SOI/MSR). He added that there were no major changes to the document.

Mr. Prater discussed a letter received from **Ms. Sandy Cowell, Templeton Cemetery District**.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Fonzi moved to adopt the Staff recommendation.

The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Murray**.

AYES: Commissioners Fonzi, Murray, Arnold, Eby, Vice-Chair Compton, and Chairman Waage

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

B-3: Draft Property Tax Information Policy

Mr. Church presented this item. He briefly summarized the information from the February 15, 2018 LAFCO meeting in which creating a LAFCO Property Tax Information Policy was discussed.

He stated that the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act clearly allows LAFCO to request the information needed to adequately cover the issue of property tax agreement information from applicants.

Mr. Church indicated that the Staff Report contained citations from the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act allowing LAFCOs to request and require such information.

Public Comment: None

Upon a motion by **Commissioner Arnold** to allow LAFCO to add the policy proposed in the Staff Report to LAFCO's General Policies to become Policy #21.

The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Fonzi**.

AYES: Commissioners Arnold, Fonzi, Eby, Vice-Chair Compton, Commissioner Murray and Chairman Waage

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

A-2: Status Report: LAFCO Directory of Local Agencies, March 2018

This item was moved to this position at the beginning of the meeting.

Mr. Church described the Directory stating that it was updated every two years. He added that the Draft Directory was out to agencies for 30 days for review and comments.

Mr. Church indicated that the Directory would be brought before the Commission at the April 2018 Commission meeting.

Public Comment: None

At 11:00 a.m. **Chairman Waage** closed the session to the public.

C-1: The Commission will meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 to discuss the annual Public Employee Personnel Evaluation and Amendments to Employment Contract

Title: Executive Officer

At 11:10 a.m. **Chairman Waage** called the open session back into order.

Report on Closed Session:

LAFCO Legal Counsel Ray Biering stated that there is an amendment to the Executive Officer's contract and action will be taken at the April 2018 Commission meeting. He stated that the Executive Officer's contract will be extended once action is taken through an amendment to Mr. Church's contract.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Comments: **Commissioner Eby** spoke about LAFCO Staff support regarding the Nipomo CSD Sphere of Influence Review/Municipal Service Review Update.

Commissioner Murray stated that the morning's discussion about fire service did not quite resolve the Commission's position on the issue. He added that he would like to know what other counties are doing about fire safety.

Mr. Church responded that LAFCO Staff would return to the Commission with a report that focused more on what other counties are doing.

Commissioner Fonzi stated that it would be helpful to see alternatives in fire service to be aware of other counties facing the same fire service problems that San Luis County has.

Mr. Church indicated that he had spoken with **Commissioner Enns** about Commissioner Enns' opinion on fire service. Commissioner Enns stated that he would participate in a Blue Ribbon Committee regarding this issue.

Legal Counsel Comments: None

Executive Officer Comments: None

Adjournment: With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:21 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