

CONTRA COSTA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF SPECIAL LAFCO MEETING - FIRE WORKSHOP

February 3, 2010

Martinez City Hall - Martinez, CA

1. LAFCO Vice Chair David Piepho called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll was called. A quorum was present of the following Commissioners:
City Members Helen Allen and Alternate Don Tatzin.
County Member Gayle Uilkema.
Public Member, Alternate Sharon Burke.
Special District Members Dwight Meadows and David Piepho and Alternate George Schmidt.
Staff present were Executive Officer Lou Ann Texeira, Legal Counsel Sharon Anderson, and Commission Clerk Kate Sibley.
4. Welcome and introductions
Vice Chair D. Piepho thanked everyone for coming and participants introduced themselves. The workshop was well attended by County, city and special district officials and staff, fire commissioners, representatives from labor, Contra Costa County Grand Jury, members of the public and the media.
Vice Chair D. Piepho introduced Bill Chiat, workshop facilitator who reviewed the workshop agenda, role of the facilitator, and ground rules.
5. Where are we today
LAFCo Executive Officer provided a summary of the MSR process and outcomes and called participants for updates. Officials from the City of Orinda, East Contra Costa Fire Protection District, and the West County Fire Task Force provided updates regarding activities in their communities.
6. Problem Identification, Opportunities and Next Steps
In both small and large group discussions led by Bill Chiat, participants identified problems facing fire districts immediately and over the next three years; suggested possible short- and long-term solutions and opportunities, discussed the roles of the various agencies represented at the workshop (LAFCO, County Board of Supervisors, fire agencies), and next steps.
Bill McCammon, Executive Director, East Bay Regional Communications System Authority and former Fire Chief, Alameda County Fire Department, presented case studies.
LAFCo staff noted that a report on the fire workshop would be presented at the February 10, 2010 LAFCO meeting; it was generally agreed that this would be the first of two workshops.
7. Public Comment
There were no public comments on other matters.

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Final Minutes Approved by the Commission on March 10, 2010.

AYES: Allen, McNair, Meadows, D. Piepho, Schroder, Uilkema

NOES:

ABSENT: Glover (M)

By _____ /s/ Lou Ann Texeira
Executive Officer