

CONTRA COSTA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

April 8, 2015

Board of Supervisors Chambers
Martinez, CA

1. Chair Rob Schroder called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. He announced that he and Commissioner Butt had been reappointed to their LAFCO seats by the Mayors' Conference.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll was called. A quorum was present of the following Commissioners:

City Members Rob Schroder and Don Tatzin.

County Members Mary Piepho and Alternate Candace Andersen.

Special District Members Michael McGill and Igor Skaredoff and Alternate George Schmidt.

Public Members Don Blubaugh and Alternate Sharon Burke.

Present were Executive Officer Lou Ann Texeira, Legal Counsel Sharon Anderson, and Clerk Kate Sibley.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Upon motion of Piepho, second by Tatzin, Commissioners, by a vote of 7-0, adopted the agenda.

AYES: Andersen (A), Blubaugh, McGill, Piepho, Schroder, Skaredoff, Tatzin

NOES: none

ABSENT: Glover (M)

ABSTAIN: none

5. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

6. Approval of March 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Upon motion of McGill, second by Piepho, the minutes were approved by a vote of 6-0.

AYES: Andersen (A), McGill, Piepho, Schroder, Skaredoff, Tatzin

NOES: none

ABSENT: Glover (M)

ABSTAIN: Blubaugh

7. LAFCO 15-01 - City of Concord Out of Agency Service (Blair, 4761 Laura Drive)

The Executive Officer provided background on this request by the City of Concord to provide municipal sewer service to a parcel located on Laura Drive in the Ayers Ranch area in order to serve a single family dwelling unit.

County Environmental Health reports that the septic system is malfunctioning and that replacement of the drain field is not possible. The inspector has supported connection to the City's municipal sewer system.

Kristine Blair, property owner at 4761 Laura Drive, thanked the Commission for their approval and urged the City of Concord and the County to come to an agreement on the sharing of tax revenues so that properties in the Ayers Ranch island can be annexed.

Upon motion of Piepho, second by Andersen, Commissioners unanimously, by a vote of 7-0, reviewed and considered the information contained in the CEQA documentation; and authorized the City of Concord to extend sewer service outside its jurisdictional boundary to the 0.28±-acre parcel located at 4761 Laura Drive, subject to specified terms and conditions.

AYES: Andersen (A), Blubaugh, McGill, Piepho, Schroder, Skaredoff, Tatzin
NOES: none
ABSENT: Glover (M)
ABSTAIN:

8. Agriculture & Open Space Preservation Policy and Workshop

The Executive Officer provided an update on planning for the Agriculture & Open Space Preservation Workshop. The workshop will be held at the hearing room at the County Department of Conservation and Development building at 30 Muir Road. A schedule of speakers confirmed to date was provided.

Commissioner discussed the current roster of speakers, suggesting other possibilities for participants, such as someone from: the County Farm Bureau office; the commercial/business side of the County; the East Bay Leadership Council; and realtors.

Further updates will be provided at the May 13 meeting.

Liz Ritchie, resident of Brentwood, spoke about potential speakers for the workshop, suggesting some of the larger farmers, such as Len Stonebarger or Ron Nunn, and someone from the board of East Contra Costa Irrigation District. (NOTE: This speaker spoke after the budget item.)

9. FY 2014-15 Third Quarter Budget Report

The Executive Officer stated that, at the end of the third quarter of the current fiscal year, total expenditures to date are approximately 46% of total appropriations. Total revenues are slightly under budget due to application activity and related fees being lower than expected.

Vince Wells, Local 1230 President, asked Commissioners to look into mutual aid and auto aid agreements among fire protection districts, stating that he believes they are not fair and equitable, and that this is something LAFCO is supposed to review.

Commissioners discussed the Fire Protection 2nd Round MSR that is scheduled for the coming fiscal year, and urged staff to have the Request for Proposals ready to go as soon as the upcoming ambulance contract is in place.

Upon motion of Piepho, second by McGill, Commissioners unanimously, by a vote of 7-0, received the report.

AYES: Andersen (A), Blubaugh, McGill, Piepho, Schroder, Skaredoff, Tatzin
NOES: none
ABSENT: Glover (M)
ABSTAIN:

10. CALAFCO Legislative Report—Update and Positions

The Executive Officer reported on five bills on which CALAFCO is urgently requesting LAFCOs send letters of support and opposition. The four bills needing support letters are: AB 1532 (annual CALAFCO omnibus bill); AB 851 (Disincorporation), and companion bills AB 448 and SB 25 (VLF Restoration). CALAFCO is also requesting letters opposing SB 239 dealing with out of agency fire service.

Commissioner Burke pointed out that the VLF Restoration bills also would help cities annexing properties.

Upon motion of Blubaugh, second by Tatzin, Commissioners unanimously, by a vote of 7-0, approved the five draft letters and directed that they be signed by the Chair and sent immediately.

AYES: Andersen (A), Blubaugh, McGill, Piepho, Schroder, Skaredoff, Tatzin
NOES: none
ABSENT: Glover (M)
ABSTAIN:

11. Correspondence from CCCERA

There were no comments on this item.

12. Commissioner Comments and Announcements

Commissioner McGill reported that he would be attending the CALAFCO Board meeting on May 8.

13. Staff Announcements and Pending Projects

The Executive Officer reminded Commissioners that staff will be out of the office April 15-17 for the annual CALAFCO Staff Workshop.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Final Minutes Approved by the Commission May 13, 2015.

AYES: Andersen (A), Blubaugh, Schroder, Skaredoff, Tatzin
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Glover (M), McGill (M), Piepho (M)

By 
Executive Officer