

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL DISTRICTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
APRIL 15, 2011 MEETING

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There being a quorum present, the meeting was convened at 9:30 a.m., by Chairman Tom Pocklington (Bonita-Sunnyside FPD). Attending were: **Committee Members** - Gary Croucher (Otay Water District), Judy Hanson (Leucadia WD), Douglas Humphrey (Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County), Larry Jackman (San Miguel Consolidated FPD), Augie Scalzitti (Padre Dam MWD), John Pastore (Rancho Santa Fe CSD), Dennis Shepard (North County Cemetery District), Terry Thomas (South Bay Irrigation District), Kimberley Thorner (Olivenhain MWD) arrived at 9:32 a.m. Absent were: **Committee Members** - Gary Arant (Valley Center MWD), Ron Fuller (Alpine FPD); Margarett Morgan (Vista FPD), Jim Poltl (Vallecitos WD), Diana Towne (Rincon del Diablo, MWD). Attending: Harry Ehrlich, LAFCO Consultant, and no members of the public were present.

Item 2

Approval of Minutes of October 15, 2010

ON MOTION of Terry Thomas, seconded by Judy Hanson, and unanimously approved by the remaining Committee members, the Committee dispensed with reading the October 15, 2010 minutes and approved said minutes.

Item 3

Consultant's Recommended Agenda Revisions

Harry Ehrlich indicated there are no revisions. He announced to the Committee that the LAFCO office will be relocating to the Kearny Mesa area tentatively scheduled for August 2011. This office space will be leased from the County of San Diego and the new costs will not impact the Districts fees at this time. Mr. Ehrlich distributed CSDA Legislative Days (May 2011) documentation to the members and encouraged their participation.

Item 4

Committee Member/Consultant's Announcements

Mr. Pocklington requested Committee members to make announcements on matters associated with their districts and areas of responsibility.

Larry Jackman announced the San Miguel FPD has been experiencing fiscal impacts due to reduced apportionments.

Item 4

Committee Member/Consultant's Announcements (Cont.)

Member Terry Thomas announced new construction within the South Bay Irrigation District facilities. A project completion ceremony will take place sometime near October 2011. Ms. Thomas also distributed some informational documentation related to current water issues.

Douglas Humphrey, Resources Conservation District, announced 2 current Board vacancies. Their main office is located in Lakeside, CA, although their District Board meetings are currently held in the Kearny Mesa area.

Augie Scalzitti, Padre Dam MWD, announced some new additions and changes to their Board members and general management team.

Kimberly Thorner, Olivenhain MWD, also announced management and Board member changes in within her district. She also discussed new multi-million dollar projects occurring within the next five years. Ms. Thorner informed the committee that they have been receiving a lot of inquiries related to health and retirement benefits, financial reports, etc. She also discussed the importance of using recycled water and the benefits their district is now receiving from this program.

Dennis Shepard, North County Cemetery District, announced Sharon Disney as their new trustee. He discussed his district beginning a new recycled water project that will involve working with the City of Escondido. Mr. Shepard also announced a new proposed annexation project involving District boundaries.

Judy Hanson, Leucadia Wastewater District, announced an employee from her district is receiving a prestigious award from the California Water Environmental Association. She also informed the Committee that she has recently retired.

Gary Croucher, Otay Water District, announced their major concerns at this time are the Little Hoover Commission and Cal Forward Movement positions. He informed the committee members about new technology ideas they are looking into. Mr. Croucher also discussed a new desal project in collaboration with Rosarito, Mexico and that everything involved with the project is moving forward in a positive manner.

Tom Pocklington, Bonita-Sunnyside District, informed the committee members that his district is doing well and that they have also been receiving inquiries from organizations related to their business practices.

Item 5
Public Comment

No members of the public were present and therefore no one requested to speak.

Item 6
Review of 2010 Legislation Relating to LAFCO

Harry Ehrlich presented current activity on legislative bills to the committee. The bills Mr. Ehrlich reviewed with the committee members were: AB 54 (Mutual Water Companies; drinking water) LAFCO will take a support position with this bill after recommended amendments have been made; AB 912 (Local government; organization and dissolution) informed the committee members to disregard at this time; ACA 17 (Constitutional Amendment re: State Mandates) Mr. Ehrlich asked the committee members to keep informed regarding this bill, but no position taken by LAFCO at this time; SB 244 (General plan; disadvantaged communities) Mr. Ehrlich distributed a recent opposition letter regarding SB 244 from LAFCO and he informed and discussed with the committee members LAFCO's recommended amendments to the author.

Harry Ehrlich also distributed an updated face sheet of the Assembly Omnibus Bill, which was not included in the legislative report. He indicated it has updates of definitions and coordination of codes in the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act. He also announced he is the contact person for CALAFCO regarding this bill.

Other legislative issues discussed amongst committee members were: AARC - regarding consolidations; providing information to legislative members; and financial allocation issues.

Item 7
Update on SDAC Election in July

Harry Ehrlich informed the committee members there will be an election process coming up in the next few months for those with terms expiring. He announced letters for nominations will be mailed soon and that there is one vacancy from Rich Williamson's seat. Mr. Ehrlich explained that an election committee will need to be established consisting of three people. Harry Ehrlich requested if the nominees could be introduced at the CSDA meeting in August. Tom Pocklington encouraged the committee members present to volunteer to serve as part of the election committee.

Item 8

Current LAFCO and Special Districts Projects (April – July)

Harry Ehrlich informed and discussed with the committee members about some of the larger projects LAFCO will be working on during the upcoming year.

Mr. Ehrlich informed the committee that the LAFCO website is undergoing phase 2. The website will become a more interactive within the next year. He also mentioned that an abbreviated profile of Districts was completed.

Tom Pocklington announced Harry Ehrlich received an award from CALAFCO for "Outstanding Professional." Congratulations were extended to Mr. Ehrlich for receiving this recognition.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Special Districts Advisory Committee, it was noted that the next meeting is tentatively planned for June 17, 2011, if a meeting is to be held. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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