

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL DISTRICTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 21, 2011 MEETING
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There being a quorum present, the meeting was convened at 9:35 a.m., by Chairman Tom Pocklington (Bonita-Sunnyside FPD). Attending were: **Committee Members** - Gary Arant (Valley Center MWD), Gary Croucher (Otay Water District), Judy Hanson (Leucadia WD), Larry Jackman (San Miguel Consolidated FPD), Margarette Morgan (Vista FPD), Poltl (Vallecitos WD), Augie Scalzitti (Padre Dam MWD), Dennis Shepard (North County Cemetery District), Dennis Shepard (North County Cemetery District) arrived at 9:40 a.m., Terry Thomas (South Bay Irrigation District). Absent were: **Committee Members** - Ron Fuller (Alpine FPD); Douglas Humphrey (Resource Conservation District), John Pastore (Rancho Santa Fe CSD), Kimberly Thorner (Olivenhain MWD), and Diana Towne (Rincon del Diablo, MWD). Attending: Harry Ehrlich, LAFCO Consultant, and Paul Bushee of the public were present.

Item 2

Approval of Minutes of April 15, 2011

ON MOTION of Judy Hanson, seconded by Terry Thomas, and unanimously approved by the remaining Committee members, the Committee dispensed with reading the April 15, 2011 minutes and approved said minutes.

Item 3

Consultant's Recommended Agenda Revisions

Harry Ehrlich indicated there are no revisions.

Item 4

Committee Member/Consultant's Announcements

Michael Ott, Executive Officer, provided a brief tour to the Committee of the new LAFCO office and the County Operations facility.

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

Harry Ehrlich announced the retirement of Peter Detwiler from the Legislative Senate office and he was honored at the CSDA Annual Conference.

Item 4

Committee Member/Consultant's Announcements (Cont.)

Gary Arant asked if there was any information from the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) regarding the review request from Assemblyman Dickinson's letter related to Special Districts. Mr. Ehrlich responded that a response is expected at the end of the month and if we receive a copy we can send one to the committee members requesting one. Paul Bushee, Leucadia Wastewater District, commented that his agency met with Mr. Dickinson's staff in August to discuss regionalization issues with the wastewater districts. Harry Ehrlich mentioned the LAO staff also met with LAFCO Executive Officer and staff to discuss and provide information.

Gary Arant asked if any legislative information from Cal Forward has come out. Mr. Ehrlich responded that a draft report will be provided soon.

Member Terry Thomas announced an opening for Assistant General Manager with the South Bay Irrigation District. Ms. Thomas also announced the completion of their Purdue plant upgrade including a dissolved air flotation (DAF) system.

Item 5

Public Comment

No members of the public requested to speak.

Item 6

Review of 2010 Legislation Relating to LAFCO

Harry Ehrlich announced the legislature has adjourned for the year. He summarized the most recent activity on legislative bills to the committee. The four bills Mr. Ehrlich reviewed and discussed with the committee members were: AB 1430 (Assembly Local Government Omnibus): Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act; SB 912 (Gordon) Local Government: organization and dissolution; AB 307 (Nestande) Joint Powers Agreements: public agency; federally recognized Indian tribe; and SB 244 (Wolk) General plan; disadvantaged communities.

Item 7

Update on SDAC/Alternate Commissioner Election

Harry Ehrlich informed the committee members there were 24 of the 64 district votes submitted, four districts indicated they were not voting. He announced ballots are due today and can be faxed into the LAFCO office and originals can be mailed directly to the office if they are postmarked today. Mr. Ehrlich informed the committee, there will be one vacancy and the Chairman will be asked to propose a process to fill that position.

Item 8

Current LAFCO and Special Districts Projects

Harry Ehrlich informed and discussed with the committee members some of the larger projects LAFCO will be working on during the upcoming 2012 year: Yuima MWD – request for a Municipal Service Review along with Mootamai and Pala - proposing to realign costs and services; San Diego County Hybrid Plan, Fire Districts – Phase II (Shirley Anderson, Asst. Executive Officer, is the contact person for this project).

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 Friday, December 16, 2011, if a meeting is to be held. Please note: the meeting location may be held at the Leucadia Wastewater District Office. The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

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