

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
SPECIAL DISTRICTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 16, 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 Arant (Valley Center MWD), Judy Hanson (Leucadia WD), James Hernandez (Vallecitos Water District), John Pastore (Rancho Santa Fe CSD), Janine Sarti (Palomar-Pomerado HCD), Dennis Shepard (North County Cemetery District). Absent were: **Committee Members** – Gary Croucher (Otay Water District), Ron Fuller (Alpine FPD); Douglas Humphrey (Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County), John Lorenz (Lakeside FPD), Margarett Morgan (Vista FPD), Augie Scalzitti (Padre Dam MWD), Kimberly Thorner (Olivenhain MWD). Attending: Harry Ehrlich, LAFCO Consultant, Robert Barry, LAFCO Analyst, and Paul Bushee (Leucadia Wastewater District) of the public were present.

**Item 2**

**Introduction of New Advisory Committee Members**

There was an introduction of the new committee members present.

**Item 3**

**Approval of Minutes of October 21, 2011**

ON MOTION of Gary Arant, seconded by Judy Hanson, and unanimously approved by the remaining Committee members, the Committee dispensed with reading the October 21, 2011 minutes and approved said minutes.

**Item 4**

**Consultant's Recommended Agenda Revisions**

Harry Ehrlich indicated there are no revisions. He announced he has a memo to distribute regarding the Committee's vacancies.

**Item 5**

**Committee Member/Consultant's Announcements**

Mr. Pocklington requested attendees to give a roundtable introduction and background information, plus any announcements to the Committee members.

Janine Sarti, Palomar-Pomerado Healthcare District made an announcement about their new healthcare facility grand opening in August 2012, and invited all members to attend.

Gary Arant, Valley Center MWD, and Paul Bushee, Leucadia Wastewater District, discussed some ongoing service and operational issues. Mr. Arant and Mr. Bushee also described some collaborative efforts underway between their districts.

Harry Ehrlich requested updated information from the members for the committee roster to be posted on LAFCO's website.

Harry Ehrlich announced LAFCO's MSR and Sphere of Influence update program will begin next year. He mentioned a letter will be mailed out to agencies in the beginning part of 2012.

**Item 6**  
**Public Comment**

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

**Item 7**  
**Election of Officers; Chairperson and Vice Chairperson**

Mr. Ehrlich announced the election results and vacancies. He requested nominations from the committee for elections of chair and vice chair positions. He also informed the members there are two vacancies as a result of the election process.

ON MOTION of Judy Hanson, seconded by Dennis Shepard, and all members present in favor to re-elect Tom Pocklington as Chair and Gary Croucher as Vice Chair of the Special Districts Advisory Committee for 2012.

**Item 8**  
**Report on Work Program for Implementation of SB 244 and AB 54**

Harry Ehrlich gave a brief overview on SB244 and AB54 and provided the most recent updates regarding these bills to the committee members. Mr. Ehrlich informed them that LAFCO will begin to identify and implement new policies, procedures and guidelines in 2012 relative to the new regulations.

Robert Barry, Local Governmental Analyst, provided information regarding LAFCO's role on identifying issues and ways to implement and meet the new regulations. He briefly went over how the bills will affect LAFCO's current procedures. Mr. Barry informed the committee members that these new requirements will become effective July 1, 2012 and some additional changes to occur in 2013. He also mentioned that LAFCO will be coordinating with some agencies and SANDAG to gather information to help streamline the process.

Mr. Barry announced to the committee that LAFCO will be conducting a MSR and Sphere Review study sometime in 2012. He informed them that LAFCO conducts the study every five years. Mr. Barry went over some of the areas the studies will analyze.

He also announced any updates to policies and procedures will also be posted on LAFCO's website. Mr. Barry requested if the committee members have knowledge or working lists of any adjacent mutual water companies to please forward that information to him for reference.

**Item 9**

**Process for Filling Advisory Committee Vacancy**

Harry Ehrlich announced the most recent vacancies on the committee. He mentioned one vacancy from earlier in the year and another from the recent resignation by Diana Towne, Rincon del Diablo MWD. Of the three nominations for the prior vacancy, all three were disqualified for technical reasons. He explained, the rules that apply to the committee, including three options and announced three prospective candidates: Tom Bumgardner, Valley Center Parks and Recreation District; Bill Haynor, Whispering Palms Community Services District; and Sharon Sewell, Borrego Fire Protection District.

At the request of Tom Pocklington, he and two committee members will form a selection committee to interview and recommend two candidates to fill the current vacancies.

**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 March 17, 2012, if a meeting is to be held. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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