

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
SPECIAL DISTRICTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
JULY 18, 2008 MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

There being a quorum present, the meeting was convened at 9:30 a.m., by Vice Chairman Tom Pocklington (Bonita-Sunnyside FPD). Attending were: **Committee Members** – James Alkire (South Bay Irrigation District), Gary Arant (Valley Center MWD – who arrived at 9:33am), Judy Hanson (Leucadia WD), Larry Jackman (San Miguel Consolidated FPD), Keith Lewinger (Fallbrook Public Utility District), Richard Olson (North County FPD), John Pastore (Rancho Santa Fe CSD), Jim Poltl (Vallecitos WD), Augie Scalzitti (Padre Dam MWD - who arrived at 9:43am), Dennis Shepard (North County CD), and Kimberly Thorner (Olivenhain MWD – who arrived at 9:35am). **LAFCO Staff** – LAFCO Consultant Harry Ehrlich; and Local Governmental Analyst Claire Riley. Absent were: **Committee Members** – Jo MacKenzie (Vista Irrigation District), Gary Croucher (Otay Water District), Ron Fuller (Alpine FPD), and Diana Towne (Rincon del Diablo MWD).

**Item 1**

**Approval of Minutes of May 16, 2008**

With Larry Jackman and John Pastore abstaining, ON MOTION of Richard Olson, seconded by Judy Hansen, and unanimously approved by the remaining committee members, the Committee dispensed with reading the May 16, 2008 minutes and approved said minutes.

**Item 2**

**Consultant's Recommended Agenda Revisions**

Harry Ehrlich indicated that there were no revisions to the agenda.

**Item 3**

**Committee Member/Consultant's Announcements**

Harry Ehrlich said that the Commission plans on cancelling its September 8, 2008 meeting. He said that on June 25, 2008, the County of San Diego's Board of Supervisors considered a regional fire protection proposal that involves County Service Area (CSA) No. 135 and its expansion of services.

**Item 4**

**Public Comment**

No members of the public requested to speak.

**Item 5**

**Project Report: San Diego LAFCO Water Supply and Reliability Policy Discussion  
Draft Policy Statement**

Harry Ehrlich provided the Committee with a staff presentation. He indicated that in addition to the report, as part of the project review, a water policy statement was drafted and is available on page two of agenda Item #6. He asked for input from the Committee.

In response to a question from Kimberly Thorner, Harry Ehrlich said that the proposed water policy would not preclude districts from annexing or reorganizing properties.

In response to a comment from Keith Lewinger regarding consideration of adding language to the water policy that addresses a timeline, Harry Ehrlich said that the draft water policy statement has criteria quoted from sections of the Government Code.

Dana Friehauf agreed with Keith Lewinger in regards to a timeline statement. Harry Ehrlich said that Government Code Section 65352.5 may address timeline issues and that he would research that further and provide an update to the Committee at a future meeting.

In response to comments, Harry Ehrlich said that LAFCO has the responsibility to oversee annexations/reorganizations and the services that are being provided, which includes water. Mr. Ehrlich said that is why the Commission requested the Advisory Committee to provide input on a LAFCO water supply reliability issues.

Gary Arant suggested that following statement should be omitted from the draft policy statement because it is redundant:

“Finally, the Commission will consider other impacts of the project including preservation of open space and prime agricultural lands and the impacts upon the water supply for the affected area.”

Harry Ehrlich said that staff would consider that suggestion.

In response to a question from John Pastore, Kimberly Thorner said that the Commission is taking the initiative to help with the water crisis in California and is getting involved in the issues to prevent future water problems. She said the Commission is asking the Advisory Committee to assist them with this goal.

Tom Pocklington said that Committee members could e-mail their concerns and comments regarding the draft water policy to Harry Ehrlich, who encouraged suggestions.

Keith Lewinger made a motion to advise the Commission of the following language for the draft water policy:

“LAFCO will verify that the project proponent has evaluated the availability of an adequate and reliable water supply and reached an affirmative conclusion.”

Augie Scalzitti seconded the motion.

John Pastore proposed an amendment to Keith Lewinger’s motion to add “in conformance with Government Code Sections 56668 and 65352.5...”

Augie Scalzitti accepted the revised motion.

ON MOTION of Keith Lewinger, amended by John Pastore, seconded by Augie Scalzitti, and unanimously approved by the remaining committee members, the Committee took the following action:

Directed LAFCO Consultant Harry Ehrlich to advise the Commission of the following language for the San Diego LAFCO Water Supply and Reliability Policy Statement:

“LAFCO will verify that the project proponent has evaluated the availability of an adequate and reliable water supply in conformance with Government Code Sections 56668 and 65352.5, and reached an affirmative conclusion.”

LAFCO Consultant Harry Ehrlich advised the Committee that he would include the committee’s input and action in whatever report was presented to the Commission.

#### **Item 6**

#### **Review of Pending Legislation Tracking Report of Legislation Affecting LAFCO**

Harry Ehrlich provided a staff presentation to the Committee. He reported that AB 2484 and SB 1458 have been signed by the Governor.

This Item was received by the Committee and no action was taken.

#### **Item 7**

#### **2008 Special Districts Election – Selection of Nominating Committee**

Harry Ehrlich recommended that John Pastore, Judy Hanson, and Kimberly Thorner be assigned to the Nominating Committee for the 2008 Special Districts Election. The Nominating Committee will meet or have a conference call after the August 21, 2008 Special Districts Candidate’s Dinner.

ON MOTION of Tom Pocklington, seconded by Larry Jackman, and unanimously approved by the remaining committee members, the Committee took the following action:

Designated John Pastore, Judy Hanson, and Kimberly Thorner to be the 2008 Nominating Committee.

**Item 8**  
**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Special Districts Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. to the tentatively scheduled meeting on August 15, 2008, if it is to be held.

**Tita Mandapat**  
**Administrative Assistant**