

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL DISTRICTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MARCH 16, 2007 MEETING**

DRAFT MINUTES

There being a quorum present, the meeting was convened at 9:30 a.m., by Chairwoman Jo Mackenzie (Vista ID). Attending were: **Committee Members** – James Alkire (South Bay ID), Gary Arant (Valley Center MWD) (who entered the meeting at 9:40 a.m.), Daniel Goldberg (Fallbrook HCD), Trish Hannan (Vallecitos WD), Keith Lewinger (Fallbrook PUD) (who arrived at 9:40 a.m.), Tom Pocklington (Bonita-Sunnyside FPD), Augie Scalzitti (Padre Dam MWD), and Dennis Shepard (North County CD). **LAFCO Staff** – Executive Officer Michael D. Ott; LAFCO Consultant, Harry Ehrlich; Chief, Policy Research Shirley Anderson; LAFCO Consultant John Traylor; and Administrative Assistant Claire Riley. Absent were: **Committee Members** – Ron Fuller (Alpine FPD), Judy Hanson (Leucadia WD), Dr. Hanno E.G. Ix (Rincon del Diablo MWD), and John Pastore (Rancho Santa Fe CSD).

Item 1

Approval of Minutes of February 17, 2006

With Daniel Goldberg and Dennis Shepard abstaining, ON MOTION OF Trish Hannan, seconded by James Alkire, and carried unanimously by the remaining committee members present, the committee dispensed with reading the minutes of the February 17, 2006 meeting, and approved said minutes.

Item 2

Executive Officer's Recommended Agenda Revisions

Mr. Ott indicated that there were no revisions to the agenda.

Item 3

Committee Member/Executive Officer Announcements

Michael Ott provided the Advisory Committee with an update on the fire reorganization. He said that on February 27th, March 1st and 7th, outreach workshops were held for the *Micro Report: Reorganization of Structural Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services in Unincorporated San Diego County*. Mr. Ott indicated that the Draft Final Micro Report will be considered by the Commission on May 7, 2007, and encouraged Advisory Committee members to attend the meeting. Mr. Ott said that Shirley Anderson and John Traylor will provide the Advisory Committee with an update of the fire reorganization later in the meeting.

Michael Ott provided an update on the "San Diego County Cemetery District" Municipal Service Review and Updates and Affirmations to the Spheres of Influence for North County, Pomerado, Ramona, and Valley Center Cemetery Districts. Mr. Ott thanked Dennis Shepard for coordinating the municipal service review with the cemetery districts, and also thanked Claire Riley for the completion of the MSR report that will be considered by the Commission on April 2, 2007.

Michael Ott reported that on March 5, 2007, the Commission approved LAFCO's FY 2007-08 budget. He indicated that an information packet would be sent to independent special districts near the end of March.

Item 4
Public Comment

No members of the public requested to speak.

Item 5
Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for 2006

ON MOTION OF Dennis Shepard, seconded by Trish Hannan, and carried unanimously by the committee members present, the committee reelected Jo MacKenzie as the 2007 Chair.

ON MOTION OF Trish Hannan, seconded by James Alkire, and carried unanimously by the committee members present, the committee elected Tom Pocklington as the 2007 Vice Chair.

Gary Arant and Keith Lewinger entered the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Augie Scalzitti entered the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Item 6
Introduction of Harry Ehrlich: LAFCO Local Government Consultant – Former Advisory Committee Member

Mr. Ott introduced Harry Ehrlich, former Advisory Committee member, who was retained as LAFCO's Consultant to assist with special projects. Mr. Ott said that Mr. Ehrlich will be coordinating the Advisory Committee, as well as updating the Commission with legislative issues. Mr. Ott also said that Mr. Ehrlich will be assisting LAFCO with the completion of the municipal service review and sphere update program for special districts in San Diego County.

Harry Ehrlich welcomed the committee and said he anticipates that a minimum of 2-3 Advisory Committee meetings would be held in 2007.

Item 7
2007 Special Districts Election Schedule

Harry Ehrlich indicated that a memo to solicit nominations for the Advisory Committee and the Commission will be distributed at the end of April 2007. Mr. Ehrlich indicated that there will be nine positions subject to an election for the Advisory Committee (eight terms expiring in 2011 and one with a term expiring in 2008). He also said that one position for the Special Districts Alternate to the Commission is subject to an election, with a term expiring in 2011. Mr. Ehrlich indicated that a schedule for the 2007 Special Districts Mailed-Ballot Election is enclosed in the agenda.

Item 8

Presentation of Draft “Micro Report” on Reorganization of Structural Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services in Unincorporated San Diego County

Harry Ehrlich introduced Shirley Anderson and John Traylor who provided the Advisory Committee with an update on the draft “Micro Report.”

Shirley Anderson reported that the draft Micro Report was distributed to the public on January 31, 2007. She said that written comments for the Micro Report are due to LAFCO by April 6, 2007. Ms. Anderson said that the Final Draft Micro Report will be considered by the Commission on May 7, 2007. She provided a timeline of the fire reorganization process, and discussed several topics in the report such as staffing alternatives, costs, and what agencies are in each possible phase of the fire reorganization process.

Harry Ehrlich provided an update on SB 806 (Hollingsworth) that the Commission unanimously supported at its March 5, 2007 meeting. Mr. Ehrlich reported that SB 806 is set for hearing in Sacramento on April 18, 2007. He said that the bill contains funding provisions for the consolidation of districts in San Diego County, into a newly formed fire agency or entity. Funding would be derived from an allocation of an amount equal to 1% of the countywide ad valorem property tax revenue. Mr. Ehrlich said that if the bill is passed in its present form, funding for the newly formed fire agency or entity in San Diego County would commence July 1, 2008.

Item 9

Discussion of Potential LAFCO Workshop in Mid-2007 and Possible Topics

Harry Ehrlich encouraged Advisory Committee members to provide issue topics for possible workshop discussion in Mid-2007. Dan Goldberg suggested that members consider the purpose and procedures of the Advisory Committee as one of the topics of discussion. Mr. Ehrlich recommended that Advisory Committee members review the Special Districts Advisory Committee Rules that was handed out at the meeting, and provide feedback on future topics.

Chairwoman Jo MacKenzie recommended that members of the Advisory Committee attend the May 7, 2007 LAFCO meeting to stay aware of the progress of the Final Draft Micro Report that will be considered by the Commission on that date.

Item 10

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Special Districts Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m. to the tentatively scheduled meeting on April 20, 2007, if it is to be held.

**Tita Mandapat
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