

**LAFCO SPECIAL DISTRICTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2003**

The meeting was convened at 10:10 a.m., in the 8th floor conference room of the County Administration Center, by Chairperson Harry Ehrlich (Olivenhain Municipal Water District). Also present were: **Committee Members:** Vice Chairperson Jo MacKenzie (Vista Irrigation District), Gary Arant (Valley Center Municipal Water District), Barbara Barber (Helix Water District), Raymond Cruz (Vallecitos Water District), Chief Darrell Jobes (East County Fire Protection District), John Pastore (Rancho Santa Fe Community Services District), Tom Pocklington (Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Protection District), and James Wolniewicz (South Bay Irrigation District). Excused were: Judy Hanson (Leucadia County Water District) and Dennis Shepard (North County Cemetery District). Absent were: Chief Edward Burcham (North County Fire Protection District) and Keith Lewinger (Fallbrook Public Utility District). **LAFCO Staff:** Executive Officer Michael Ott and GIS Specialist Pete Janemark.

Item No. 1
Public Comment

No one requested to address the Committee.

Item No. 2
Seating of New Member

Mr. Ott introduced Director Ron Fuller (Alpine FPD), who had been elected in the 2002 Advisory Committee Election to a term that will expire June 30, 2004. Mr. Fuller took his seat on the committee, and made a few introductory remarks to familiarize the rest of the members with his qualifications and accomplishments.

Item No. 3
Appointment/Reappointment of Officers

On motion of Mr. Wolniewicz, seconded by Ms. Barber, and carried unanimously, the Committee recommended reappointing the current officers.

On motion of Chief Jobes, seconded by Mr. Wolniewicz, and carried unanimously, the Committee closed nominations, and reappointed Harry Ehrlich and Jo MacKenzie as Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, respectively, in 2003.

Item No. 4
Advisory Committee Member Vacancies

Mr. Ott presented the staff report. There currently are two committee vacancies, due to: (1) the retirement of Chief Kevin Eggleston from the San Miguel Consolidated FPD, and (2) the vacation of the position held by Dan McMillan (Padre Dam MWD). The vacancies will expire June 30, 2003 and 2004, respectively. The Committee Rules permit: (1) interim appointments by the chairperson, with input from the Committee, or (2) filling the vacancies at the next regular Advisory Committee election. The announcement of the election will go out by the end of January.

As noted by Chief Jobes, Chief Burcham may retire before the next election.

By consensus, the Committee determined to include the existing, and any future, vacancies on the ballot for the 2003 Advisory Committee election.

Ms. MacKenzie will try to include an informational item in the next CSDA newsletter.

Item No. 5
Major LAFCO Project Update

Mr. Ott alerted the Committee that effective for 2003-4, contributions by healthcare districts to LAFCO budgets will be reduced, which probably will cause contributions by other districts to increase.

Mr. Ehrlich urged committee members to attend a CSDA meeting on February 20 at the Doubletree hotel. The executive director of SANDAG will be speaking.

Mr. Ott, assisted by Mr. Janemark, made a Powerpoint presentation summarizing the major projects LAFCO currently is undertaking, e. g., budget adoption, recruitment for the vacancy caused by Joe Convery's retirement, filling of Advisory Committee and Commission vacancies, service review studies, and Indian reservation issues.

Mr. Ehrlich requested that the Committee be updated on the various projects.

Ms. MacKenzie wondered what would be the role of the Committee in the coming year. She noted that some committee members also are on other task forces.

Item No. 6
Committee Member Announcements

Ms. MacKenzie asked whether the San Marcos Highlands project would be considered by the Committee.

Mr. Arant, as a member of the ACWA local government committee, congratulated San Diego LAFCO on its early and active involvement in the service review studies. His comments were echoed by other committee members.

Mr. Pocklington advised that Bonita-Sunnyside FPD now provides paramedic service; Mr. Fuller said that Alpine FPD has been approached by an Indian tribe for fire protection; and Chief Jobes advised that East County FPD voters passed a benefit fee that is restricted to ALS service.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

NANCY AVERILL
Secretary (Ret.)