

APPROVED
SAN DIEGO COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- Rainbow MWD & Fallbrook PUD Reorganization Proposals -
JULY 6, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING

Videoconference Attendance Only

APPROVED ACTION MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER | WELCOMING

The special meeting was called to order remotely by videoconference at 9:00 a.m. by Moderator Keene Simonds.

Mr. Simonds welcomed the attendees to the first meeting of the Advisory Committee for Fallbrook Public Utility District (PUD) and Rainbow Municipal Water District (MWD) reorganization proposals.

Mr. Simonds announced the meeting was being held virtually consistent with the Governor's Orders for social distancing with members participating through Zoom along with being live-streamed on YouTube. Instructions were subsequently provided to the public watching the meeting live with respect to participating and providing comments to the Committee.

2. INTRODUCTIONS | COMMITTEE ROLL CALL

The Commission Clerk performed the roll call with attendees providing a brief self-introduction. The following attendance was recorded.

Committee Members Present:

Brian Albright (At-Large with County of San Diego)
Jack Bebee (Fallbrook Public Utility District)
David Cherashore (At-Large with County Water Authority)
Gary Croucher (At-Large with County Water Authority)
Rachel Cortes (At-Large with SANDAG)
Nick Kanetis (Eastern Municipal Water District)
Tom Kennedy (Rainbow Municipal Water District)
Sandy Kerl (County Water Authority)
Lydia Romero (Cities Advisory Committee)
Kimberly Thorner (Special Districts Advisory Committee)

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Moderator Keene Simonds proceeded to introduce the following staff to the Committee members:

Holly O. Whatley, Commission Counsel
Robert Barry, Chief Policy Analyst
Tamaron Lockett, Commission Clerk
Linda Heckenkamp, Analyst I
Dieu Ngu, GIS/IT Analyst
Ruth Arellano, Executive Assistant
Erica Blom, Administrative Assistant

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Moderator Keene Simonds asked if any member of the public would like to provide comments on a non-agenda topic germane to the Advisory Committee. The Commission Clerk confirmed two written comments were received with the following summaries:

- Mark Muir as former Chair of County Water Authority and City of Encinitas Councilmember. Mr. Muir suggested LAFCO consider a consultant to identify the key details of both reorganization proposals. Mr. Muir added to also consider the dynamics of COVID as it relates to the County Water Authority and Metropolitan Water District water supply processes.
- Rodney Smith as private citizen. Mr. Smith addressed concerns of the water supply reliability and rates between the County Water Authority and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

The Administrative Assistant confirmed no live e-mail comments received.

Mr. Simonds noted they would revisit public comments towards the end of the meeting to address any additional emails received.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

a) LAFCO Process Overview

Moderator Keene Simonds presented an overview of LAFCO's procedures under the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000. Topics covered include the three distinct phases underlying the typical processing cycle: administrative review; Commission consideration; and conducting authority proceedings. Mr. Simonds also briefly addressed the review process under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Committee discussion followed.

b) Current Status of Reorganization Proposal

Chief Policy Analyst Robert Barry provided an update to the Committee on the current status of the reorganization proposals filed by Fallbrook PUD and Rainbow MWD. Mr. Barry discussed key details for both applications and noted the interagency review periods have started and extended to a full 90 days through most of September. Mr. Barry also addressed the noticing performed to date with respect to property tax exchanges as well as the review under CEQA and local policies – including but not limited to – L-107.

Committee discussion followed.

c) Expectations for Advisory Committee

Moderator Keene Simonds summarized LAFCO’s expectations for the Advisory Committee and specifically to provide timely feedback to LAFCO staff in processing the two reorganization proposals.

No discussion.

d) Expectations from Subject Agencies

Moderator Keene Simonds asked the representatives from the four subject agencies – Fallbrook PUD, Rainbow MWD, Eastern MWD, and County Water Authority – to share their expectations and interests in the work of the Advisory Committee.

No discussion.

e) Agenda Setting for Next Meeting

Moderator Keene Simonds suggested the Committee take up a review and discussion led by Commission Counsel on LAFCOs’ ability to condition approvals as well as duties under CEQA. Mr. Simonds also suggested it would be appropriate for the Committee to discuss consultant options for LAFCO with respect to the following topics: water reliability; rate impacts; and potential exit fees. Mr. Simonds added additional topics may be warranted in the future.

Committee discussion followed with general agreement on proceeding as planned with regards to agenda topics.

5. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Moderator Keene Simonds asked the Administrative Assistant if any additional emails for public comment had been received. The Administrative Assistant proceeded to identify and summary an additional e-mail received:

- Alpine Fire Protection District and LAFCO Commissioner Barry Willis asked what type of outreach would be performed by the Advisory Committee involving the other members of the County Water Authority.

The Executive Officer responded and suggested the topic about outreach be added to the next agenda with the consensus of the Committee members.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the Moderator adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

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I hereby attest the minutes above accurately reflect the deliberations of the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee (Fallbrook PUD and Rainbow MWD) at its July 6, 2020 videoconference meeting.

ATTEST,



Tamaron Lockett
Commission Clerk

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A video recording of the July 6, 2020 special meeting is also available online at www.sdlafco.org or by contacting LAFCO staff at 858-614-7755.