

DRAFT MINUTES

SAN DIEGO COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION SPECIAL DISTRICTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

ROLL CALL

Chair Kimberly Thorner called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. and then requested a roll call from the Committee Clerk.

Committee Members Present:

Chair Kimberly Thorner (Olivenhain MWD); Gary Arant (Valley Center MWD); Jack Bebee (Fallbrook PUD); Bill Haynor (Whispering Palms CSD); Tom Kennedy (Rainbow MWD); James Gordon (Deer Springs FPD); Al Lau (Santa Fe Irrigation District); Fred Cox (Rancho Santa Fe FPD); Mike Sims (Bonita-Sunnyside FPD); Mark Robak (Otay WD); Augie Scalzitti (Padre Dam MWD); Joel Scalzitti (Helix WD); Sheryl Landrum (Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County); Robert Thomas (Pomerado CD); and Hector Martinez (South Bay ID).

Committee Members Absent:

Vice Chair Julie Nygaard (Tri-City HCD).

The following members of LAFCO staff were present at roll call: Executive Officer Keene Simonds; Chief Policy Analyst Robert Barry; Analyst Linda Heckenkamp; Analyst Priscilla Allen; GIS Analyst Dieu Ngu; Commission Clerk Tamaron Lockett; Administrative Assistant Erica Blom and Executive Assistant Ruth Arellano serving as Committee Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mike Sims (Bonita -Sunnyside FPD) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Executive Officer, Keene Simonds indicated that the meeting was being live cast on YouTube and Zoom. He also indicated that there were no public hearing items and provided information that the Chair could request any comments received via email at any time and also how the public can comment on any of the items “live” during the meeting.

Executive Officer introduced LAFCO’s new Local Governmental Analyst I, Priscilla Allen and LAFCO Consultant, Ed Sprague. He also mentioned the upcoming election results and announcement of any new members.

AGENDA REVIEW

Executive Officer, Keene Simonds noted there were no changes to the Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Thorner invited public comments. None received.

CONSENT ITEMS

Item No. 5a

Approval of Minutes of June 19, 2020 (Action)

The Committee considered draft summary minutes prepared for the last meeting held on June 19, 2020. Recommend approval.

Item No. 5b

Update on Current and Pending Proposals (Information)

The Committee received a report identifying current proposals on file with the Commission and pending submittals anticipated in the near-term.

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On motion of Tom Kennedy and seconded by Sheryl Landrum, and carried unanimously with the remaining Committee members present, to approve the consent calendar.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Item No. 6a

Progress Report on Adopted 2020-2021 Workplan (Discussion)

Executive Officer, Keene Simonds provided a report to the Committee members regarding accomplishments of specific projects included in the adopted workplan for the current FY 2020-21. The Committee reviewed and discussed the Commission's adopted workplan for FY 2020-21.

Item No. 6b

Proposed Policy Update | Agricultural and Open Space Lands Preservation Policy (Discussion)

Executive Keene Simonds provided a proposed update to LAFCO's Agricultural and Open Space Lands Policy. Discussion followed by LAFCO staff, subcommittee members and Advisory Committee members present. No action was required for this item.

Item No. 6c

Policy Update Preview | Rule No. 4 & Establishing District Functions and Classes (Discussion)

Chief Policy Analyst, Robert Barry presented to the Committee a preview on a scheduled policy update involving the Commissions existing policy codified as Rule No. 4 and its provisions to establish service functions and classes for special districts. No other action was required for this item.

BUSINESS ITEMS CONTINUED...

Item No. 6d

Update on Dual Reorganization Proposals Filed by Fallbrook Public Utility District and Rainbow Municipal Water District | Concurrent Detachment from the San Diego County Water Authority and Annexation to Eastern Municipal Water District for Wholesale Water Service (Discussion)

The Committee received an update from Ad Hoc Committee member, Kim Thorner and Executive Officer, Keene Simonds on the submitted reorganization proposals by the agencies, Fallbrook PUD and Rainbow MWD and updates of the current work of the Ad Hoc Committee. No action was required on this item.

Item No. 6e

Update on Reorganization Proposal Filed by County of San Diego to form the San Diego County Fire Protection District (Information)

Chief Policy Analyst, Robert Barry provided an update on the submitted reorganization proposal involving divestiture of fire protection and emergency medical services from County Service Area No. 135 (San Diego county Fire Authority) with a concurrent formation of a County dependent San Diego County Fire Protection District (FPD) as the successor agency. No action was required for this item.

Item No. 6f

Updates on Active Municipal Service Reviews (Discussion)

LAFCO staff, Linda Heckenkamp, Local Government Analyst and Robert Barry, Chief Policy Analyst provided information and updates to the Committee on active municipal service reviews. Committee discussion followed. No action was required for this item.

Item No. 7

Committee Member Announcements

Committee member's provided announcements and updates on activities and events from their districts.

ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING

There being no further business to come before the Special Districts Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m. to the next scheduled meeting on December 18, 2020.

Attest:

Ruth Arellano

Executive Assistant

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