



San Diego County
Local Agency Formation Commission
 Regional Service Planning | Subdivision of the State of California

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY
 LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION**

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023, 8:45 A.M.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER
 1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, ROOM 302
 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Chair Jim Desmond
 Vice Chair Stephen Whitburn

Executive Officer Keene Simonds
 Commission Counsel Holly O. Whatley

- PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL START TIME -

County of San Diego	Cities	City of San Diego	Special Districts	General Public
Jim Desmond Joel Anderson Nora Vargas, Alt.	Kristi Becker Dane White John McCann, Alt.	Stephen Whitburn Marni von Wilpert, Alt.	Jo MacKenzie Barry Willis David A. Drake, Alt.	Andy Vanderlaan Harry Mathis, Alt.

San Diego LAFCO will hold the March 6, 2023 meeting in person at the County of San Diego Administration Center (1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302 in San Diego). Three-hour visitor parking is available using the Ash Street entrance.

In person attendance by the public is welcomed. The public may also watch, listen, and otherwise participate in the meeting remotely by any of the following options.

1. The public may watch and listen to the meeting live on YouTube using the link provided on our website homepage (www.sdlafco.org).
2. The public may watch, listen, and participate in the meeting by Zoom (<https://zoom.us>) or by telephone at (669) 900-9128 using Meeting/Webinar ID: 895 6767 7168 and Passcode 508649. Please use the “raise your hand” function in Zoom or push *9 by telephone if/when you wish to speak. Then wait until your name is called before speaking.
 - a) The public may provide eComments on any item by emailing to michaela.peters@sdcounty.ca.gov
 - eComments received before 8:00A.M. on Monday, March 6, 2023, will be forwarded to the Commission and posted online before the meeting. They will also be referenced during the meeting.
 - eComments received during the meeting and before the subject item is concluded will be read into the record by staff subject to the three-minute limit.

1. 8:45 A.M. – CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR | ROLL CALL

a) Introduction of New Commissioners:

- Mayor Dane White with City of Escondido
- Mayor John McCann (alt) with City of Chula Vista

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. AGENDA REVIEW

The Executive Officer will summarize the agenda as well as to advise of any requested changes. The Chair will also consider requests from Commissioners.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT AND RELATED REQUESTS

a) Public Comment

Opportunity for members of the public to communicate to the Commission on any subject matter within the Commission's growth management duties/interests but not an item listed on the agenda. Each speaker's comments may not exceed three minutes.

b) Public Requests to Discuss Consent Items

Opportunity for members of the public to request the Commission pull one or more items from the consent calendar for discussion.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

All items calendared as consent are considered ministerial and subject to a single motion approval. The Chair will entertain requests by Commissioners to pull any items for discussion.

a) Approval of Meeting Minutes for February 6, 2023 (action)

The Commission will consider action minutes prepared by the Executive Assistant for the February 6, 2023 regular meeting. Recommendation to approve as presented. (Pages 5-16)

b) Commission Ratification | Recorded Payments for January 2023 (action)

The Commission will review a report identifying all payments made and received in January 2023. Recommendation to ratify payments as presented. (Pages 17-22)

c) Progress Report on Adopted Workplan (action)

The Commission will receive a progress report on accomplishing the 30 projects included in the adopted workplan for 2022-2023. Recommendation to receive and file. (Pages 23-26)

d) Notice of Administrative Approval of "City of Escondido and Bryant-Felicita Road Out-of-Agency Services: Wastewater" (OAS23-03) (information)

The Commission will receive notice of an administrative approval by the Executive Officer for the City of Escondido to provide out-of-agency services to an unincorporated property located within the City sphere of influence. The authorization is specific to wastewater service to an existing single-family residence at 2334 Felicita Road and premised on abating a public health and safety threat given documentation of a failing septic system. The County Assessor's Office identifies the subject parcel as 238-320-12. Information only. (Pages 27-36)

e) Report on Active Proposals and Related Activities (information)

The Commission will receive a status report on the 22 active proposals currently on file with LAFCO. Information only. (Pages 37-50)

CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED...

f) Notice of State Planning Grant Award | Greening Agriculture: Market Analysis to Inform and Support Economically Sustainable Small Farming in San Diego County (information)

The Commission will receive notice of a new \$500,000 planning grant award from the State Department of Conservation and its Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program. The award allows LAFCO and co-applicant County of San Diego Planning and Development Services to expand on current grant activities in assessing local agricultural trends and proceed with performing market analysis to help inform small farming operations. Work on the new grant is anticipated to commence in June 2023. Information only. (Pages 51-98)

g) Authorized Leave for Commissioner Vanderlaan (information)

The Commission will receive notice of Chair Desmond's approval of a written request by Commissioner Vanderlaan for a three-month leave of office effective February 14, 2023. There is no written report associated with this item.

6. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS |

COMMISSIONER DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Public hearing items require expanded public notification per provisions in State law or have been voluntarily scheduled by the Executive Officer to ensure opportunity for public input. All public hearing items require verbal disclosures by Commissions regarding any material communications.

a) Proposed "Borrego Springs Fire Protection District Reorganization" |

Dissolution of the Borrego Springs Fire Protection District and Concurrent Annexation to the San Diego County Fire Protection District (RO22-19) (action)

The Commission will consider a reorganization proposal filed by Borrego Springs Fire Protection District (FPD) to transfer fire protection, emergency medical, and ambulance transport responsibilities in Borrego Springs. The proposed transfer necessitates two jurisdictional changes involving the dissolution of the Borrego Springs FPD and concurrent annexation of the approximate 198,400-acre affected territory with an estimated 3,105 residents to the San Diego County FPD. The purpose of the negotiated proposal is to economize the subject services going forward. Staff recommends conditional approval of the proposal as submitted along with conforming sphere of influence amendments. It is also recommended the Commission delegate protest to the Executive Officer and make exemption findings under the California Environmental Quality Act. (Pages 99-210)

b) Notice of Amended Administrative Approval of "Palomar Healthcare District Out-of-Agency Services: Laborist and OB/GYN" and Possible Related Actions

The Commission will receive notice of an amended administrative approval for Palomar Healthcare District to provide out-of-agency services. The notice is provided consistent with adopted policy and ties to the Executive Officer's August 2022 authorization for Palomar to provide laborist and OB/GYN services to patients contractually sourced to Vista Community and TrueCare Clinics and their locations in Vista, Oceanside, and Encinitas. The amendment establishes a term of March 1, 2025. The balance of the administrative approval – including the justifying public health and safety finding tied to the contracting clinics' financial distress without partnering with Palomar – remains. The item is presented for information as required under policy. Alternative actions are also provided at the request of the Chair to amend or overturn the administrative approval. (Pages 211-278)

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS CONTINUED...

c) Proposed Workplan and Budget for 2023-2024 (action)

The Commission will consider recommendations in adopting a proposed workplan and budget for 2023-2024. The proposed workplan outlines 30 activities in priority order and includes continued and new projects. The proposed budget totals \$2.750 million in matching expenses and revenues. More than four-fifths of total expenses – \$2.261 million – covers operating costs and represents an increase of 12.6% over the current fiscal year and primarily tied to funding an additional staff position. Adoption of the proposed workplan and budget will precede a formal public review and conclude with final actions in May. (Pages 279-294)

7. BUSINESS CALENDAR

Business items involve regulatory, planning, or other items that do not require a noticed hearing.

a) Alternate Public Member Appointment: Options and Possible Action (action)

The Commission will consider options and preferences therein in making a new four-year appointment of an alternate regular public member ahead of the current term expiring on May 1, 2023. The item has been noticed to allow the Commission to proceed with a reappointment of Commissioner Mathis should it be the membership’s collective preference. (Pages 295-298)

b) Options to Hold Regular Meetings and Possible Actions

The Commission will consider amending its adopted policies with respect to setting the day and time of regular Commission meetings. Current policy provides the Commission will hold regular meetings on the first Monday of each month starting at 10:00 A.M unless otherwise calendared. The City of San Diego – which has dedicated seats on LAFCO in statute – recently changed their regular meetings to the same day and time. Alternative days and/or times are identified by staff and with the premise of continuing to physically meet in the County of San Diego Administration Center and avoiding any known regular meetings times and days for current County, city, and special district members’ home agencies. (Pages 299-302)

8. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

9. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS | REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

10. CLOSED SESSION

None

11. ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT MEETING

To be determined under Item No. 7a

Attest to Posting:



Tamaron Lockett
Commission Clerk