



San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission

Regional Service Planning | Subdivision of the State of California

SAN DIEGO COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Monday, May 1, 2023 at 8:00 A.M.

– New Start Time –

In-Person Participation

County Administration Center
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302
San Diego, California

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Participation Instructions:

In person attendance by the public is welcomed. LAFCO meets in Room 302 in the County Administration Center (1600 Pacific Highway). Three-hour visitor parking is available using the Ash Street entrance. To provide comments on any item, please turn in a speakers slip to LAFCO staff before the item commences.

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Remote participation by e-mail is also welcomed by sending comments to Executive Assistant Erica Sellen at erica.sellen@sdcounty.ca.gov. All e-mails received before 4:00 P.M. one business day before the meeting will be forwarded to the Commission and posted online. These comments will also be referenced at the meeting. All e-mails received during the meeting and before the item concludes will be read into the record subject to standard time limitations and subsequently posted online.

All comments are limited to three minutes for individuals and five minutes for organizations.

The Chair may authorize additional time at their discretion.

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1. 8:05 A.M. – CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR | ROLL CALL

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 March 6, 2023 (action)

The Commission will consider action minutes prepared by the Executive Assistant for the March 6, 2023 regular meeting. Recommendation to approve as presented. (Pages 7-18)

b) Commission Ratification | Recorded Payments for February and March 2023 (action)

The Commission will review a report identifying all payments made and received in the months of February and March 2023. Recommendation to ratify. (Pages 19-28)

**c) Budget Update for 2022-2023 |
3rd Quarter Actuals with Year-End Projections (action)**

The Commission will review a report comparing budgeted and actual transactions through the third quarter of 2022-2023 and related analysis. The report projects the Commission will finish the fiscal year generally as expected with a net surplus of \$0.136 million or 5.8%. Recommendation to receive. (Pages 29-34)

**d) Protest Hearing Results |
“Borrego Springs FPD Reorganization” (RO22-19) (action)**

The Commission will receive the results of the protest hearing held for the “Borrego Springs FPD Reorganization.” This reorganization was conditionally approved in March 2023 and involves the dissolution of Borrego Springs Fire Protection District (FPD) and the transfer of its fire protection, emergency medical and ambulance functions to the San Diego County FPD as the successor agency via a concurrent annexation. The noticed protest hearing was held by staff on April 13th without generating written opposition. The reorganization proposal will now proceed to recordation once all terms are satisfied. Recommendation to receive and file per adopted policy. (Pages 35-38)

CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED...

e) Progress Report on Adopted Workplan (action)

The Commission will receive a report on accomplishing the 30 targeted projects included in the adopted workplan for 2022-2023. Recommendation to receive and file. (Pages 39-42)

f) 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 43-56)

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 “Cumming Ranch Change of Organization” |

Expansion of Ramona Municipal Water District’s Activated Wastewater Service Area and Related Sphere of Influence Action (CO22-16) (action)

The Commission will consider a change of organization filed by resolution of the Ramona Municipal Water District (MWD) to expand its activated wastewater service area. The affected territory as submitted comprises one contiguous area consisting of multiple undeveloped parcels under common ownership that collectively totals 390 acres. The purpose of the proposal is to facilitate the availability of public wastewater service to the affected territory and in doing so, accommodate the planned development of 125 single family residences and ancillary improvements known as the “Cumming Ranch” subdivision. Staff recommends conditional approval of the proposal along with a conforming amendment to Ramona MWD’s secondary sphere involving its wastewater function. Staff also recommends waiver of protest proceedings and findings under the California Environmental Quality Act. The County Assessor’s Office identifies the subject parcels as 282-010-30, 283-011-06, 283-021-01, 283-02-102, 283-022-02, 283-041-25, 283-041-26, and 283-051-01. (Pages 57-96)

b) Proposed Final Workplan and Budget for 2023-2024 and Related Actions

The Commission will consider recommendations from the Executive Officer in adopting a final workplan and budget for 2023-2024. Both items return following their draft adoption in March and subsequent public review. The workplan remains substantively unchanged in outlining 30 specific projects in priority order. Revisions tie to adding four projects from the current year that are now expected to continue through June 30th. The budget is unchanged and continues to total \$2.750 million. More than four-fifths of total expenses – \$2.261 million – covers operating costs and represents an increase of 12.6% and primarily tied to funding an additional staff position. Agency apportionments continue to represent nine-tenths of all operating revenues and set to increase by 13.0% via the combination of additional operating expenses plus reduction in budgeted use of reserves. (Pages 97-114)

7. BUSINESS CALENDAR

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

a) CONTINUED |

Proposed Policy Update on Municipal Service Reviews (action)

The Commission will consider approving a policy update guiding municipal service review activities. The proposed update has been continued from the February 6th meeting and returns to the Commission substantively intact. Revisions are limited to further refining a proposed waiver process that otherwise requires new municipal service reviews for proposals requiring sphere amendments if the last one is more than five years old. The balance of the proposed policy remains and represents a comprehensive revision to reflect current and best practices. Staff recommends approval. (Pages 115-126)

b) Proposed Policy Amendments |

Amending Rule No. 2 and Votes Need to Carry a Motion (action)

The Commission will consider approving two related amendments to its adopted policies governing the conducting of meetings – Rule No. 2. The proposed amendments have been agendaized at the request of the Chair and are specific to existing language that requires five affirmative votes to carry any motion. The amendments would change the threshold to a majority of the quorum present. Staff recommends approval. (Pages 127-134)

c) Report on Outside Travel to the CALAFCO Staff Workshop (information)

The Commission will receive a verbal report from staff on their overnight attendance at the CALAFCO Staff Workshop held on April 26-28 in Murphys.

8. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

9. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS & REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

10. CLOSED SESSION

11. ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT MEETING

June 5, 2023 at 8:00 A.M.

Attest to Posting:



Tamaron Lockett
Commission Clerk

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