

APPROVED
SAN DIEGO COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- Rainbow MWD & Fallbrook PUD Reorganization Proposals -
AUGUST 3, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING

Videoconference Attendance Only

APPROVED ACTION MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting was called to order remotely by videoconference at 1:00 p.m. by Moderator Keene Simonds.

2. COMMITTEE ROLL CALL

The Commission Clerk performed the roll call with the following attendance 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)

The Commission Clerk confirms a quorum was present with all ten members in attendance.

Also present were Executive Officer Keene Simonds, Commission Counsel Holly O. Whatley, Chief Policy Analyst Robert Barry, Commission Clerk Tamaron Lockett, Analyst II Linda Heckenkamp, GIS/IT Analyst Dieu Ngu, Executive Assistant Ruth Arellano, and Administrative Assistant Erica Blom.

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 there were no registered comments received. The Administrative Assistant separately confirmed no live e-mail comments received.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

a) Approval of Action Minutes for July 6, 2020

Draft minutes prepared by the Commission Clerk for the July 6, 2020 special meeting were presented as recorded by staff. Recommendation to approve.

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On motion of Kimberly Thorner and seconded by Tom Kennedy and carried unanimously with the remaining Committee members present, to approve the draft minutes provided in the associated agenda reports with no changes.

b) Processing Update on Reorganization Proposals

Chief Policy Analyst Robert Barry provided an update to the Committee on the administrative reviews of the reorganization proposals. This includes advising on the associated property tax exchange process.

No discussion.

c) LAFCO Responsibilities Under California Environmental Quality Act

Commission Counsel Holly Whatley summarized LAFCO's responsibilities in processing jurisdictional changes and related items under the California Environmental Quality Act as lead or responsible agency.

Committee discussion followed.

d) LAFCO Powers to Condition Approvals

Commission Counsel Holly Whatley summarized LAFCO's powers to condition approvals for jurisdictional changes and related items under State Law.

Committee discussion followed.

e) Potential Consultant Roles in Reviewing Reorganization Proposals

Moderator Keene Simonds led a Committee discussion on potential topics for consultants to assist in the administrative reviews of the reorganization proposals. Also discussed was the options in the consultant selection process.

Committee discussion followed with consensus for LAFCO to retain a consultant to evaluate three specific topics associated with the proposed reorganizations: water rate impacts; reliability of water supplies; and merits of potential exit fees. Consensus was also reached that the consultant(s) focus on existing materials in the records in addressing the three topics as well as deferring to the subject agencies to have input on the selection process through a striking system developed by Counsel Whatley.

f) Addressing Input from Other County Water Authority Member Agencies

Moderator Keene Simonds led a Committee discussion on options to solicit and/or otherwise receive input from the remaining 22 members of the County Water Authority.

Committee discussion followed with general consensus that LAFCO staff continue to include all affected agencies – including the other 22 member agencies of the County Water Authority – in noticing activities associated with the two reorganizations. It was similarly agreed for LAFCO staff to revisit outreach efforts and improve as needed.

g) Agenda Setting for Next Meeting

Keene Simonds asked the Committee members to provide input on scheduling the next meeting along with identifying agenda items.

Committee discussion followed with consensus to schedule meetings to correspond with LAFCO regular meeting days to the extent feasible and needed.

5. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the Moderator adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

I hereby attest the minutes above accurately reflect the deliberations of the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee (Fallbrook PUD and Rainbow MWD) at its August 3, 2020 videoconference meeting.

ATTEST,

Tamaron Lockett
Commission Clerk

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A video recording of the August 3, 2020 special meeting is also available online at www.sdlafco.org or by contacting LAFCO staff at 858-614-7755.