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**MINUTES**  
**March 25, 2021**

Present Commissioners

Via Teleconference: Michael Vargas, Chair  
Stephen Tomanelli, Vice Chair  
Kevin Jeffries  
Steve Sanchez  
Phil Williams  
Nancy Wright

Absent: Jeff Hewitt

Present Staff: Gary Thompson, Executive Officer  
Crystal Craig, Assistant Executive Officer  
Elizabeth Valdez, Commission Clerk

Via Teleconference: Tiffany North, Legal Counsel

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG.**

Chair Vargas called the meeting to order at approximately 9:31 a.m.

**1.2. ROLL CALL.**

**1.3. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMISSION MEMBERS.**

Counsel North made a statement to the public regarding disclosure of contributions made to Commissioners.

Chair Vargas read a proclamation to honor Tiffany North, Legal Counsel as this is her last meeting with LAFCO. The Commission thanked Ms. North and wished her well at her new position.

Counsel North thanked the Commission and staff.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2021 MEETING.**

Moved (Wright) seconded (Tomanelli) to approve the Minutes of the February 25, 2021 meeting.

Chair Vargas called for the vote.

AYES: Vargas, Tomanelli, Wright, Sanchez, Jeffries, and Williams.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Hewitt.

ABSTAINED: None.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.**

There were no public comments.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR (NON-HEARING ITEMS):**

a. LAFCO Monthly Expenditure Review.

b. LAFCO 2020-29-5-Annexation to Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (TTM 36307/Tournament Hills) and pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act the Commission as responsible agency, will review and consider Addendum #2, prepared by the City of Beaumont as lead agency, to the original EIR that was prepared by the County of Riverside, and approval of a resolution making determinations on the proposal.

Moved (Williams) seconded (Tomanelli) to approve the consent calendar as recommended by staff.

Chair Vargas called for the vote.

AYES: Vargas, Tomanelli, Wright, Sanchez, Jeffries, and Williams.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Hewitt.

ABSTAINED: None.

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**Continued:**

There were no continued public hearing items.

**New:**

There were no new public hearing items.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS:**

a. Murrieta Focused Municipal Service Review Status Report.

Mr. Thompson gave an update on the status of the Murrieta FMSR. He stated that contracts have been drafted with two consultants and a funding agreement amendment with the agencies has been agreed upon. He stated the contracts will be brought to the Commission at the next meeting. Mr. Thompson stated that comments received from the public are still being posted, will be answered by the consultants, and he is hoping to hold the public presentation in June or soon after.

Commissioner Williams asked if the public meeting will be in-person only. Mr. Thompson replied that it is preference to do a full in-person

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meeting. He stated that the contracts with the consultants will expire by end-of-year so he would like to hold the meeting soon.

This was a receive and file item only, no action required.

**7. INFORMATION ITEMS: No action to be taken by Commission.**

a. Proposals Received and/or LAFCO Initiated (Government Code Sections 56751 and 56857):

- i. LAFCO 2021-01-1,2,4&5-Countywide Municipal Service Review - Community Services Districts: De Luz Community Services District, Edgemont Community Services District, Jurupa Community Services District, Rubidoux Community Services District, Southern Coachella Valley Community Services District, and Tenaja Community Services District.
- ii. LAFCO 2021-02-3-Sphere of Influence Amendment (addition) to Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (addition) (TTM 38069); and
- iii. LAFCO 2021-03-3-Annexation to Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (TTM 38069).

Ms. Craig briefly reviewed each of the new proposals.

Jeff Sims, District Manager, Rubidoux Community Services District (RCSA). Mr. Sims introduced himself to the Commission as the new manager of RCSA. He asked what prompted the district review (item i.) as it was not requested by the District.

Mr. Thompson replied that pursuant to state statute, a municipal service review of special districts and cities is required every five years.

b. Report on Conducting Authority Proceedings.

Mr. Thompson reviewed the Conducting Authority Proceedings report.

**8. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND POTENTIAL POSITIONS.**

Mr. Thompson gave an update on pending legislation. He stated that AB 1581, annual Omnibus bill, will be brought to the Commission for a support position next month. He stated that SB 414 has not been introduced. He stated that AB 1021 (Mayes) is a new "Spot Bill". He stated he will be having a conference call with Mayes' legislative director regarding issues with the bill. Mr. Thompson stated that SB 56133 did not move forward since there was no author to sponsor it. He stated there was an additional 34 bills that CALAFCO is watching.

**9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS.**

Mr. Thompson stated the public member appointments, and the draft budget will be before the commission next month. He stated that Ms. Craig gave a presentation at the City of Desert Hot Springs council meeting, and

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he at the City of Eastvale, League of Cities and WRCOG meetings.

Ms. Craig stated that she is working with HR on the job description for the vacant position. Commissioner's Williams and Vargas asked about the salary range for the position. Ms. Craig said that information was not available at this time.

Commission Williams asked if the public members needed to be nominated today. Mr. Thompson stated that can be done at the April meeting.

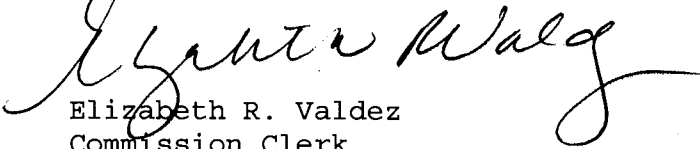
**10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/FUTURE ITEMS.**

Commissioner Wright thanked Ms. North for everything she has done for LAFCO. Chair Vargas and the Commission also said good luck and thanked Ms. North.

**11. ADJOURNMENT.**

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth R. Valdez  
Commission Clerk