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4/23/2020

MINUTES
February 27, 2020

Present: Steve Sanchez
Stephen Tomanelli, Vice Chair
Jeff Hewitt
Kevin Jeffries
Robert Stockton, Alternate
Michael Vargas

Absent: Phil Williams
Nancy Wright

Present Staff: Gary Thompson, Executive Officer
Crystal Craig, Local Government Analyst III
Joshua Altopp, Local Government Analyst III
Elizabeth Valdez, Commission Clerk
Tiffany North, Legal Counsel

1. CALL TO ORDER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG.

Chair Sanchez called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m.

1.2. ROLL CALL.

1.3. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMISSION MEMBERS.

Counsel North stated that there was no announcement to be made since there were no public hearing items on the agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2020.

Moved (Vargas) seconded (Tomanelli) to approve the Minutes of January 23, 2020.

Chair Sanchez called for the vote.

AYES: Jeffries, Hewitt, Sanchez, Stockton, Tomanelli, and Vargas.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Williams and Wright.

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.

Moved (Tomanelli) seconded (Hewitt) to approve the Monthly Expenditure Review as recommended by staff.

Chair Sanchez called for the vote.

AYES: Jeffries, Hewitt, Sanchez, Stockton, Tomanelli, and Vargas.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Williams and Wright.

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. Contract Extension for Audit Services.

Mr. Thompson presented this item. He stated that this was the last year of the contract with Davis Farr, LLP and is requesting to extend the contract for one year. He stated that a joint RFP will be developed by Los Angeles LAFCO and a new contract will be entered into with the other Southern Region LAFCOs, upon selection of an audit firm, at the end of this extension. He stated that there would a 3% increase to the contract for the additional year.

Moved (Hewitt) seconded (Vargas) to approve the Contract Extension for Audit Services as recommended by staff.

Chair Sanchez called for the vote.

AYES: Jeffries, Hewitt, Sanchez, Stockton, Tomanelli, and Vargas.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Williams and Wright.

ABSTAINED: None.

b. Fiscal Year 2019-20 Mid-Year Budget Review.

Mr. Thompson presented the Mid-Year Budget. He stated that fee revenue is down, however, the carry-over from last year was higher than budgeted.

Commissioner Jeffries left the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Mr. Thompson stated that a large portion of the Consultants appropriation would not be expended this year and would carry-over to next year. He stated that we will end up with approximately a \$230,000 surplus. He stated that he will be creating a new reserve for the unfunded pension liability in next year's budget.

Moved (Tomanelli) seconded (Stockton) to receive and file the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Mid-Year Budget Review as recommended by staff.

Chair Sanchez called for the vote.

AYES: Hewitt, Hoffman, Stockton, Tomanelli, and Vargas.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Jeffries, Williams and Wright

ABSTAINED: None.

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 2020-01-1&5-Western County Region Water and Wastewater Agencies-Sphere of Influence Review and Potential Amendments: Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District.
- ii. LAFCO 2020-02-2-Western County Region Water and Wastewater Agencies-Sphere of Influence Review and Potential Amendments: Jurupa Community Services District.
- iii. LAFCO 2020-03-3-Western County Region Water and Wastewater Agencies-Sphere of Influence Review and Potential Amendments: Lake Hemet Municipal Water District.
- iv. LAFCO 2020-04-2-Western County Region Water and Wastewater Agencies-Sphere of Influence Review and Potential Amendments: Rubidoux Community Services District.
- v. LAFCO 2020-05-1&2-Western County Region Water and Wastewater Agencies-Sphere of Influence Review and Potential Amendments: Temescal Valley Water District.
- vi. LAFCO 2020-06-1,2,3&5-Confirming the Sphere of Influence for Western County Region Water and Wastewater Agencies: Edgemont Community Services District, Home Gardens County Water District, Home Gardens Sanitary District, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, and West Valley Water District.
- vii. LAFCO 2020-07-5-Pass/Mountain Area County Regions Water and Wastewater Agencies-Sphere of Influence Review and Potential Amendments: Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District.

- viii. LAFCO 2020-08-3&5-Confirming Sphere of Influence for Pass/Mountain Area County Regions Water And Wastewater Agencies: Cabazon County Water District, Fern Valley Water District, High Valleys Water District, Idyllwild Water District, Pine Cove Water District, Pinyon Pines County Water District, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency, and Yucaipa Valley Water District.
- ix. LAFCO 2020-09-3,4&5-Coachella Valley/Eastern County Regions Water and Wastewater Agencies-Sphere of Influence Review and Potential Amendments: Desert Water Agency.
- x. LAFCO 2020-10-3,4&5-Confirming Sphere of Influence for Coachella Valley/Eastern County Regions Water and Wastewater Agencies: Chiriaco Summit County Water District, Coachella Valley Water District, Imperial Irrigation District (provides only electricity in Riverside County), Mission Springs Water District, Palo Verde Irrigation District, Valley Sanitary District, County Service Area 51 (Desert Center/Lake Tamarisk), County Service Area 62 (Ripley), and County Service Area 122 (Mesa Verde).

Ms. Craig presented this item. She stated that these agencies were included in the Water and Wastewater MSR. She stated the sphere reviews are part of the statutory requirement of LAFCO's. She stated some are just confirming the agency's SOI since there was either no response from the agency to the questionnaire, the agency was not requesting a sphere amendment, or staff did not feel there was a need to amend the sphere at this time.

b. Report on Conducting Authority Proceedings.

Mr. Thompson gave an update on the pending Conducting Authority Proceedings.

Chair Sanchez call Mr. Martinez to the podium.

Manuel Martinez, Imperial Irrigation District. Mr. Martinez apologized for not returning the questionnaire yet and asked the Commission for additional time to return it to staff before an action is taken regarding their sphere of influence.

Mr. Thompson stated yes, input from the agency will be accepted at any time during the process.

8. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND POTENTIAL POSITIONS.

Mr. Thompson gave an update on current legislation. He spoke about AB 854 (Mayes), AB 2629 (Mayes), AB 1253 (Rivas) and he said that there will not be a CALAFCO Omnibus Bill this year.

Commissioner Jeffries returned to the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Mr. Thompson stated that he would update the Commission next month on the 25 bills that CALAFCO is tracking after the next CALAFCO Legislative Committee meeting that he would be attending.

No motion was taken on this item.

9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS.

Mr. Thompson stated that Pamela Miller, CALAFCO Executive Director will be retiring. He stated that she will stay through the year and help transition the new Executive Director.

Mr. Thompson stated that next month staff will be attending the CALAFCO Staff Workshop of which he is the chair of the planning committee.

Mr. Thompson announced that Ms. Craig was promoted to Assistant Executive Officer. Ms. Craig thanked Mr. Thompson and the Commission.

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/FUTURE ITEMS.

There were no Commissioner comments.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:

With Respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9: Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation (Subdivision (d)(1) of Government Code Section 54946.9).

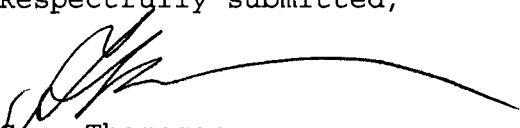
A.1. City of Menifee vs. All Persons Interested in the Matter of the Conditional Approval of the City of Menifee's Application for Detachment (2016-03-05) from Valley-Wide Recreation and Parks District; Adoption of LAFCO Resolution No. 04-17, and Denial of the City of Menifee's Application for Reconsideration of a Resolution of the Local Agency Formation Commission of Riverside County (Resolution No. 04-16) and Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission, Riverside Superior Court Case No. RIC 1722064.

There was no Executive Session.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

Chair Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Gary Thompson
Executive Officer