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12/3/2020

MINUTES
October 22, 2020

Present Commissioners

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

Present Staff

Via Teleconference: Gary Thompson, Executive Officer
Crystal Craig, Assistant Executive Officer
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 made a statement to the public regarding disclosure of contributions made to Commissioners.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 MEETING.

Moved (Vargas) seconded (Wright) to approve the Minutes of the September 24, 2020 meeting.

Chair Sanchez called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

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

Brad Anderson, resident, City of Rancho Mirage. Mr. Anderson stated his

concerns of how the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District was conducting business outside their boundary. He stated that he would like the service boundaries to be reviewed.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (NON-HEARING ITEMS):

a. LAFCO Monthly Expenditure Review.

b. LAFCO 2020-24-3-Reorganization to Include Detachment from County Service Area 146 and Concurrent Annexation 110 to County Service Area 84 (TR 36288) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act the Commission, as responsible agency, will review and consider a Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by the County of Riverside, as lead agency, and adoption of a resolution making determinations on the proposal.

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

Chair Sanchez called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Continued:

a. 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 and Eastern Municipal Water District (possible SOI reduction) and a finding of exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and adoption of a resolution making determinations on the proposal. **(Continued from August 27, 2020)**

Ms. Craig presented this item. She reviewed the services and boundary of the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District and stated that they did not request any changes to their boundary. She stated that due to an overlapping of boundaries the two agencies and staff worked together and were in full agreement to remove areas A, B, and C from the SOI of the Eastern Municipal Water District. She stated that there would be no changes to the SOI of the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District and that a complete review of Eastern Municipal Water District would be performed later.

Chair Sanchez opened the public hearing and there being no one wishing to speak he closed the public hearing.

Moved (Hewitt) seconded (Vargas) to approve LAFCO 2020-07-5-

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Pass/Mountain Area County Regions Water and Wastewater Agencies-Sphere of Influence Review and Potential Amendments: Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District and Eastern Municipal Water District (possible SOI reduction) as recommended by staff.

Chair Sanchez called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

New:

- b. LAFCO 2019-12-3,4&5-Countywide Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Reviews and Potential Amendments Healthcare Districts: Desert Healthcare District, Palo Verde Healthcare District and San Gorgonio Memorial Healthcare District and a finding of exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and adoption of a resolution making determinations on the proposal.

Mr. Altopp presented this item. He stated that this was the first time the Commission reviewed the Healthcare Districts and gave a brief overview of the process. He introduced the consultant Jennifer Stephenson with PCA Consulting.

Jennifer Stephenson, PCA Consulting. Ms. Stephenson gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the MSR and SOI Review requirements and the steps taken in completing the report. She reviewed the services provided, funding, how Covid-19 is affecting the districts, the determinations, and recommendations made for each district. She stated that the comments received have been incorporated in the report before the Commission. She stated that the Desert Healthcare District's (DHCD) sphere of influence boundary should remain coterminous at this time. Ms. Stephenson recommended that the spheres of influence be amended for the Palo Verde Healthcare District (PVHCD) and the San Gorgonio Healthcare District (SGHCD).

Commissioner Hewitt thank Ms. Stephenson and stated that it will be good that the communities between the PVHCD and DHCD will now have services. He spoke about the growth in the Pass area that may be challenging but their needs will be met.

Chair Sanchez asked if the portions of the Cities of Palm Springs and Desert Hot Springs that are not a part of DHCD should be. Ms. Stephenson replied that they are part of both SGHCD and DHCD service area and it may make sense in the future to amend the boundary so that they are in just one district.

Chair Sanchez opened the public hearing.

Brad Anderson, resident, City of Rancho Mirage. Mr. Anderson stated his concerns with the need and services provided by the Desert Healthcare District. He stated he did not feel the District needed to exist as is.

Chair Sanchez closed the public hearing.

Moved (Jeffries) seconded (Hewitt) to receive and file LAFCO 2019-12-3,4&5-Countywide Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Reviews and Potential Amendments Healthcare Districts: Desert Healthcare District, Palo Verde Healthcare District and San Geronio Memorial Healthcare District.

Chair Sanchez called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

- c. LAFCO 2020-20-5-Sphere of Influence Amendments (addition) to the City of Banning and the Banning Library District (Lloyd L. Fields); and
- d. LAFCO 2020-21-5-Reorganization to Include Concurrent Annexations to the City of Banning and the Banning Library District (Lloyd L. Fields) and a finding of exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and adoption of resolutions making determinations on the proposals.

Mr. Altopp presented this item. He stated that this proposal was a land exchange of 36 acres between the landowner and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians that would require the area to be annexed to the City of Banning and the Banning Library District.

Chair Sanchez opened the public hearing.

Adam Rush, City of Banning. Mr. Rush thanked staff and the Commission and was available for questions.

Mark de Manincor, City of Banning. Mr. Manincor stated he was in support of the project and thanked the Commission for their consideration.

Chair Sanchez closed the public hearing.

Moved (Hewitt) seconded (Vargas) to approve LAFCO 2020-20-5-Sphere of Influence Amendments (addition) to the City of Banning and the Banning Library District (Lloyd L. Fields) and LAFCO 2020-21-5-Reorganization to Include Concurrent Annexations to the City of Banning and the Banning Library District (Lloyd L. Fields) as recommended by staff.

Chair Sanchez called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

- e. LAFCO 2020-25-3-Reorganization to Include Concurrent Annexations to Rancho California Water District (ANX 106), Eastern Municipal Water District and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (111th Fringe / W.M. Lyles Co.) and pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act the Commission, as responsible agency, will review and consider an Addendum to the Negative Declaration prepared by the Rancho California Water District, as lead agency, and adoption of a resolution making determinations on the proposal.

Ms. Craig presented this item. She stated that it was a single, vacant, undeveloped parcel that would be annexed to all three districts and reviewed how service would be provided.

Chair Sanchez opened the public hearing and there being no one wishing to speak he closed the public hearing.

Moved (Wright) seconded (Vargas) to approve LAFCO 2020-25-3-Reorganization to Include Concurrent Annexations to Rancho California Water District (ANX 106), Eastern Municipal Water District and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern Californian (111th Fringe / W.M. Lyles Co.) as recommended by staff.

Chair Sanchez called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

There were no other business items.

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

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

There were no new proposals received.

- b. Report on Conducting Authority Proceedings.

Mr. Thompson reviewed the Conducting Authority Proceedings report.

8. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND POTENTIAL POSITIONS. (Oral Report)

Mr. Thompson stated that there was no update to be given. He stated that the next CALAFCO Legislative Committee meeting will be in November.

9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS.

Mr. Thompson gave an update on the Special District Selection Committee election. He stated that a quorum had not yet been met and deadline may need to be extended.

Mr. Thompson stated that the Murrieta Focused MSR final review from staff would be completed today. He stated a draft would hopefully be released in November for public comment. He stated that staff and the City will need to prepare for a public meeting and how to deal with Covid-19 restrictions.

Mr. Thompson stated that he City MSR kick-off meeting with the consultant would be next week. He also stated the letter notifying the Community Services Districts of the preparation of their MSR would be going out next week.

Mr. Thompson stated that he has been asked to be the Deputy Executive Officer of CALAFCO for the next two years and it should be decided at the next CALAFCO Board meeting.

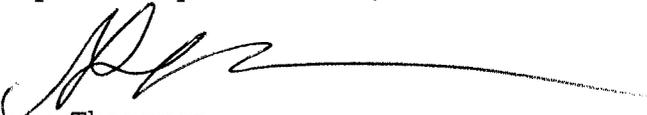
10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/FUTURE ITEMS.

There were no Commissioner comments.

11. ADJOURNMENT.

Chair Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gary Thompson
Executive Officer