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2/24/2022

MINUTES
January 27, 2022

Present Michael Vargas, Chair
Commissioners: Stephen Tomanelli, Vice-Chair
Nancy Wright
Phil Williams
Jeff Hewitt
Steve Sanchez

Absent
Commissioners: Kevin Jeffries

Present Staff: Gary Thompson, Executive Officer
Crystal Craig, Assistant Executive Officer
Elizabeth Valdez, Commission Clerk
Melissa Cushman, Legal Counsel

1. CALL TO ORDER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG.

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

1.2. ROLL CALL.

1.3. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMISSION MEMBERS.

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 9, 2021 MEETING.

Moved (Hewitt) seconded (Tomanelli) to approve the Minutes of the December 9, 2021 meeting.

Chair Vargas called for the vote.

AYES: Vargas, Tomanelli, Wright, Hewitt, Sanchez, and Williams.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Jeffries.
ABSTAINED: None.

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

Brad Anderson, City of Rancho Mirage resident. Mr. Anderson spoke about the Southern Coachella Valley Community Services District

Municipal Service Review did not illustrate the troubles of the district. He stated that there is a funding issue, and that SB 1383 should also be an issue driving up costs for the district. He also spoke about the remote meetings being held without a resolution per AB 361. He stated the district should not exist. Mr. Anderson asked that all these issues are addressed in the future MSR including the upcoming Mosquito and Vector Control District's MSR.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (NON-HEARING ITEMS):

a. LAFCO Monthly Expenditure Review.

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

Chair Vargas called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Jeffries.

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. LAFCO 2021-10-5-Request for Extra-Territorial Service Provision-City of Beaumont (Country Club Village Project) and pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act the Commission, as responsible agency, will review and consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by the City of Calimesa, as lead agency, and adoption of a resolution making CEQA findings and determinations on the proposal.

Mr. Thompson presented this item. He stated that there was no wastewater service provider near this project, and the closest provider other than the City of Beaumont would be the Yucaipa Valley Water District (YCWD), however, they have a policy to bundle service to provide both water and wastewater services. He stated that water service is being provided by the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (BCVWD). He stated the project would be best served by the City of Beaumont. Mr. Thompson stated that both the Cities of Calimesa and

Beaumont have signed an agreement to allow Beaumont to serve the project. He stated that this would be a permanent service.

Commissioner Hewitt stated that this was a first of several parcels and that it made sense to approve the proposal. He and Mr. Thompson commended the Cities for entering into an agreement allowing for the most efficient way to provide service.

Commissioner Sanchez asked if this would change the sphere of influence (SOI) automatically for the other parcels. Mr. Thompson replied that approval would not change the SOI or any city boundary as approval would extend the service outside the jurisdiction of the City. Commission Sanchez asked would this be the same process for the other parcels if they get developed. Mr. Thompson replied he did not know how the other parcels would proceed to get service in the future.

Chair Vargas opened the public hearing.

Shane Smith stated he was there to answer any questions of the commission.

Chair Vargas closed the public hearing.

Moved (Hewitt) seconded (Sanchez) to approve 2021-10-5-Request for Extra-Territorial Service Provision-City of Beaumont (Country Club Village Project) as recommended by staff.

Chair Vargas called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Jeffries.

ABSTAINED: None.

b. Adoption of the LAFCO Policy Manual.

Mr. Thompson stated that this was to formally adopt the Policy Manual. He stated that all the policies within the manual were previously adopted over the past year as part of the Strategic Plan.

Moved (Williams) seconded (Sanchez) to adopt the LAFCO Policy Manual as recommended by staff.

Chair Vargas called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Jeffries.

ABSTAINED: None.

- c. Memorandum of Understanding Accepting Exclusive Jurisdiction for a Proposed SOI Amendment (addition) and Annexation to Coachella Valley Water District Between Imperial and Riverside LAFCOs (Salton City Landfill-Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc.).

Ms. Craig presented this item. She stated that a 320 acre parcel for a proposed annexation was located in Imperial County therefore under Imperial LAFCO's jurisdiction. She stated that the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) is the closest water agency that could provide domestic water service to the Landfill. She stated that CVWD is within Riverside LAFCO's jurisdiction and this MOU would transfer exclusive jurisdiction to Riverside LAFCO from Imperial LAFCO to process the annexation.

Moved (Wright) seconded (Hewitt) to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Accepting Exclusive Jurisdiction for a Proposed SOI Amendment (addition) and Annexation to Coachella Valley Water District Between Imperial and Riverside LAFCOs (Salton City Landfill-Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc.) as recommended by staff.

Chair Vargas called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Jeffries.

ABSTAINED: None.

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

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

There were no new proposals.

- 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 the CALAFCO Omnibus Bill is moving forward. He stated that there was no backing for a bill regarding 56133 to move forward until next year.

Mr. Thompson stated there were a few new bills regarding the formation of a healthcare district in northern California, and the formation of growth related special districts without going through LAFCO.

Mr. Thompson stated that details on how the funding for the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) study, AB 1021 (Mayes), was going to be

dispersed has been agreed on by all agencies. He stated that 50% of the budgeted amount would be transferred to LAFCO and then the remainder would be transferred after a certain amount is expended.

Commissioner Sanchez expressed concern that the remainder of the money may not be transferred if the State reallocated it to something else. Mr. Thompson stated the money was budgeted specifically for this study.

9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS.

Mr. Thompson stated that Commissioner's Williams, Vargas, Sanchez and Hoffman's seats are expiring, and that staff is currently conducting the election for the special district member and coordinating with the Clerk of the Board for the city member election

Mr. Thompson stated that staff is currently working on the MSRs for the library, fire protection, and mosquito and vector control districts.

Ms. Craig gave an update on the Countywide City MSR. She stated a draft would be completed soon for internal review before being distributed to the public. She stated that she was currently interviewing for the new GIS Analyst position and a selection would be made soon after.

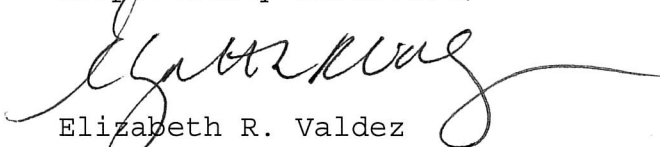
10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/FUTURE ITEMS.

Commissioner Hewitt asked to add to the agenda a discussion regarding changing the start time of the Commission meeting due to a conflict with the Salton Sea Board meeting at the same time as LAFCO.

11. ADJOURNMENT.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth R. Valdez
Commission Clerk