



2.  
1/27/2022

**MINUTES**  
**December 9, 2021**

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

Absent  
Commissioners:          Steve Sanchez

Present Staff:          Crystal Craig, Assistant Executive Officer  
                                Elizabeth Valdez, Commission Clerk  
                                Kelly Moran, 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 Moran made a statement to the public regarding disclosure of contributions made to Commissioners.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 28, 2021 MEETING.**

Moved (Tomanelli) seconded (Williams) to approve the Minutes of the October 28, 2021 meeting.

Chair Vargas called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Sanchez.

ABSTAINED: Hewitt.

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

Chair Vargas called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Sanchez.

ABSTAINED: None.

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:****Continued:**

There were no continued public hearing items.

**New:**

- a. LAFCO 2021-07-3-Sphere of Influence Amendments to Eastern Municipal Water District (removal) and to Rancho California Water District (addition) (Wingsweep Corp.); and
- b. LAFCO 2021-08-3-Reorganization to Include Detachment from Eastern Municipal Water District and Concurrent Annexation to Rancho California Water District (Wingsweep Corp.) and a finding of exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, and adoption of resolutions making determinations on the proposals.

Ms. Craig showed a Google Earth presentation. She stated that the sphere of influence amendments and reorganization removing territory from Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) and adding it to Rancho California Water District (RCWD) would allow for one water purveyor instead of two to serve the tract as the tract would be split between two districts. She stated that both districts were in agreement.

Chair Vargas opened the public hearing, there being no one wishing to speak, he closed the public hearing.

Moved (Hewitt) seconded (Williams) to approve LAFCO 2021-07-3-Sphere of Influence Amendments to Eastern Municipal Water District (removal) and to Rancho California Water District (addition) (Wingsweep Corp.) and LAFCO 2021-08-3-Reorganization to Include Detachment from Eastern Municipal Water District and Concurrent Annexation to Rancho California Water District (Wingsweep Corp.) as recommended by staff.

Chair Vargas called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Sanchez.

ABSTAINED: None.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- a. Third Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with RSG, Inc. to Extend the Period of Performance and Budget Amendment for the Preparation of the City Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Reviews and Potential Update Reports.

Ms. Craig gave a review of the MSR and previous contract amendments. She stated that this amendment includes the additional time and cost necessary to complete the project. She stated the delay is due to the recent approval of the DUCs and now some cities may want to amend their spheres of influence.

Commissioner Hewitt asked if the consultant underbid for the project or if LAFCO was asking for additional work to be done. Ms. Craig stated that the release of the data for the DUCs did change the time frame and added additional work for the consultant. She stated that this would be the final amendment.

Moved (Hewitt) seconded (Wright) to approve the Third Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with RSG, Inc. to Extend the Period of Performance and Budget Amendment for the Preparation of the City Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Reviews and Potential Update Reports as recommended by staff.

Chair Vargas called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Sanchez.

ABSTAINED: None.

- b. Selection of Officers for 2022.

Commissioner Wright nominated Commissioner Vargas as Chair and Commissioner Tomanelli as Vice-Chair. Both commissioners accepted the nominations.

Moved (Wright) seconded (Williams) to re-appoint Commissioner Vargas as Chair and Commissioner Tomanelli as Vice-Chair.

Chair Vargas called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Sanchez.

ABSTAINED: None.

c. Committee Assignments for 2022.

- i. Administrative Review Committee.
- ii. Legislative Committee.

Moved (Vargas) seconded (Tomanelli) to re-appoint Commissioners Vargas, Tomanelli, and Sanchez to the Administrative Review Committee and Commissioners Wright and Williams to the Legislative Committee.

Chair Vargas called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Sanchez.

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.

Ms. Craig reviewed the Conducting Authority Proceedings report.

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

Ms. Craig gave an update on pending legislation. She stated the details on how the funding for the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) study, AB 1021 (Mayes), was going to be dispersed was still being worked out. She stated the CALAFCO Omnibus Bill will be taking care of some minor corrections, clean-up for 56133 and the protest proceedings within Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg.

9. **EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS.**

There was no executive officer report.

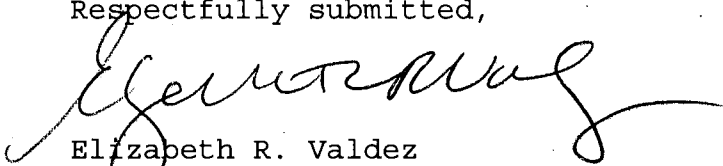
**10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/FUTURE ITEMS.**

Commissioner Wright stated that there was going to be a CALAFCO roundtable on December 15<sup>th</sup> from 1-2:30 pm.

**11. ADJOURNMENT.**

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth R. Valdez', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Elizabeth R. Valdez  
Commission Clerk