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6/27/2024

**MINUTES**  
**May 23, 2024**

Present                      Michael Vargas, Chair  
Commissioners:            Stephen Corona  
                                 Steve Sanchez  
                                 Kevin Jeffries  
                                 Stephen Tomanelli

Absent  
Commissioners:            Castulo Estrada  
                                 Yxstian Gutierrez, Vice Chair

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

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

Chair Vargas called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

**1.2. ROLL CALL.**

**1.3. POTENTIAL REQUEST BY ONE OR MORE COMMISSIONERS TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY AND UTILIZE AB 2449'S JUST CAUSE OR EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES, POTENTIAL VOTE ON LATTER.**

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

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

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

a. April 18, 2024

Moved (Tomanelli) seconded (Corona) to approve the Minutes of the April 18, 2024, meeting.

Chair Vargas called for the vote.

AYES: Corona, Sanchez, Jeffries, Tomanelli, and Vargas.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Estrada and Guterrez.

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 (Sanchez) seconded (Tomanelli) to approve the LAFCO Monthly Expenditure Review as recommended by staff.

Chair Vargas called for the vote.

AYES: Corona, Sanchez, Jeffries, Tomanelli, and Vargas.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Estrada and Gutierrez.

ABSTAINED: None.

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**Continued:**

- a. LAFCO 2023-05-5-Reorganization to Include Annexation to the City of Moreno Valley (World Logistics Center) and Concurrent Annexation to the Moreno Valley Community Service District (subsidiary) and Detachments from the Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District and the Riverside County Waste Resources Management District and pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act the Commission, as responsible agency, will review and consider the Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report prepared by the City of Moreno Valley, as lead agency and adoption of a resolution making determinations on the proposal. (Continued from April 18, 2024)**

Ms. Craig presented this item. She stated that this proposal contained the two remaining parcels of developable land to complete the World Logistics Center (WLC) Project. She stated that the reorganization will allow for the parcels/WLC Project to now be under one jurisdiction for services and improve service boundaries. Ms. Craig stated showed a map that illustrated the area that is part of a road maintenance agreement between the City and the County and reminded the agencies to revisit the agreement.

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

Moved (Jeffries) seconded (Sanchez) to approve the LAFCO 2023-05-5-Reorganization to Include Annexation to the City of Moreno Valley (World Logistics Center) and Concurrent Annexation to the Moreno Valley Community Service District (subsidiary) and Detachments from the Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District and the Riverside County Waste Resources Management District as recommended by staff.

Chair Vargas called for the vote.

AYES: Corona, Sanchez, Jeffries, Tomanelli, and Vargas.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Estrada and Gutierrez.

ABSTAINED: None.

**New:**

b. LAFCO Fiscal Year 2024-25 Final Budget.

Mr. Thompson presented the Final Budget. He stated that there were no changes made from the Proposed Budget that was adopted in April. He stated that there is a lot of proposed activity next year, so he is anticipating extra revenue. He stated that there is only a 2.3 percent increase to the local agency share for next fiscal year.

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

Moved (Corona) seconded (Sanchez) to approve the LAFCO Fiscal Year 2024-25 Final Budget as recommended by staff.

Chair Vargas called for the vote.

AYES: Corona, Sanchez, Jeffries, Tomanelli, and Vargas.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Estrada and Gutierrez.

ABSTAINED: None.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS:**

a. Request for Adoption of a Revised Credit Card Policy A-5.

Ms. Valdez presented this item. She stated that a request is being made to increase the credit card limit from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to allow for increase in travel costs and for payments on reoccurring invoices. She stated there were also a few additional minor revisions to the policy.

Moved (Sanchez) seconded (Tomanelli) to approve the Request for Adoption of a Revised Credit Card Policy C-5 as recommended by staff.

Chair Vargas called for the vote.

AYES: Corona, Sanchez, Jeffries, Tomanelli, and Vargas.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Estrada and Gutierrez.

ABSTAINED: None.

- b. Approval of Agreement Between the County of Riverside and the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission for Services Provided by the County.

Mr. Thompson presented this item. He stated that the previous agreement was expiring on June 30, 2024. He stated that agreement would be for another five years and included the same services to be provided by the County.

Moved (Corona) seconded (Sanchez) to approve Agreement Between the County of Riverside and the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission for Services Provided by the County as recommended by staff.

Chair Vargas called for the vote.

AYES: Corona, Sanchez, Jeffries, Tomanelli, and Vargas.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Estrada and Gutierrez.

ABSTAINED: None.

- c. Amendment to the Special District LAFCO Commissioners Selection Policy & Procedures.

Mr. Thompson presented this item. He stated that there was a need to amend the Policy & Procedures to include a procedure in the event of a tie. He stated that the results of the current election ended in a tie, and it was determined the best legal practice was to have a re-vote, lacking a provision for breaking a tie in the policy.

Commissioner Corona stated that back in December the timeframe to vote had already been extended from 30 to 60 days. He stated that there were even less votes received during this election than last. He stated he feels a greater effort needs to be made to make the districts vote. He stated that the Special District Selection Committee (SDSC) should be responsible for getting its members to vote. He stated he does not like the options of drawing a name out of a hat or flipping a coin to determine a winner.

Mr. Thompson stated that LAFCO calls the election and conducts the proceedings per statute. He stated that he had discussions with the SDSC and they approved this policy change as well as the previous change to increase the voting timeframe. Mr. Thompson

stated that weekly reminders are sent to those districts that haven't voted.

Commissioner Sanchez asked if all districts were members of the SDSC and if a majority vote of those present could take place during a Zoom call. Mr. Thompson stated per statute that a quorum totaling 29 districts out of the 55 districts would have to be met. He stated that he would look into the legality of holding a Zoom meeting.

Chair Vargas stated that the item on the agenda was to discuss and approve the policy change to add a procedure for a tie-breaker.

Commissioner Jeffries stated he would approve the tie-breaker policy change but would like staff to come back with options on how to achieve more participation during the election process.

Moved (Jeffries) seconded (Tomanelli) to approve the Amendment to the Special District LAFCO Commissioners Selection Policy & Procedures as recommended by staff and return in 90 days with options on how to achieve more participation during the election process.

Chair Vargas called for the vote.

AYES: Corona, Sanchez, Jeffries, Tomanelli, and Vargas.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Estrada and Gutierrez.

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):

- i. LAFCO 2024-05-3-Reorganization to Include Concurrent Annexations to Eastern Municipal Water District (Water and Wastewater) and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (113<sup>th</sup> Fringe/Hospitality Retail Center and Self-Storage)
- ii. LAFCO 2024-06-5-Annexation to Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (Beaumont Energy Storage) (Water)

Ms. Craig gave an overview of the new proposals received.

b. Report on Conducting Authority Proceedings.

Mr. Thompson gave an update on the conducting authority proceedings.

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

Mr. Thompson gave an update on pending legislation. He stated that the Omnibus bill, AB 3277, was moving forward. He stated that SB 1209 was hung up and is in the Third Reading on the Senate Floor. He stated that AB 3198 related to the IID and the Coachella Valley was moving forward creating a JPA. He stated that AB 2172 would allow for an audit of the current IID electrical infrastructure within the Coachella Valley and Imperial County service areas.

**9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS.**

Mr. Thompson introduced new Commissioners Linda Molina and Harvey Ryan. He stated that Chair Vargas was elected for another term.

Mr. Thompson stated that staff attended the CALAFCO Staff Workshop and commended Ms. Craig, Mr. Henderson, and Ms. Valdez for leading and participating in sessions and that he was the moderator during a session. He stated that the feedback from attendees was that this was one of the best workshops they have attended.

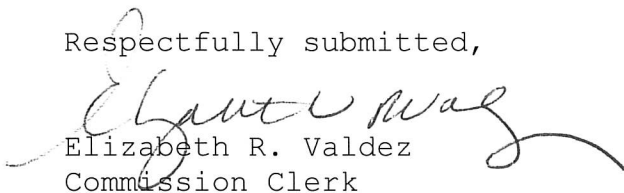
**10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/FUTURE ITEMS.**

There were no commissioner comments.

**11. ADJOURNMENT.**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth R. Valdez  
Commission Clerk