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MINUTES
April 25, 2019

Present: Steve Sanchez, Chair
Stephen Tomanelli, Vice Chair
Kevin Jeffries
Michael Vargas
Phil Williams
Nancy Wright

Absent: Jeff Hewitt

Present Staff: Crystal Craig, Interim 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 MARCH 28, 2019.

Moved (Tomanelli) seconded (Williams) to approve the Minutes of March 28, 2019.

Chair Sanchez called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Hewitt.

ABSTAINED: None.

3. CONSENT (NON-HEARING ITEMS):

a. LAFCO 2019-04-3-Annexation 130 to County Service Area 103 (TR 37053) and pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act the Commission, as responsible agency, will review and consider the Final

Environmental Impact Report prepared by the County of Riverside, as lead agency, and adoption of a resolution making determinations on the proposal.

There was no discussion on this item.

Moved (Tomanelli) seconded (Vargas) to approved LAFCO 2019-04-3-Annexation 130 to County Service Area 103 (TR 37053) as recommended by staff.

Chair Sanchez called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Hewitt.

ABSTAINED: None.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Continued:

There were no continued public hearing items.

New:

- a. LAFCO 2019-05-1-Annexation to Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (Bundy Canyon/Tulip Ln) and pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act the Commission, as responsible agency, will review and consider the Final Environmental Impact Report prepared by the City of Wildomar, as lead agency, and adoption of a resolution making determinations on the proposal.

Mr. Altopp presented this item. He stated that due to a street widening project, the landowners are asking that their single parcel be annexed to the District for a permanent reliable water service. He stated there were no issues with this proposal and the District has indicated they have the capacity to provide water to this area.

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

Moved (Williams) seconded (Wright) to approve LAFCO 2019-05-1-Annexation to Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (Bundy Canyon/Tulip Ln) as recommended by staff.

Chair Sanchez called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Hewitt.

ABSTAINED: None.

b. Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20.

Ms. Craig presented the Proposed Budget. She gave an update on the current fund balance including expenditures, revenues and reserve accounts. She stated that the Proposed Budget calls for an increase in the appropriations for Consultants to continue MSR projects, and County Counsel due to continuing litigation. She stated LAFCO is looking at a \$206,000 carryover and the Local Agency Share will be increased by 6.2 percent. Ms. Craig stated that the link to the staff report was transmitted to all local agencies and no comments were received as of date. She stated the Commission is statutorily required to adopt proposed budget by May 1st and a final budget by June 15th.

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

Moved (Tomanelli) seconded (Vargas) to approve the Proposed Budget for Fiscal year 2019-20 as recommended by staff.

Chair Sanchez called for the vote.

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

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

Kenneth Mayes, resident of Wildomar. Mr. Mayes stated that he was trying to find information on what the CSA 103 Landscape/Drainage assessment was being used for. He stated he has asked multiple agencies, and no one was able to give him an answer or provide authorization for the assessments. He stated he was told and provided documents that CSA 103 provides street lighting services only.

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

a. Proposals Received (Government Code Sections 56751 and 56857):

- i. LAFCO 2019-09-2-Sphere of Influence Amendments to Jurupa Community Services District (removal) and Rubidoux Community Services District (addition) (Highland Park II - TR 37470).
- ii. LAFCO 2019-10-2-Reorganization to Include Annexation to Rubidoux Community Services District (Highland Park II - TR 37470).

b. Report on Conducting Authority Proceedings.

Ms. Craig gave an update on pending Conducting Authority Proceedings.

7. RECEIVE AND FILE:

a. LAFCO Monthly Expenditure Review.

Moved (Williams) seconded (Wright) to receive and file item 7a. LAFCO Monthly Expenditure Review.

Chair Sanchez called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Hewitt.

ABSTAINED: None.

8. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND POTENTIAL POSITIONS.

Ms. Craig gave an update on current legislation. She spoke about AB 854, stating that Assemblyman Mayes was seeking to increase the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) Board to include representation from Riverside County. She stated that IID and Imperial LAFCO oppose this bill.

Commissioner Sanchez stated he asked the bill to be put on the agenda. He stated that representation from the Coachella Valley is important as they make up a large part of the rate payers of the District. The Commission discussed the bill and the proposed recommendations provided by staff.

Moved (Tomanelli) seconded (Vargas) to take a support position on AB 854 as recommended by staff.

Chair Sanchez called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Hewitt.

ABSTAINED: None.

Ms. Craig continued with her presentation and recommended the Commission take a support position on AB 1822 the Omnibus Bill, and AB 818 the VLF Bill. She stated the Commission has previously supported these bills. She stated that AB 600 regarding disadvantaged unincorporated communities for water provisions was similar to a previous bill that the Commission had opposed. She recommended the Commission oppose this bill.

Moved (Jeffries) seconded (Tomanelli) to take a support position on AB 1822 and AB 818 and a position of opposition on AB 600 as recommended by staff.

Chair Sanchez called for the vote.

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

9. UPDATE ON RUBIDOUX COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT COMPLIANCE PLAN.

Ms. Craig presented this item. She stated that Rubidoux Community Services District (RCSD) and the City of Riverside were working together. She stated that the District will be bring a plan to the TAC, RAC and then to their Board for approval. She stated she will bring it back before the Commission as an informational item. She stated that for Rio Vista, a current project, the developer has agreed with the City of Riverside and RCSD to install an osmosis treatment facility.

10. EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH GARY THOMPSON AS LAFCO EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

Counsel North presented this item. She gave an overview of the process for selecting a new executive officer. She stated that an employment contract has been negotiated and agreed upon by the Commission and Mr. Thompson.

Chair Sanchez asked Mr. Thompson to introduce himself.

Gary Thompson. Mr. Thompson thanked the Commission. He stated that he has had years of involvement with LAFCO and it was a passion of his. He stated he had met with staff and was looking forward working with them.

Chair Sanchez thanked the recruitment committee and Counsel for working together during this process.

The Commission welcomed Mr. Thompson to LAFCO.

Moved (Vargas) seconded (Williams) to approve the employment agreement with Gary Thompson as LAFCO Executive Officer and authorize the Chair to execute the agreement.

Chair Sanchez called for the vote.

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

11. COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20.

The Commission discussed the meeting schedule.

Moved (Jeffries) seconded (Tomanelli) to go dark for the August meeting and approve the remainder of the meeting schedule for fiscal year 2019-20 as recommended by staff.

Chair Sanchez called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Hewitt.

ABSTAINED: None.

12. INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS.

Ms. Craig stated there was going to be a public kick-off meeting for the Murrieta area focused MSR tonight at 6 pm in the City of Murrieta Community Library. She also congratulated Mr. Thompson and said that staff was looking forward to working with him.

Commissioner Williams stated concerns over the notification process of the kick-off meeting. He stated he received many phone calls from upset residents and would like to see a more transparent process and better form of outreach for any future meetings.

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/FUTURE ITEMS.

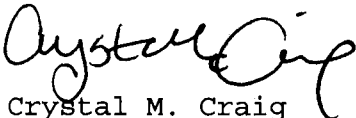
Commissioner Vargas mentioned the Perris 5k Color Run, the Tamale Festival and a car show were happening in Perris on April 27th.

Commissioners Wright and Williams congratulated Gary Thompson and welcomed him to LAFCO.

14. ADJOURNMENT.

Chair Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Crystal M. Craig
Interim Executive Officer