



2.a.
5/25/2023

MINUTES
April 17, 2023

Present

Commissioners: Stephen Tomanelli, Vice-Chair
Kevin Jeffries
Steve Sanchez
Yxstian Gutierrez
Cástulo Estrada
Steven Pastor, Alternate
Greg Newton, Alternate

Absent

Commissioners: Michael Vargas, Chair
Stephen Corona

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.

Vice-Chair Tomanelli called the meeting to order at approximately 10:32 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.

Commissioner Sanchez asked to participate virtually utilizing the emergency circumstances. He stated he was unable to physically attend the meeting due to unusually heavy traffic. He stated there was no one over the age of 18 in the room with him.

Moved (Gutierrez) seconded (Jeffries) to allow Commissioner Sanchez to participate virtually under AB 2449.

Vice-Chair Tomanelli called for the vote.

AYES: Tomanelli, Pastor, Jeffries, Newton, Gutierrez, and Estrada.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

1.4. 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:

a. March 23, 2023

Moved (Jeffries) seconded (Pastor) to approve the Minutes of the March 23, 2023, meeting.

Vice-Chair Tomanelli called for the vote.

AYES: Tomanelli, Pastor, Jeffries, Gutierrez, and Sanchez.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: Newton and Estrada.

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

Philip Bettencourt. Mr. Bettencourt spoke about the IID Study Report. He suggested pro-active civic engagement by all parties. He urged everyone to review the report and work with staff and consultants.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (NON-HEARING ITEMS):

a. LAFCO Monthly Expenditure Review.

Moved (Jeffries) seconded (Newton) to approve the LAFCO Monthly Expenditure Review as recommended by staff.

Vice-Chair Tomanelli called for the vote.

AYES: Tomanelli, Pastor, Jeffries, Newton, Gutierrez, Estrada, and Sanchez.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Continued: There were no continued public hearing items.

New:

a. LAFCO Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Mr. Thompson gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Proposed Budget. He stated the budget was balanced. He reviewed Revenue and Expenditure highlights. He stated that the remaining balance of the State Grant

RIVERSIDE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

6216 BROCKTON AVENUE, SUITE 111-B, RIVERSIDE, CA 92506 • PHONE (951) 369-0631 • www.lafco.org

will be expended in the next fiscal year. He stated the Local Agency Share will be increased by 5.3%. He reviewed projected increases to Salary and Benefits and that Ms. Craig is working on a salary study and will present that to the Commission in May. He stated office computers and servers will be phased out and will start to be replaced next year. He stated Reserves were funded per policy.

Vice-Chair Tomanelli opened public hearing there being no one wishing to speak the public hearing was closed.

Moved (Jeffries) seconded (Pastor) to approve the LAFCO Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24 as recommended by staff.

Vice-Chair Tomanelli called for the vote.

AYES: Tomanelli, Pastor, Jeffries, Newton, Gutierrez, Estrada, and Sanchez.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS:** There were no other business items.

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.

There was no Conducting Authority Proceedings report.

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

Mr. Thompson gave an update on pending legislation. He stated that the Omnibus bill will be before the Assembly Local Governance Committee next week. He stated there is a group of attorneys that are looking to address the indemnification issue. He stated CALAFCO is working with San Diego LAFCO regarding Gov't Code section 56133. He stated that CALAFCO had 17 bills on the tracking list and was opposing the bill on consolidation of Health Care Districts in Imperial County.

9. **EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS.**

Mr. Thompson stated the Strategic Plan and Annual Action Plan were being updated. He stated the Final Budget and the Recreation and Park District MSR will be brought in May.

Mr. Thompson stated he was able to book seven upcoming trips with his fishing club, and he will also be out of the office for eye surgery for the next few days.

RIVERSIDE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

6216 BROCKTON AVENUE, SUITE 111-B, RIVERSIDE, CA 92506 • PHONE (951) 369-0631 • www.lafco.org

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/FUTURE ITEMS.

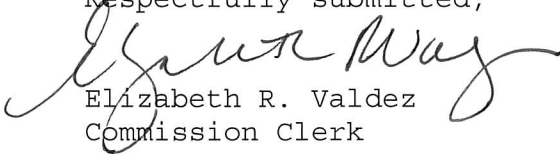
Commissioner Gutierrez welcomed the new commissioners.

Commissioner Estrada stated he was looking forward to working with staff and the Commission and wished Mr. Thompson good luck with his eye surgery.

11. ADJOURNMENT.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth R. Valdez", is written over the typed name and title.

Elizabeth R. Valdez
Commission Clerk