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5/28/2020

MINUTES
April 23, 2020

Present: Steve Sanchez
Stephen Tomanelli, Vice Chair
Kevin Jeffries
Phil Williams

Via
Teleconference: Jeff Hewitt
Michael Vargas
Nancy Wright

Present Staff: Gary Thompson, Executive Officer
Crystal Craig, Assistant Executive Officer
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.

Commissioner Hewitt joined the meeting via teleconference at approximately 9:31 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2020.

Moved (Jeffries) seconded (Tomanelli) to approve the Minutes of February 27, 2020.

Chair Sanchez called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: Williams.

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 (Jeffries) seconded (Williams) to approve the Monthly Expenditure Review as recommended by staff.

Chair Sanchez called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Continued:

There were no continued public hearing items.

New:

a. LAFCO 2019-14-3-Sphere of Influence Amendment to Western Municipal Water District (addition) (52nd Fringe) and a finding of exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and adoption of a resolution making determinations on the proposal.

b. LAFCO 2019-15-3-Reorganization to Include Concurrent Annexations to Western Municipal Water District, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (52nd Fringe/Pars Global Murrieta Self Storage) and a finding of exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and adoption of a resolution making determinations on the proposal.

Ms. Craig presented these proposals. She stated that it would add three acres into the District's sphere of influence for a proposed storage facility with an office space. She stated approval of the sphere amendment would allow for the concurrent reorganization. She stated that the Districts have the capacity to provide the water and wastewater service and recommended approval.

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

Moved (Jeffries) seconded (Williams) to approve the LAFCO 2019-14-3-Sphere of Influence Amendment to Western Municipal Water District (addition) (52nd Fringe) and LAFCO 2019-15-3-Reorganization to Include Concurrent Annexations to Western Municipal Water District, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (52nd Fringe/Pars Global Murrieta

Self Storage) as recommended by staff.

Chair Sanchez called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

c. Fiscal Year 2020/21 Proposed Budget.

Mr. Thompson presented the Proposed Budget. He stated that he is presenting a balanced budget, however, due to Covid-19 there may be changes next fiscal year. He stated that there would be no increase to the Local Agency Share. Mr. Thompson stated he included the new reserve fund, Unfunded Pension/OPEB Liability, as recommended by the Commission with an initial contribution of \$125,000. He stated the current reserve funds are fully funded and carryover to next year will be higher than expected.

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

Moved (Williams) seconded (Tomanelli) to approve the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Proposed Budget as recommended by staff.

Chair Sanchez called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Fiscal Year 2020/21 Annual Action Plan.

Mr. Thompson presented the Annual Action Plan. He stated that the items presented are part of the 5-year Strategic Plan that will be completed by staff this fiscal year.

Moved (Tomanelli) seconded (Williams) to approve the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Annual Action Plan as recommended by staff.

Chair Sanchez called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

- b. LAFCO 2020-06-1,2,3&5-Confirming the Spheres of Influence for Western County Region Water and Wastewater Agencies: Edgemont Community Services District, Home Gardens County Water District, Home Gardens Sanitary District, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, and West Valley Water District and adoption of a resolution confirming the spheres of influence for the agencies listed.
- c. LAFCO 2020-08-3&5-Confirming Spheres of Influence for Pass/Mountain Area County Regions Water And Wastewater Agencies: Cabazon County Water District, Fern Valley Water District, High Valleys Water District, Idyllwild Water District, Pine Cove Water District, Pinyon Pines County Water District, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency, and Yucaipa Valley Water District and adoption of a resolution confirming the spheres of influence for the agencies listed.
- d. LAFCO 2020-10-3,4&5-Confirming Spheres of Influence for Coachella Valley/Eastern County Regions Water and Wastewater Agencies: Chiriaco Summit County Water District, Coachella Valley Water District, Imperial Irrigation District (providing only electricity in Riverside County), Mission Springs Water District, Palo Verde Irrigation District, Valley Sanitary District, County Service Area 51 (Desert Center/Lake Tamarisk), County Service Area 62 (Ripley), and County Service Area 122 (Mesa Verde) and adoption of a resolution confirming the spheres of influence for the agencies listed.

Ms. Craig presented items 6.b.c.&d. together. She stated that these are the sphere reviews for the districts that were included in the Countywide Water and Wastewater MSR. She reviewed staff's process for conducting the reviews. Ms. Craig stated that the Commission would be confirming the spheres for these districts and no changes are recommended at this time.

Ms. Craig stated that Imperial Irrigation District (IID) did not feel they should be part of the MSR and or sphere review process. She stated that staff disagrees with IID's comments and the Commission is only confirming the sphere of influence for the electrical service they provide in Riverside County and no change is being made to their sphere of influence.

The Commission voted on item 6.b.

Moved (Williams) seconded (Jeffries) to approve the LAFCO 2020-06-1,2,3&5-Confirming the Spheres of Influence for Western County Region Water and Wastewater Agencies: Edgemont Community Services District, Home Gardens County Water District, Home Gardens Sanitary District, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, and West Valley Water District as recommended by staff.

Chair Sanchez called for the vote.

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

The Commission voted on item 6.c.

Moved (Williams) seconded (Jeffries) to approve the LAFCO 2020-08-3&5-Confirming Spheres of Influence for Pass/Mountain Area County Regions Water And Wastewater Agencies: Cabazon County Water District, Fern Valley Water District, High Valleys Water District, Idyllwild Water District, Pine Cove Water District, Pinyon Pines County Water District, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency, and Yucaipa Valley Water District as recommended by staff.

Chair Sanchez called for the vote.

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

The Commission voted on item 6.d.

Moved (Williams) seconded (Jeffries) to approve LAFCO 2020-10-3,4&5-Confirming Spheres of Influence for Coachella Valley/Eastern County Regions Water and Wastewater Agencies: Chiriaco Summit County Water District, Coachella Valley Water District, Imperial Irrigation District (providing only electricity in Riverside County), Mission Springs Water District, Palo Verde Irrigation District, Valley Sanitary District, County Service Area 51 (Desert Center/Lake Tamarisk), County Service Area 62 (Ripley), and County Service Area 122 (Mesa Verde) as recommended by staff.

Chair Sanchez called for the vote.

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

e. Adoption of Resolution 01-20 Authorizing the Agreement with Umpqua Bank to Participate in the CSDA Commercial Card Program.

Mr. Thompson stated that the Commission previously authorized staff to secure a credit card. He stated that staff decided to go through the CSDA Commercial Card Program with Umpqua Bank. He stated that the application has been approved pending the submittal of this resolution.

Moved (Williams) seconded (Jeffries) to adopt Resolution 01-20

Authorizing the Agreement with Umpqua Bank to Participate in the CSDA Commercial Card Program as recommended by staff.

Chair Sanchez called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

Commissioner Jeffries left the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

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

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

i. LAFCO 2020-13-3&5-Dissolution of Valley Health System.

ii. LAFCO 2020-14-3-Annexation to Valley Wide Recreation and Park District (Tract 31130).

Ms. Craig gave an overview of the new proposals received since the last commission meeting.

Commissioner Williams asked if the lawsuit between Menifee, Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District and LAFCO has been settled.

Counsel North updated the Commission stating that a hearing has not yet been scheduled since the courts are closed due to Covid-19.

b. Report on Conducting Authority Proceedings.

Mr. Thompson gave an update on the pending Conducting Authority Proceedings.

8. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND POTENTIAL POSITIONS.

Mr. Thompson gave an update on current legislation. He stated that not much has changed since the last meeting and the Legislature is set to reconvene on May 4, 2020. He stated that CALAFCO is watching a few bills that the Commission may need to take a position on in the future.

No motion was taken on this item.

9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS.

Mr. Thompson stated that the Healthcare Districts MSR will be delayed due to Covid-19. He stated staff will return with an amended contract to extend the time needed to complete the MSR.

Mr. Thompson gave an update on the progress of the Murrieta Focused MSR. He stated due to Covid-19 he was not sure when the second public meeting could take place. He stated that the draft report should be completed soon. He stated that an amended contract will be needed that will include a change order for the additional meetings, work done, and an extension of time to complete the MSR.

Commissioner Williams stated that the consultant should take some responsibility for the need to have two initial meetings and would like that addressed when discussing the change order.

Mr. Thompson asked the Commission if they would like they could email topics for the upcoming CALAFCO Annual Conference to him for submittal.

Barbara Ankele, via teleconference, thanked Mr. Thompson for the update on the Focused MSR.


10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/FUTURE ITEMS.

There were no Commissioner comments.

11. ADJOURNMENT.

Chair Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Gary Thompson
Executive Officer