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9/26/2024

**MINUTES**  
**July 25, 2024**

Present Michael Vargas, Chair  
Commissioners: Stephen Corona  
Steve Sanchez  
Kevin Jeffries  
Stephen Tomanelli  
Yxstian Gutierrez, Vice-Chair  
Bruce Underwood

Present Staff: Gary Thompson, Executive Officer  
Elizabeth Valdez, Commission Clerk  
Melissa Cushman, Legal Counsel

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

Vice-Chair Guitierrez called the meeting to order at approximately 9:03 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.**

There were no requests made.

**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. June 27, 2024

Moved (Tomanelli) seconded (Sanchez) to approve the Minutes of the June 27, 2024, meeting.

Vice-Chair Gutierrez called for the vote.

AYES: Corona, Sanchez, Jeffries, Tomanelli, and Gutierrez.  
 NOES: None.  
 ABSENT: Vargas.  
 ABSTAINED: Underwood.

**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 (Corona) seconded (Sanchez) to approve the Consent Calendar as recommended by staff.

Vice-Chair Gutierrez called for the vote.

AYES: Corona, Sanchez, Jeffries, Tomanelli, and Gutierrez.  
 NOES: None.  
 ABSENT: Vargas.  
 ABSTAINED: Underwood.

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**Continued:**

There were no continued public hearing items.

**New:**

There were no public hearing items.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS:**

a. Response to Grand Jury Report Regarding Riverside County Special Districts.

Mr. Thompson presented this item. He stated that the Grand Jury Report covered all the Riverside County special districts. He stated he was invited to respond to recommendations made in the Report however, no actions were required for LAFCO. He stated that his response was for the 55 independent districts that LAFCO oversees. He recommended the Commission approve a draft letter and sign it and send it to the Grand Jury.

Ms. Valdez stated that there was a written comment submitted by Brad Anderson and the Commission had a copy of it in their folders.

Moved (Sanchez) seconded (Tomanelli) to approve the Response to the Grand Jury Report Regarding Special Districts and send a letter

to the Grand Jury as recommended by staff.

Vice-Chair Gutierrez called for the vote.

AYES: Corona, Sanchez, Jeffries, Tomanelli, Gutierrez, and Underwood.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Vargas.

ABSTAINED: None.

b. Fiscal Year 2024/25 Annual Action Plan.

Mr. Thompson presented the Plan. He stated that the Strategic Plan was approved at the last meeting. He stated that the Plan continued some items from last year such as the MSR's. He stated that he would be working on the projected contribution for the Pension Liability Reserve and may have to readjust it after the annual audit is complete.

Moved {Corona} seconded {Sanchez} to adopt the Annual Action Plan as recommended by staff.

Vice-Chair Gutierrez called for the vote.

AYES: Corona, Sanchez, Jeffries, Tomanelli, Gutierrez, and Underwood.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Vargas.

ABSTAINED: None.

c. CALAFCO Board of Directors Nominations.

Mr. Thompson stated that there are two board positions, public and city, are open on the Board of Directors for the Southern Region. He stated that nominations can be made now and will be voted on at the CALAFCO Annual Conference.

Chair Vargas arrived at the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Commissioner Sanchez stated he would like to be more involved with CALAFCO.

Moved (Underwood) seconded (Gutierrez) to nominate Commissioner Sanchez for the city position on the CALAFCO Board of Directors.

Chair Vargas called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

- d. CALAFCO Annual Conference Attendance and Designation of Voting Delegate for CALAFCO Annual Business Meeting and Regional Caucus.

Mr. Thompson presented this item. He stated that five commissioners and three staff members were going to the Annual Conference. He asked the Commission if any additional members wanted to attend and there were none. Mr. Thompson recommended the Commission appoint a voting delegate and alternate for the Business Meeting.

Moved (Sanchez) seconded (Guttierrez) to appoint Chair Vargas as the voting delegate for the CALAFCO Annual Business Meeting and Regional Caucus.

Moved (Vargas) seconded (Tomanelli) to appoint Commissioner Sanchez as the alternate voting delegate for the CALAFCO Annual Business Meeting and Regional Caucus.

Chair Vargas called for the vote.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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 2024-09-5-Annexation to the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (Beaumont Land Partners, LLC - Xenia Avenue)

Mr. Thompson 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 AB 3277 has been signed by the Governor. He stated that SB 1209 (indemnification) was in process and waiting for action by the Senate Local Government Committee. He said the Coachella Valley IID bills are both moving forward.

There was no action taken by the Commission

**9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS.**

Mr. Thompson stated that Riverside LAFCO was hosting the CALAFCO 2025 Staff Workshop on April 30<sup>th</sup> in Temecula. He stated that staff was currently looking for mobile workshop ideas.

Mr. Thompson reminded the Commission that there would be no August meeting, and the next meeting would be September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Thompson stated that the next agenda would include the end of year fiscal status report, an analysis of the Special District Commissioner Selection voting procedures, as well as two potential public hearing items.

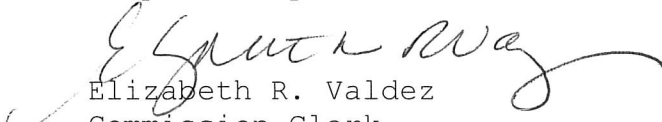
**10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/FUTURE ITEMS.**

Commissioner Sanchez welcomed Commissioner Bruce Underwood to the Commission.

**11. ADJOURNMENT.**

The Commission adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth R. Valdez  
Commission Clerk