

SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

August 5, 2004

Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
Santa Barbara CA

1. Chair Susan Rose called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.
2. Present were Commissioners Campbell, DeWees, Fox, Marshall, Orach, Rose and Umenhofer, Alternate Commissioners Leich, Schlottmann and Smyser, Executive Officer Bob Braitman and Legal Counsel Alan Seltzer. Commissioner Centeno was absent.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Upon motion by Umenhofer, second by Marshall, the minutes of the July 1, 2004 meeting were approved as submitted, with Commissioners DeWees and Rose abstaining.
5. Public Comment Period

There were no comments from the public.

Commissioner Leich expressed concern about the level of service provided by the Santa Barbara Coastal Vector Control District, since its boundaries were expanded recently. The Executive Officer was directed to obtain a status report on its present and future plans for providing services.

6. The Commissioner recessed to closed session to conduct a performance review of the Executive Officer. The Commission reconvened at 2:55.
7. Expansion of the sphere of influence of the City of Guadalupe, and 03-11 - Jasco Reorganization: Annexation to City of Guadalupe/Detachment from Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District.

After due consideration, upon motion by Marshall, second by Campbell, the Commission certified that it had considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration, amended the City's sphere of influence, approved the proposal and waived conducting authority proceedings.

8. 04-1 –Black Road Reorganization: Annexation to the City of Santa Maria/ Detachment from the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District

Remote testimony from Santa Maria was provided by Laurie Tamura, representing affected property owners.

After due consideration, upon motion by Orach, second by DeWees, the Commission certified that it had considered information contained in the EIR and related documents, approved the proposal and directed the staff to conduct subsequent proceedings.

9. 04-5 – Refiled Mesa Verde Reorganization: Annexation to North County Lighting District/Annexation to County Service Area No. 5

After due consideration, upon motion by Orach, second by Marshall, the Commission considered information contained in the Addendum EIR and related environmental documents, approved CEQA findings, approved the proposal conditioned upon creation of a zone of benefit and authorization to impose street lighting assessments and waived the conducting authority proceedings.

10. Expansion of the sphere of influence of the Carpinteria Sanitary District, and 04-6 – Out-of-Agency Service Agreement - Carpinteria Sanitary District (Everbloom).

Testimony was provided by Jennifer Trunk representing the property owner. The staff distributed a July 26 memorandum from the County Planning and Development Department commenting on and supporting the proposal.

After due consideration, upon motion by DeWees, second by Campbell, the Commission found the sphere change and proposal to be categorically exempt, amended the sphere and authorized the District to provide sewer service as recommended.

11. 04-7 – Out-of-Agency Service Agreement - City of Santa Barbara (Voss)

Bill Ferguson, representing the City of Santa Barbara, gave testimony.

After due consideration, upon motion by Marshall, second by Orach, the Commission found the proposal to be categorically exempt and authorized the City to provide sewer service as recommended.

12. Status report on Municipal Service Reviews and Sphere of Influence Updates

The Commission received the staff report with the understanding that regular progress and schedule reports will be provided at future Commission meetings.

13. Extension of contract for staff services with Braitman & Associates

After due consideration, upon motion by DeWees, second by Orach, the Commission extended the service agreement with Braitman and Associates for Fiscal Year 2004-05.

14. Year End Fiscal Report – FY 2003-04

The Commission received the report and directed the staff to follow up with the County to determine the reason why some budgeted line items did not receive an expense.

15. Voting Representation at 2004 CALAFCO Conference

In response to procedural guidelines for 2004 CALAFCO elections the Commission, upon motion by Orach, second by Marshall, designated Commissioner Umenhofer as the voting member and Commissioners DeWees and Orach and the Executive Officer as alternate voting members.

16. Commissioner and Staff Announcements

The Chair distributed an August 5 letter addressed to LAFCO from the Patterson Area Neighborhoods Association regarding spheres of influence in the Goleta Valley.

Based upon the Executive Officer's report that no proposals would be ready for hearing at the September 2 meeting the Commission canceled the meeting with the understanding it can still be held if it becomes necessary.

Commissioner Smyser requested and the Commission agreed to have the October 7 meeting in Santa Barbara rather than Santa Maria.

Commissioner Umenhofer announced that he would be resigning from the Commission at the end of the calendar year, with his final LAFCO meeting probably being in November. Other Commissioners expressed appreciation for his twelve years of service and regret that he would be departing. The Chair directed the staff to provide a report at the next meeting regarding options for appointing a replacement.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45.

Final Minutes Approved by the Commission
on October 7, 2004

By _____
Susan Rose, Chair