

SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

June 6, 2013

Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
Santa Barbara, CA

1. Chair Roger Aceves called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. Present were Commissioners Aceves, Farr, Geyer, Moorhouse, Short and Wolf, Alternate Commissioners Fox and Richardson, Executive Officer Bob Braitman, Legal Counsel Bill Dillon and Executive Officer-Elect Paul Hood. Commissioners Orach and Lavagnino participated by remote connection from Santa Maria. Alternate Commissioner Welt was absent.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Short, second by Geyer, the minutes of the April 4, 2013 meeting were approved as submitted.

Ayes: Aceves, Farr, Geyer, Moorhouse, Orach, Short and Wolf
Noes: None
Abstain: None

5. Public Comment Period - There were no public comments.
6. 13-1 – Castro Annexation to the Goleta Sanitary District

There were no public comments.

After due consideration, upon motion by Wolf, second by Farr, the Commission certified it had reviewed the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration, approved the proposal as recommended and waived conducting authority proceedings.

Ayes: Aceves, Farr, Geyer, Moorhouse, Orach, Short and Wolf
Noes: None
Abstain: None

7. 13-3 – Rincon Beach Park Annexation to the Carpinteria Sanitary District

Testimony was provided by Craig Murray, General Manager of the Carpinteria Sanitary District, Hillary Hauser representing Heal the Ocean and interested parties Giti White, Doug White and Jaleh Keyhan White.

After due consideration, upon motion by Wolf, second by Short, the Commission certified it had considered the information contained in the EIR, expanded the District Sphere of Influence to include the proposed annexation, approved the proposal as recommended and waived the conducting authority proceedings.

Ayes: Aceves, Farr, Geyer, Moorhouse, Orach, Short and Wolf
Noes: None
Abstain: None

8. 13-4 Key Site 4 Reorganization: Annexation to County Service Area No. 5 / Annexation to North County Lighting District

There were no public comments.

After due consideration, upon motion by Orach, second by Geyer, the Commissioner certified it had reviewed the information contained in the Negative Declaration, approved the proposal as recommended and waived the conducting authority proceedings.

Ayes: Aceves, Farr, Geyer, Moorhouse, Orach, Short and Wolf
Noes: None
Abstain: None

9. 13-5 Jette Annexation to Goleta Sanitary District

There were no public comments.

After due consideration, upon motion by Farr, second by Wolf, the Commissioner certified it had reviewed the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration, approved the proposal as recommended and waived the conducting authority proceedings.

Ayes: Aceves, Farr, Geyer, Moorhouse, Orach, Short and Wolf
Noes: None
Abstain: None

10. 13-6 Raney Annexation to the Santa Ynez Community Services District

Affected property owner Erik Raney requested that the processing fee for the annexation be waived since he had previously paid the processing fee for an out-of-agency service agreement for his property.

After due consideration, upon motion by Farr, second by Wolf, the Commission found the proposal to be Categorically Exempt, approved the proposal and waived the conducting authority proceedings.

Ayes: Aceves, Farr, Geyer, Moorhouse, Orach, Short and Wolf
Noes: None
Abstain: None

It was agreed by the Commission and Mr. Raney that waiver of the processing fee for the annexation will be considered at the next meeting.

11. Santa Rita Hills Community Service District

The Commission considered requests from the District to expand its Sphere of Influence, be authorized to construct an access road outside the District boundary and exercise the power of eminent domain within the expanded Sphere of Influence.

Commissioners Aceves, Farr, Fox, Moorhouse, Orach, Short and Wolf disclosed having had ex parte communications with parties interested in this matter.

The following correspondence was received into the record:

- Mark and Wendy Horvath (June 3, 2013)
- Evan Chen (June 4, 2013)
- Joseph Jerome (June 5, 2013)
- Ariel and Angela Lavie (June 5, 2013)
- Dale Petersen (June 5, 2013)
- Patrick Morris (June 5, 2013)
- Executive Officer Bob Braitman to Patrick Morris (June 5, 2013)
- Patrick Morris (June 6, 2013)
- Ted and Gerda Knudson (June 6, 2013)
- Art Hibbits (June 6, 2013)

Commissioner Lavagnino left the meeting at 3:50 PM.

Testimony was provided by:

- John Wallace, General Manager, Thomas Freeman, President, Casey Marks, Director and Michael Seitz, Legal Counsel, representing the Santa Rita Hills Community Services District
- Chris Hahn, Deputy Fire Chief, representing Santa Barbara County Fire Department

- John Linn, Mayor of the City of Lompoc
- Hank Blanco, Brett Ettinger, Alana Guinn, Mario Moreno and Angelo Salvucci, Lakeview Estates property owners
- Stephen Erickson, attorney representing a Lakeview Estates property owner
- Jose Baer, Bob Campbell and Art Hibbits, interested citizens
- John Cargasacchi, Mario Cargasacchi and Patrick Morris, Esq. representing the Cargasacchi family

Commissioner Orach departed the meeting at 4:15 PM and Alternate Commissioner Richardson became a voting member.

After due consideration, upon motion by Short, second by Moorhouse, consideration of this matter was continued to the September LAFCO meeting with the understanding that public testimony could be received at that time.

Ayes: Aceves, Farr, Geyer, Moorhouse, Richardson, Short and Wolf
Noes: None
Abstain: None

Commission recessed at 4:45 and reconvened at 5:00 PM.

12. Commission Rules and Procedures

Consideration was given to amending Commission Rules and Procedures for Conduct of Meetings to include the Pledge of Allegiance and a Consent Calendar for each meeting.

There was a motion by Geyer, second by Moorhouse, to continue this matter until after proposed Commission workshop.

There was a substitute motion by Richardson, second by Aceves, to include the Pledge of Allegiance and Consent Calendar on the agenda of each meeting.

Ayes: Aceves, Farr, Richardson, Short and Wolf
Noes: Geyer, Moorhouse
Abstain: None

The motion failed due having not received a four fifths vote as required by Commission its rules and procedures.

There was a motion by Moorhouse, second by Geyer, to include the Pledge of Allegiance in the agenda for each meeting, as is already occurring.

Ayes: Aceves, Farr, Geyer, Moorhouse, Richardson, Short and Wolf
Noes: None
Abstain: None

13. Contract for Commission Clerk and Support Services

Legal Counsel Bill Dillon presented an agreement for clerk services between the Commission, Executive Officer and County of Santa Barbara.

After due consideration, upon motion by Farr, second by Geyer, the Commission approved the contract.

Ayes: Aceves, Farr, Geyer, Moorhouse, Richardson, Short and Wolf
Noes: None
Abstain: None

14. LAFCO Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14

The budget was presented by Paul Hood, Executive Officer-Elect.

There was no public comment.

After due consideration, upon motion by Farr, second by Wolf, the Commission approved the budget as presented, directed staff to distribute the budget to the County and local agencies and authorized the Auditor Controller to adjust the amounts collected from local agencies based on the actual year-end available fund balance.

Ayes: Aceves, Farr, Geyer, Moorhouse, Richardson, Short and Wolf
Noes: None
Abstain: None

15. After due consideration, upon motion by Richardson, second by Wolf, the Commission ratified the disbursement for April and May, 2013

Ayes: Aceves, Farr, Geyer, Moorhouse, Richardson, Short and Wolf
Noes: None
Abstain: None

16. CALAFCO Board of Directors

The Executive Officer presented correspondence from CALAFCO seeking nominations for election to the Board of Directors, noting there are openings for nominations in the Coastal Region for a City member and a Public member

After due consideration, upon motion by Moorhouse, second by Short, the Commission nominated Alternate Public Member Roger Welt, provided he is interested in serving on the CALAFCO Board.

Ayes: Aceves, Farr, Geyer, Moorhouse, Richardson, Short and Wolf
Noes: None
Abstain: None

17. The Commission received a communication from CALAFCO regarding Achievement Award nominations.

18. There were no Commissioner announcements or requests for future agenda items.

19. The commission received correspondence from CALAFCO expressing appreciation for the staff being able to attend at the annual Staff Workshop.

20. Staff Project and Meeting Update

The Commission received the Project and Meeting Update.

Commissioner Farr requested information regarding the proposed expansion of the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History including those who attended the May 14 meeting.

Commissioner Farr requested a list of those who participated in the May 22 meeting regarding alternatives for providing sewer service for Los Olivos.


21. Upon motion by Farr, second by Wolf, the Commission cancelled the regular August meeting.

Ayes: Aceves, Farr, Geyer, Moorhouse, Richardson, Short and Wolf
Noes: None
Abstain: None

22. Chair Aceves, on behalf of the Commission, presented a plaque of appreciation to Mary Everett for her 13 years of service as the Commission Clerk.

23. Chair Aceves, on behalf of the Commission, presented a plaque of appreciation to Bob Braitman for his 20 years of service as the Executive Officer.
24. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm to a Farewell Bob/Welcome Paul reception in the adjacent conference room.

Final Minutes Approved by the Commission
on September 5, 2013

By 

Roger Aceves, Chair