

YUBA COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES

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February 1, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER:

At 6:00 p.m., a meeting of the Yuba County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) was called to order by Commissioner Vasquez, with Commissioners Lofton, Samayoa, Vasquez, West and Alternate Commissioners Atwal, Fletcher and Pedigo present. Commissioner Wilkins was absent. Also present were Executive Officer John Benoit, Legal Counsel David Ruderman and LAFCo Clerk-Analyst Paige Hensley.

****Commissioner Vasquez lead the commission in the Pledge of Allegiance****

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

A. Election of Chair for the remainder of FY 2016-2017

Commissioner Fletcher nominated Commissioner Vasquez, however Vasquez declined nomination.

Action : Upon motion of Commissioner Lofton and seconded by Commissioner Samayoa, the Commission unanimously elected Commissioner West as the Chair with a 5 to 0 vote.

B. Election of Vice-Chair for the remainder FY 2016-2017

Commissioner Samayoa nominated Commissioner Wilkins, however it was made known that Commissioner Wilkins would be moving soon and would be leaving his position as the public member commissioner. Commissioner Samayoa then withdrew his nomination for Commissioner Wilkins.

Action: Upon motion from Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Samayoa, the Commission unanimously elected Commissioner Lofton as the Vice-Chair with a 5 to 0 vote.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion by Commissioner Samayoa and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez, the minutes from the December 7th, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0 vote.

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

V. PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were no public hearings

VI. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Adopt Resolution Authorizing John Benoit, Executive Officer, Paige Hensley, Clerk-Analyst and Theresa Daly, Yuba County Water Agency Administrative Manager to issue checks from the LAFCo Fund without prior approval of the LAFCo Commission, so bills may be paid in a timely manner.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Atwal, the Commission unanimously approved Resolution 2017-0001, authorizing John Benoit, Executive Officer, Paige Hensley, Clerk-Analyst and Theresa Daly, Yuba County Water Agency Administrative Manager to issue checks from the LAFCo Fund without prior approval of the LAFCo Commission, so bills may be paid in a timely manner.

John Benoit suggested in the future the warrants for each month be included as a consent item on the agenda for approval by the Commission.

B. Authorize LAFCo Staff to recruit for Yuba LAFCo Public Member 2016-2020 Term and/or Yuba LAFCo Public Member Alternate 2014-2018 Term.

Action: Upon motion of Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Logue the Commission unanimously authorized staff to recruit for the Public Member and/or Public Member Alternate opening with a 5 to 0 vote.

Commissioner Samayoa asked if Yuba LAFCo had ever considered getting Special District Representation on the LAFCo Commission.

John Benoit answered yes and explained there was an effort a few years ago, however there was not the support from enough of the Special Districts to make it happen.

Commissioner Logue said he remembered LAFCo trying to get the Special Districts on the Commission in the past, however it did not have enough support due to funding issues for many of the special districts.

Commissioner Samayoa suggested looking at letting Special Districts be included on the Commission without requiring them to pay.

Commissioner Vasquez suggested the subject be put on a future agenda for further discussion.

C. Consider the appointment of a Committee to interview applicants to fill unexpired Public Member Term and/or Public Member Alternate Term, due to Commissioner Wilkins upcoming leave of office.

After a short discussion the Commission decided to **not** create a committee to interview applicants for the Public Member or Public Member Alternate vacancy.

D. Set and approve regular meeting calendar for 2017.

Action: Upon motion of Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Samayoa the Commission unanimously approved the regular meeting calendar for 2017 with a 5 to 0 vote.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. LAFCo 101 Workshop:

David Ruderman handed out an updated Commissioner Handbook for each member of the Commission.

John Benoit held a LAFCo 101 training and discussed the history and function of LAFCo.

David Ruderman suggested the history of some city boundaries in Southern California was a driving force behind the creation of LAFCo by the State Legislature.

John Benoit reviewed some of the many factors that are required to be considered while processing and approving a LAFCO project.

Commissioner Logue asked if Yuba County is still required to obtain a pre-clearance from the Department of Justice due to the Voting Rights Act.

David Ruderman, LAFCo Counsel, stated he believes that no longer applies to Yuba County, however he would double check on that.

VIII. EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

- A. John Benoit explained new legislation SB 88, SB 552 and SB 1263 which affect water systems.

John Benoit stated he has heard there are grants available to help the consistently failing water systems.

Commissioner Fletcher asked for clarification on requirements for applying for the grants through the State Water Resources Control Board.

John Benoit said he heard the grants are for small consistently failing water systems with 15 or more water connections.

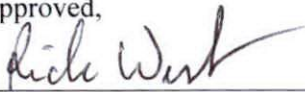
John Benoit discussed a new bill (SB1266) that now requires all agencies that are subject to LAFCO to file all of their JPA agreements and amendments with LAFCO.

David Ruderman stated it is important for LAFCO to have the JPA information when doing Municipal Service Reviews.

IX. ADJOURN:


There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m. to the next regular meeting on March 1, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chamber, 915 8th Street, Marysville.

Approved,



Chair

ATTEST: JOHN BENOIT
EXECUTIVE OFFICER


By: Paige Hensley, Yuba LAFCO Clerk-Analyst