

YUBA COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES

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January 7th, 2015

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 Vice Chair, Commissioner West, with Commissioners Abe, Griego, Samayoa and Public Alternate, Commissioner Wilkins present. Alternate Commissioner McIntosh was absent. Also present were John Benoit, Executive Officer, David J. Ruderman, Legal Counsel, and LAFCo Clerk-Analyst Paige Hensley.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the October 1st, 2014 were approved with a four to zero vote. Alternate Commissioner Wilkins abstained.

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

County Supervisor Vasquez asked the Commission to consider (this year) consolidation of the four South County Fire Departments, the Emergency Dispatch Systems and the Reclamation Districts.

IV. PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS:

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Sphere of Influence Update for Wheatland Water District.

Staff Report:

John Benoit presented the staff report and spoke of the potential for the district to eventually provide domestic water, but explained LAFCO would need to authorize any urban water uses before that could happen down the road.

Commissioner West asked if the map followed option no. 2 in the Sphere Options Report.

John Benoit answered, yes.

Commissioner Griego explained any such change from agriculture water to domestic water would need an extensive analysis by someone other than LAFCO and does not see that happening in the next five to ten years

Public Hearing:

Steven Waltz, Director, Wheatland Water District, stated the District supports keeping everything on the East side of Highway 65 and the current recommendation of Yuba LAFCo.

There being no further public comment the public hearing was closed.

***Action:** Upon motion of Commissioner Griego and seconded by Commissioner Wilkins the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the resolution approving a Sphere of Influence Update for Wheatland Water District. Ayes - Commissioner Abe, Griego, Samayoa, West, and Wilkins. Noes – None.*

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A.** Appoint Commissioner West as the Yuba LAFCo Chair to fill the vacated position of Chair for Yuba LAFCo for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and elect a Vice-Chair for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

***Action:** Commissioner Griego nominated Commissioner West as Chair for the remainder of the term and nominated Commissioner Samayoa as Vice-Chair for the remainder of the term ending in July of this year. With a second from Commissioner West, the Commission unanimously approved the nominations.*

- B.** Appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to review requests and to interview Public Member applicants to fill unexpired Public Member Term, due to Commissioner Hastey leaving office.

***Action:** The Commission selected Commissioner Abe and Commissioner Griego to sit on the Ad Hoc Committee to meet with potential applicants for the vacant Public Member or Alternate Public Member position.*

- C.** Authorize travel and meeting attendance costs for Commissioner Samayoa as he serves on the CALAFCO Board and his participation on the CALAFCO Legislative Committee.

***Action:** Upon motion by Commissioner Griego and seconded by Commissioner Abe the Commission unanimously approved the travel expenses for Commissioner Samayoa as he travels to serve on the CALAFCO Board.*

- D.** Set and approve regular meeting calendar for 2015.

***Action:** Upon motion from Commissioner Griego and seconded by Commissioner Wilkins the Commission unanimously approved the regular meeting schedule for 2015.*

- E. 700 forms are due by April 2015.

Commissioner West reminded the Commission to get their 700 forms turned in by April 1st, 2015.

VII. EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

- A. Update on the October CALAFCO Conference.

Commissioner Griego stated the annual conference was very successful. She explained the standard of the presentations are high and many outside agencies are now attending our LAFCO 101 to learn about and better understand LAFCO. Commissioner Griego congratulated Commissioner Samayoa on winning his election to the CALAFCO Board.

Commissioner Samayoa stated he enjoyed the CALAFCO Conference and the presentations were very informative.

Commissioner West thanked Commissioner Griego for her hard work while serving on the CALAFCO Executive Board.

- B. Update from Commissioner Samayoa regarding the CALAFCO Legislative Committee.

Commissioner Samayoa gave an update on the latest CALAFCO Legislative Committee meeting. He explained the Committee went through about 12 proposals from LAFCOs around the state. They discussed items such as future Municipal Disincorporation's, LAFCOs future relationships with JPAs.

Commissioner Griego discussed ground water legislation and explained LAFCO's need to look at it as another tool for land use.

- C. Discussion about the upcoming MSR-SOI Update for the South County Fire Districts as well as initiate a discussion leading to a program to update service reviews adopted in 2008.

John Benoit explained staff will begin MSRs on areas where change is likely to occur. John Benoit spoke of concentrating on South Area Fire, Reclamation Districts and Cemetery District MSRs.

Commissioner Griego explained she was happy with the recent fire study meeting, conducted by the County, and appreciates the Fire Chiefs working together and explained that is the first step to consolidation and that it will take time.

Chief Webb, Linda Fire Protection District, explained since the Fire Study was completed the area Fire Chiefs have met several times to begin implementing recommendations that were made as a result of the study.

Commissioner Samayoa stated there will need to be some discussion about fire protection service in District 10.

Commissioner Samayoa stated the City of Marysville is working on setting up their own Fire Department and hoping to accomplish that by April..

D. Status update of upcoming projects.

John Benoit gave a review of possible upcoming projects such as Magnolia Ranch and Nichols Grove.

Commissioner Griego acknowledged the residents from Gold Village who were in the audience and came to meet with John Benoit after the regular LAFCO meeting to discuss their issues with the water and sewer services being provided to them by River Highlands CSD.

VIII. ADJOURN:

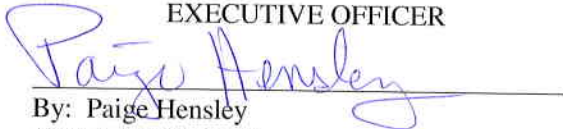
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. to the next regular meeting on February 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chamber, 915 8th Street, Marysville.

Approved,



Rick West, Chair

ATTEST: JOHN BENOIT
EXECUTIVE OFFICER



By: Paige Hensley
Yuba LAFCO Clerk