
**FRESNO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO)
EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

DATE: March 12, 2014

TO: Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: David E. Fey, AICP, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Consider Approval - Landowner Request to Change the April 9, 2014
Hearing Date to April 16, 2014

Applicant: Jeff Roberts, Vice President, Granville Homes

RECOMMENDATION: Deny Request

Recommendation Summary

Staff understands that all Commissioners appointed by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors, including the alternate member, will be unavailable to attend a meeting on April 16. Because staff will be presenting its proposed budget for fiscal year 2014-15 on April 9, and seeks the full Commission's participation on the budget, staff does not recommend amending this hearing date.

Background / Discussion

Per Section 501 of the LAFCo Policies, Standards, and Procedures Manual the Commission adopted its 2014 Hearing Calendar at its November 6, 2013, hearing.

On January 11, 2013, staff received an application by landowner petition to annex 447.78 acres to the City of Fresno and detach from the North Central Fire Protection District and the Kings River Conservation District for territory located south of Gettysburg Avenue, north of Shields Avenue, east of Garfield Avenue and west of Grantland Avenue ("Shields-Grantland No. 1 (Westlake) Reorganization").

On February 25, 2014, staff deemed the application complete and issued a Certificate of Filing which did not allow enough time to schedule the proposal for consideration at the March 12, 2014 hearing.

On February 27, 2014, Granville Homes Vice President Jeff Roberts submitted a written request (see attached letter) that the April 9, 2014, Commission hearing be moved to April 16, 2014. Mr. Roberts will be unable to attend the April 9th hearing because he will be accompanying Fresno COG's staff to Washington, DC for the "One Voice" trip.

The next scheduled hearing date is May 14, 2014.

Consistency with LAFCo Policies, Standards, and Procedures

Commission's policies anticipate opportunities to amend the adopted schedule due to unforeseen circumstances. Section 500-01 of the Commission's Policies, Standards, and Procedures states that states "Whenever the Commission, at a regular meeting sets a different time and place for its meeting; such meeting shall constitute a regular meeting for all purposes."

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David Fey, Executive Officer
Fresno Local Agency Foundation Commission
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Subject: 'Shields-Grantland No 1
Reorganization' (Westlake)

Dear Mr. Fey,

As you are aware, we have been working since 2007 to process all of the necessary entitlement applications for the 'Westlake' Master Planned Development. This project will be developed in the City of Fresno according to the conditions imposed by the recent set of project approvals.

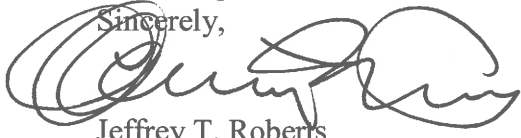
I am respectfully requesting that the April meeting of LAFCO be delayed for one week to April 16, 2014 to accommodate our reorganization request. The purpose of my request is twofold. First, the project applicant is interested in pulling the Grading Permit as soon as possible. The project can then be graded this spring and summer in advance of any adverse weather conditions. Additionally, Westlake is a large, multi-phased project that will require an extra-ordinary amount of site preparation to accommodate any future development. Second, I will not be in town on April 9, 2014. This is the same week that Fresno COG has scheduled the 'One Voice' trip to Washington, DC. I have signed up to attend the trip, as I have done since 2004, and I am the lead presenter on the Veterans Blvd. issue during this trip.

Every week counts. This project was taken quite a while to process and we are anxious to proceed forward. If the April meeting can be moved a week, it will save us 4 weeks of time because we won't have to wait until May to be considered at a public hearing.

We really do appreciate your consideration of this request. It is my understanding that you will present this request to the commission on March 12th for their consideration. I will be present at that hearing to state, in person the reasons for my request.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks again
Sincerely,



Jeffrey T. Roberts

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