

FRESNO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCo)

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 10, 2017

Members Present: Commissioners Robert Silva, Sal Quintero, Daniel Parra, Mario Santoyo, and Nathan Magsig

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: David E. Fey, AICP, LAFCo Executive Officer
Doug Jensen, LAFCo Counsel
Juan Lara, LAFCo Analyst
Amanda Graham, Office Assistant

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Silva called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Silva led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Consider Appointment of County commission member as new chair pro tem

Commissioner Magsig made a motion to nominate Commissioner Quintero as chair pro tem, seconded by Commissioner Santoyo.

4. Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

5. Potential Conflicts of Interest

LAFCo Counsel, Doug Jensen disclosed that his firm, Baker Manock and Jensen represents the Consolidated Irrigation District.

CONSENT AGENDA

6-A. Minutes from the regular LAFCo meeting of April 12, 2017

6-B. JDS Land, LLC annexation to the Consolidated Irrigation District. (LAFCo file No. AD-16-1)

6-C. Request for Extension of Time to complete proceedings for "DeWolf-Floral-Fahrney Reorganization (LAFCo file No. RO-16-4)

Commissioner Magsig made a motion to approve consent agenda items 6-A through C, seconded by Commissioner Santoyo.

The Commission approved the consent agenda by a vote of 5-0.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

7. Final Budget and Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Executive Officer Fey presented the final budget; described the funding by County and cities; observed that office operations and consulting services are 17% each and the remainder is personnel at 65%; notes that the foundation of the annual budget is the work plan adopted by the Commission. Last year the Commission's budget was \$571,000, this year we are looking at a slight increase to \$573,000 though the actual contribution from the County and cities is proposed to be less than last year.

Commissioner Silva asked what kind of feedback LAFCo got from the cities in Fresno County regarding the allocation? Fey responded that last year LAFCo got some feedback from the surrounding cities to be mindful of the financial restraints they are under. By statute, we have informed the cities and all independent special districts of the final budget and have not heard anything back.

Silva asked if expenses for education and training include conferences attended by the Commissioners? Fey responded that item is proposed to fund the Commission's participation and education related to LAFCo work, and the Commission has not been taking full advantage of that and so there are some cost savings that we are passing on to next year but recommends that the budget still be maintained.

Commissioner Santoyo asked by closeout of this final budget it appears that we will be just shy of \$90,000 in differential from what was proposed to what is actually going to be expended percentage wise. That is high percentage in terms of the overall budget and then we are going to shoot right back up to what was proposed, what was the difference there? Fey answered retirement of senior staff was a major factor in coming in well below the anticipated budget.

Commissioner Magsig expressed that he understood that the County is looking to change its fiscal year, and asked if that was going to have any impact on how LAFCo operates. Fey responded that this was new information and he will contact the CAO's office for more information.

There were no other comments from the Commission.

There were no comments from the public.

Commissioner Parra made a motion to approve agenda item 7, seconded by Commissioner Quintero.

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

OTHER MATTERS

8. Executive Officer Comments

Fey addressed the Commission and welcomed the return of Chairman Silva and new chair pro tem Quintero. The Commission will note a letter from CALAFCO Executive Director Pamela Miller thanking the Commission for sharing their staff for the recent annual CALAFCO Staff Workshop. We were given positive feedback from those who attended the workshop. In addition, the LAFCo financial statement for March is presented to the Commission; these generally come a month after they are performed due to our bookkeeper coming in a week after the Commission meets. Fey asked to meet with Chair Silva and Commissioner Santoyo after the hearing to discuss the logistics of the Water Policy committee meeting with the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies.

9. Commission Comments/ Reports

There were no other comments from the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Parra motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Santoyo. The motion passed on a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.