

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION MINUTES

CITY MEMBERS

Jim Wadsworth
Sid Craighead
Mary Hornsby - Alternate

COUNTY MEMBERS

Joe Neves – Chair
Jon Rachford - Vice Chair
Alene Taylor - Alternate

PUBLIC MEMBERS

Paul Thompson
Alan Burke - Alternate

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Local Agency Formation Commission of Kings County was called to order by the Chairman, Joe Neves, at 3:30 p.m., on October 22, 2008 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers of the Kings County Government Center, located at 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., in Hanford, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Joe Neves, Paul Thompson, Sid Craighead, Jim Wadsworth

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Jon Rachford

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Zumwalt, Greg Gatzka, Jeremy Kinney, Terri Yarbrough

VISITORS PRESENT: Cathy Cain, Thomas Parra, Brian Perkins, Andre Booker, Marcie Booker

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded (Craighead/Wadsworth) to approve the minutes of May 28, 2008. Motion carried three in favor with Thompson abstaining and Rachford absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. LAFCO Case No. 08-03, Hanford Reorganization No. 144

Mr. Jeremy Kinney provided an overview of the proposal to annex one area totaling 18.14 acres to the City of Hanford, and detachment of the same from the Kings River Conservation District, and Excelsior-Kings River Resource Conservation District. The subject territory consists of 4 properties located west of 10th Avenue approximately 0.26 miles south of Iona Avenue. Mr. Kinney stated that the application does not represent 100 percent of land owner consent, therefore requiring a protest hearing to be held. The property is zoned heavy industrial by both the City and the County and is not subject to a Williamson Act contract.

Chairman Neves asked if the Public Hearing could still be held since it wasn't listed on the agenda. Mr. Sand determined that since this was noticed as a hearing and was mailed to all the property owners, he didn't see an issue.

Chairman Neves opened the Public Hearing and asked if there was any testimony regarding Hanford Reorganization No. 144. Cathy Cain stated that the City initially proposed to take only one property but was asked by LAFCO to take the additional properties. She stated that the property to the south of the annexation was strongly protested and the property owner has filed a

law suit against the ethanol plant. Mr. Tom Parra asked for confirmation of the addresses that were being annexed. Mr. Andre Booker asked what benefit to the property owners would receive if these properties were annexed. Mr. Zumwalt explained that they would be provided all city services. Mr. Booker also expressed a concern regarding eminent domain, which was clarified. Chairman Neves asked if there was any other testimony either in favor or opposing the proposed annexation. Seeing none, he closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made and seconded (Wadsworth/Thompson) to adopt Resolution No. 08-05 to approve LAFCO Case No. 08-03, Hanford Reorganization No. 144 and set a protest hearing for December 3, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously with Rachford absent.

Mr. Booker and Mr. Parra asked to be added to LAFCO's mailing list.

B. CALAFCO – Project of the Year Award (informational only)

Kings County received recognition for the work done on the municipal service reviews and sphere of influence. Mr. Gatzka also received the distinguished service award. Mr. Zumwalt noted that because the Commission requested staff to find a different way to do the spheres, forcing staff to be innovative. This was an example that was used throughout the State, thanks to the Commissioners prodding to move this forward.

LEGISLATION – SB375

Mr. Gatzka provided a brief summary of SB375 and how it relates to the four cities and the county. Greg noted that SB375 is directly related to AB32 which will have drastic changes to city and county planning practices relating to the housing element. It is unsure how this bill will affect LAFCO.

MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Correspondence – None**
- B. Commission Appointments –** Mr. Zumwalt announced that Mary Hornsby's position term will expire in May of 2009, Jon Rachford will be replaced since he isn't running for re-election, and Mr. Burke's term will also expire in May of 2009.
- C. Items from the Commission – None**
- D. Staff Comments –** Mr. Gatzka reported that Mr. Rick Ballantyne, Fresno LAFCO, has asked Kings County staff to assist them with the LAFCO conference to be held in Yosemite. This would require a couple of trips and some time. It was the consensus of the Commission to allow staff to participate.

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

- A. Next scheduled special meeting is December 3, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
OF KINGS COUNTY**

William R. Zumwalt, Executive Officer

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