

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION MINUTES

CITY MEMBERS

David Ayers
Jim Wadsworth
Sid Craighead - Alternate

COUNTY MEMBERS

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

PUBLIC MEMBERS

Paul Thompson
Vacant - Alternate

Tape Count # 0022:

CALL TO ORDER: A special meeting of the Local Agency Formation Commission of Kings County was called to order by the Chairman, Joe Neves, at 4:00 p.m., on May 25, 2005, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers of the Kings County Government Center, located at 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., in Hanford, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Alene Taylor, Jon Rachford, Paul Thompson, Jim Wadsworth, David Ayers

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Bill Zumwalt, Greg Gatzka, Marti Seniff

VISITORS PRESENT:

Dan Fadenrecht

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES:

None

MINUTES OF March 23, 2005:

The minutes of April 27, 2005 were unanimously approved by the members present on a motion by Commissioners (Ayers / Rachford) with Commissioner Taylor abstaining.

A. Appointment of Public Member

Mr. Zumwalt stated that there was only one application submitted for public member. He stated that the vacancy was noticed in the news paper as required by law and the only application was submitted by Paul Thompson.

A motion was made and seconded by Commissioners (Taylor / Ayers) to approve the appointment of Paul Thompson as Public Member. Motion carried unanimously.

Tape Count # 0202:

I. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Municipal Service Review Procedures

Mr. Gatzka stated that he was able to find a streamline approach to preparing the Municipal Service Reviews (MSRs) for the Cities and Districts within Kings County. He stated that there would not be any cost to the Community Service Districts, and that the LAFCO staff time needed to prepare the abbreviated MSRs is estimated at approximately 16 hours for all cities and 16 hours per District type. He stated that the abbreviated version should meet the requirements of the state mandate. Mr. Gatzka stated that the Sphere of Influence boundaries are required to be reviewed and updated every five years but that if there was no anticipate expansion then designating them as having “No Change” is sufficient to meet the State requirement. Mr. Gatzka clarified, however, that if a City or District sought to expand or change their sphere of influence over the next five years that the entity

proposing the change would be responsible for funding a more extensive municipal service review that would be performed under the authority of LAFCO.

A motion was made and seconded by Commissioners (Taylor / Ayers) to direct LAFCO staff to proceed with in-house development of abbreviated Municipal Service Reviews for Cities and Districts and establish LAFCO Policy to require the Cities or Districts to prepare a more extensive MSR prior to applying for a Sphere of Influence amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners: Taylor, Ayers, Wadsworth, Rachford, Thompson
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

B. Approval of Fiscal Year 2005-2006 LAFCO Budget

Mr. Zumwalt stated that the revised draft 2005-06 LAFCO Budget introduced at the Commission’s February meeting has a key change. He stated that he has removed the Municipal Service Review (MSR) consultant cost and replaced it with the LAFCO Staff time for preparation of the abbreviated MSRs. Mr. Zumwalt stated that the Preliminary Draft Budget was \$71,016 but he has removed \$33,060 for MSR consultant and added the \$11,293 for additional LAFCO staff costs. The total budget is now at \$49,249. Mr. Zumwalt stated that on April 27, 2005 a public hearing for the proposed 2005-06 Budget began and testimony was received. He stated that staff recommends the Commission continue the public hearing on the budget as scheduled, take any additional testimony, close the public hearing and adopt the revised budget. Mr. Zumwalt stated that the C-K-H Act requires that LAFCO adopt their budget by June 15th of each year.

Commissioner Rachford opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to give testimony in favor or opposition to the 2005-06 Budget. Seeing that no one came forward, Commissioner Rachford closed the public hearing.

A motion was made and seconded by Commissioners (Taylor / Wadsworth) to approve 2005-2006 LAFCO Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners: Taylor, Wadsworth, Rachford, Ayers, Thompson
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

II. NEW BUSINESS:

Tape Count #1697:

A. LAFCO Case No. 05-04 – Armona Community Services District -Hood Oak Reorganization

Mr. Gatzka stated that the proposal is to annex one (1) parcel totaling (13.35 acres) to the Armona Community Services District and detach the same from the Kings River Conservation District, and Excelsior-Kings River Resource Conservation District. Mr. Gatzka stated that the parcel is adjacent to the Armona Community Services District, and that the area is located south of Hood Avenue and east of Oak Avenue. He stated that the property is presently designated for “Medium Density Residential” and Natural Resource Conservation under the Kings County’s General Plan. He stated that there are future plans for this parcel to build 50 single family residential lots. Mr. Gatzka concluded with the Executive Officer’s recommendation to approve LAFCO Case No. 05-04 subject to the condition that pre-clearance be obtained from the U.S. Department of Justice.

A motion was made and seconded by Commissioners (Taylor / Ayers) to approve LAFCO Resolution No. 05-06. Motion carried unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners: Taylor, Ayers, Thompson, Wadsworth, Rachford
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

B. LAFCO Case No. 05-05 – Home Garden Community Services District Reorganization 2005

Mr. Gatzka stated that the proposal is to annex two (2) parcels totaling (16.65 acres) to the Home Garden Community Services District and detach the same from the Kings River Conservation District, and Excelsior-Kings River Resource Conservation District. Mr. Gatzka stated that the two parcels are located in two separate areas adjacent to the Home Garden Community Services District. He stated that area one (1) consists of .96 acres designated as medium Density Residential and zoned RM-3 multi-family residential located west of 10th Avenue and north of Orchard Drive where the property owner intends to build two homes. Area two (2) consists of 15.69 acres designated as Public Facility and zoned PF located north of Houston Avenue and east of Shaw Place. Mr. Gatzka stated that this property is intended for a rural health clinic at the corner of Shaw and Houston Avenue. He stated that the zoning and general plan designations will not change with the reorganization. Mr. Gatzka concluded with the Executive Officer’s recommendation to approve LAFCO Case No. 05-05 subject to the condition that pre-clearance be obtained from the U.S. Department of Justice.

A motion was made and seconded by Commissioners (Taylor / Wadsworth) to approve LAFCO Resolution No. 05-07. Motion carried unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners: Taylor, Wadsworth, Ayers, Thompson, Rachford
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Tape Count #1267:

III. LEGISLATION - None

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Correspondence – Each commissioner received a “Sphere” magazine.**
- B. Unscheduled Public Comments – None**
- C. Items from the Commission – None**
- D. Staff Comments – Mr. Gatzka stated that the City of Corcoran is preparing an application to annex the County island and the “Substantially Surrounded” areas.**

Tape Count #1519:

V. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Next scheduled meeting is June 22, 2005**

Respectfully submitted,

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
OF KINGS COUNTY**

William R. Zumwalt, Executive Officer