

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: A 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 February 27, 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, Jon Rachford, Jim Wadsworth, Sid Craighead, Paul Thompson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

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

VISITORS PRESENT: Cathy Cain, Mary Hornsby, Alan Burke, David Congdon

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded (Thompson /Rachford) to approve the minutes of January 23, 2008. Motion carried with 4 in favor with Craighead abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. LAFCO Case No. 07-04, Hanford Reorganization No. 142

Mr. Kinney provided an overview of the proposed reorganization of approximately 206.41 acres for annexation to the City of Hanford. The territory includes fourteen properties adjacent to the City of Hanford boundary. The territory is within the City's primary sphere and is consistent with the City of Hanford's General Plan. The application doesn't represent 100% consensus, therefore, requiring a Public Hearing. The site contains 108.33 acres which are under three Williamson Act Contracts. Two were protested by the City under City of Hanford Resolution 1419 and Kings County LAFCO upheld and approved the protest under resolution 75-31. The third contract provided a notice of non-renewal and the contract will expire on January 1, 2011.

Commission Chairman Neves opened the public hearing to receive testimony regarding the Reorganization. Cathy Cain, representing the City of Hanford, spoke in favor of the annexation. Mr. David Congdon, property owner, stated that he was protesting the annexation. Mr. Gatzka stated that, due to the opposition, a protest hearing will be required at the next meeting since Mr. Congdon was protesting. Mr. Gatzka explained the process for the Protest Hearing.

A motion was made and seconded (Rachford/Craighead) to amend Resolution 08-02 to remove the waiver of protest proceedings and condition the approval of the annexation dependent upon the findings of the protest. Motion carried unanimously. The Protest Hearing was set for March 26, 2008.

LEGISLATION

Mr. Gatzka reported that AB32, new State initiative to address Greenhouse gasses primarily directed at County and City General Plan efforts was now being looked at on the LAFCO side. Kings County LAFCO has demonstrated that some action has already been taken by the commission that is within the control of LAFCO, and may reduce emissions.

MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Correspondence** – CALAFCO upcoming dues and agenda for the staff workshop. Kings County LAFCO has been asked to give two presentations, innovative approach for sphere of influence updates, and as a resource for GIS use by LAFCO's.
- B. Commission Appointments** – Mr. Zumwalt reported that Mr. Wadsworth's term expires May 5, 2008 (first Monday of May). Mr. Zumwalt stated that he would notify the clerk of the City Selection Committee, who will schedule a meeting for the appointment of members for the Kings County Water Commission and would also address the appointment for LAFCO on that agenda.
- C. Items from the Commission** – None
- D. Staff Comments** – Mr. Gatzka introduced new staff member Marcum Caldwell.

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

- A. Next scheduled regular meeting is March 26, 2007 at 3:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
OF KINGS COUNTY**

William R. Zumwalt, Executive Officer

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