

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 #1588:

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 April 27, 2005, 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, Paul Thompson, Jim Wadsworth, David Ayers

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Bill Zumwalt, Greg Gatzka, Marti Seniff

VISITORS PRESENT:

Cathy Cain, Dan Fadenrecht

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES:

None

MINUTES OF March 23, 2005:

The minutes of March 23, 2005 were unanimously approved by the members present on a motion by Commissioners (Thompson/Rachford) with Commissioner Ayers abstaining.

I. OLD BUSINESS:

None

II. NEW BUSINESS:

Tape Count #1697:

A. LAFCO Case No. 05-03 – City of Hanford Reorganization No. 126

Mr. Gatzka stated that the proposal is to annex one area consisting of 7 parcels (43.93 acres) to the City of Hanford and detach the same from the Kings River Conservation District, and Excelsior River Resource Conservation District. Mr. Gatzka stated that four of the properties are owned by the City of Hanford, two are owned by the Hanford Elementary School District, and one parcel is privately owned by the Dadigian Family Trust. He stated that the properties are presently designated for “Limited Agriculture” under the County’s General Plan, and designated under the City’s General Plan for “Public Facility” and “Low Density Residential”. Mr. Gatzka stated that the City has pre-zoned the properties “PF” and “R-1-6” to correspond with the City’s General Plan designations. Mr. Gatzka stated that the City completed an initial study for this annexation and adopted a negative declaration on October 19, 2004. 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.

After a discussion of the matter a motion was made by Commissioner Ayers and seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to approve LAFCO Resolution No. 05-05. Commissioners unanimously approved LAFCO Resolution No. 05-05.

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

B. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2005-2006 LAFCO Budget (First Public Hearing)

Mr. Zumwalt stated that the Preliminary Draft 2005-2006 LAFCO Budget was introduced at the Commission's February meeting and that the first public hearing was noticed and is scheduled for today. The public hearing will continue on May 25, 2005. Mr. Zumwalt stated that on May 25, 2005, after the close of the public hearing, the Commission will consider adoption of the "2005-2006 LAFCO Budget". Mr. Zumwalt stated that the proposed budget is approximately twice the amount of the 2004-05 Budget due to the proposed Municipal Service Review (MSR) consultant cost. The lowest bid amount received from Dudek & Associates is \$33,060 which is broken down for each of the 4 cities and 4 community districts in the County.

The Commission inquired about the need for MSRs and discussed the cost of hiring a consultant. After much discussion over the MSR cost, Commissioner Neves opened the public hearing to take testimony on the proposed 2005-06 Budget. Mr. Fadenrecht, representing the Home Garden Community Services District, expressed concerns over the additional financial burden that would be passed to district residents. Mr. Fadenrecht suggested an alternative solution for developing the Municipal Service Reviews that would rely on the district engineer preparing the needed information for LAFCO staff. Mr. Zumwalt clarified that if MSRs are not completed by January, 1, 2006, that city and district sphere of influence boundaries will voided. He further stated that a voided sphere would prevent a city or district from annexing any new territory or extending services beyond their existing boundaries until an MSR is adopted. Commissioner Neves asked if there was any other testimony in favor of the project. Seeing none, he asked if there was any testimony in opposition to the project. Seeing none, the Public Hearing was continued until May 25, 2005. The Commission then directed staff to look into the possibility of preparing in-house MSRs.

Tape Count #4496:

III. LEGISLATION - None

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Correspondence – None**
- B. Unscheduled Public Comments – None**
- C. Items from the Commission – None**
- D. Staff Comments – None**

Tape Count #4617:

V. ADJOURNMENT

A. Next scheduled meeting is May 25, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
OF KINGS COUNTY**

William R. Zumwalt, Executive Officer