

# 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

**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 28, 2007, 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, Sid Craighead, Paul Thompson, John Rachford

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Jim Wadsworth

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bill Zumwalt, Greg Gatzka, Kara Bounds

**VISITORS PRESENT:** None

**UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES:** None

## MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2006:

The minutes of December 6, 2006 were unanimously approved by the members present on a motion by Commissioners (Craighead / Thompson) with no abstentions.

## I. NEW BUSINESS:

### A. LAFCO Preliminary Budget FY 2007-2008

Mr. Zumwalt introduced and distributed the preliminary budget for the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year. A date was set for the public hearing on March 28, 2007, to take testimony on the proposed 2007-2008 Budget. The Commission will then re-convene the public hearing on April 25, 2007, to receive any additional testimony and at its conclusion, close the hearing and consider adoption of the 2007-2008 LAFCO budget.

The proposed budget shall be equal to the budget adopted for the previous fiscal year unless the commission finds otherwise. The principle objectives driving the 2007-2008 LAFCO Budget are, completing the Municipal Service Reviews and completing the Spheres of Influence Updates.

### B. Sphere of Influence Case No. 06-01, Corcoran Irrigation District

Ms. Bounds summarized the proposed Sphere of Influence Amendment to the Corcoran Irrigation District. The amendment includes 6 District owned properties (1054.43 acres) proposed for annexation under LAFCO Case No. 06-08 – Corcoran Irrigation District Annexation. There is a public hearing required because this is a Sphere of Influence Amendment. The subject territory is generally located 1.2 miles north of the City of Corcoran, west of 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. and a ½ mile north of Nevada Ave.

This Sphere amendment is considered a minor amendment because the expansion and annexation are intended to add District owned property into their District. The District will utilize existing facilities on the District owned property and this will not result in the expansion of any District services. The proposed Sphere of Influence Amendment is therefore determined exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under the General Rule Exemption.

Chairman Neves opened the public hearing. Having no one come forward, the Chairman closed the public hearing. Commission members discussed the proposal, and a motion was made and seconded by Commissioners (Thompson / Rachford) to approve Resolution 07-01. Motion carried unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners: Thompson, Rachford, Craighead, Neves  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Commissioner Wadsworth

**C. LAFCO Case No. 06-08, Corcoran Irrigation District Annexation**

Ms. Bounds summarized the proposed annexation of 6 parcels totaling 1054.43 acres to the Corcoran Irrigation District 1.2 miles north of the City of Corcoran, west of 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. and a ½ mile north of Nevada Ave. This annexation area is the same territory that was previously approved for the Sphere of Influence Amendment No. 07-01. The territory is owned by the District and the District is the Applicant. The District will utilize existing facilities on the property and this will not result in the expansion of any District services. The project is therefore determined exempt form CEQA under the General Rule Exemption. The project has one hundred percent land owner consent and does not require a public hearing.

Mr. Gatzka noted that since the site is being used as a floodwater mitigation site for the Lake Kaweah Enlargement Project, that an Environmental Impact Report was adopted by the Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District. This environmental documentation, however, did not address the annexation but is not needed since the annexation will not result in any additional changes.

Commission members discussed the proposal, and a motion was made and seconded by Commissioners (Rachford / Craighead) to approve Resolution 07-02. Motion carried unanimously.

AYES: Commissioners: Rachford, Craighead, Thompson, Neves  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Commissioner Wadsworth  
ABSTAIN: None

**III. LEGISLATION**

**None**

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. Correspondence** – The Sphere Newsletter was presented to Commission members.
  
- B. Commission Appointments** – Mr. Zumwalt informed that Commission that Commissioners David Ayers and Jon Rachford terms will expire this May.

**C. Items from the Commission – None**

**D. Staff Comments – Mr. Gatzka informed the Commission of the CALAFCO Conference coming up in Sacramento in August.**

**VI. CLOSED SESSION –  
None**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**A. Next scheduled regular meeting is March 28, 2007 at 3:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
OF KINGS COUNTY**

William R. Zumwalt, Executive Officer

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