

# LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION MINUTES

## CITY MEMBERS

David Ayers  
Jim Wadsworth  
Bill Woolley - Alternate

## COUNTY MEMBERS

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

## PUBLIC MEMBERS

Paul Thompson  
Vacant - Alternate

**Tape Count #:** This meeting was not taped.

**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 August 4, 2004, 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

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** David Ayers

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

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Steve Sopp City of Avenal

**UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES:** None

## MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2004:

The minutes of June 23, 2004 were unanimously approved by the members present on a motion by Commissioner Rachford and second by Commissioner Thompson.

## OLD BUSINESS:

None

## NEW BUSINESS:

### A. LAFCO Sphere of Influence Amendment No. 04-01-City of Avenal Sphere Amendment

Mr. Gatzka stated that the City of Avenal has requested an expansion of its Primary Sphere of Influence along the north and east boundaries to add an additional 4.5 square miles. The proposed amendment adds all the territory located within Sections 30 and 31 in Township 21 East, Range 18 South, M.D.B. and M.; Sections 14 and 23, Township 22 East, Range 17 South, M.D.B. and M.; and all the territory in Section 18, Township 21 East, Range 18 South, M.D.B. and M. lying west of the California Aqueduct within Kings County. Together, these areas encompass 24 parcels totaling approximately 2700 acres. All territory is contiguous to the City.

Mr. Gatzka also reported that the CEQA documentation has been prepared by the City of Avenal for this sphere of influence amendment and adopted a negative declaration on June 10, 2004. The initial study found no significant effects upon the environment associated with the sphere of influence amendment. Staff recommends that LAFCO, as a Responsible Agency, may rely upon the City's negative declaration

for this action. There is no evidence in the record that indicates that the project has potential for adverse effects on wildlife, resources or habitat for wildlife.

The Public Hearing was opened and Steve Sopp, Avenal Community Development Director spoke in support of the amendment.

Resolution No. 04-06, the Amendment to the City of Avenal Sphere of Influence, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Wadsworth, by the following vote.

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

**B. 1. LAFCO Sphere of Influence Amendment No. 04-02 - Angiola Water District Sphere Amendment**

The proposed amendment to the sphere of influence includes one property proposed for annexation under LAFCO Case No. 04-05 – Angiola Water District Reorganization #3. This territory includes 475.67 acres that is currently within the Melga Water District and is contiguous to the Angiola Water District. This property is generally located along the north side of Utica Avenue, and along the east side of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

No testimony was presented during the Public Hearing.

Resolution No. 04-07, the Amendment to the Angiola Water District Sphere of Influence, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Wadsworth, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, by the following vote.

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

**2. LAFCO Case No. 04-05 - Angiola Water District Reorganization No. 3**

The staff report presented by Mr. Gatzka recommending approval of the reorganization requested by Angiola Water District to annex one parcel owned by White Ranch Land Company totaling 475.67 acres to the Angiola Water District and simultaneously detaching it from the Melga Water District. This parcel is adjacent to the Angiola Water District. This property is generally located along the north side of Utica Avenue, and along the east side of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

No testimony was presented during the Public Hearing.

Resolution No. 04-08, Angiola Water District Reorganization No. 3, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Rachford, seconded by Commissioner Wadsworth, by the following vote.

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

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

**A. Correspondence**

Correspondence was received from CALAFCO regarding the Executive Board Nomination and Election Procedures. Mr. Gatzka informed the Commission members of the upcoming CALAFCO Executive Board nominations.

**B. Legislation**

Mr. Gatzka presented the latest revision of Assembly Bill 2306 and advised the Commission of the bill's status. Commission voted unanimously to oppose the bill, and directed staff to prepare an expedited letter of opposition for the chairman's signature.

**C. Items from the Commission**

None

**D. Staff Comments**

None

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

Next scheduled meeting is September 22, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
OF KINGS COUNTY**

William R. Zumwalt, Executive Officer

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