

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION MINUTES

CITY MEMBERS

Jim Wadsworth
Dan Chin
John Plourde - Alternate

COUNTY MEMBERS

Joe Neves - Chair
Tony Barba - Vice Chair
Doug Verboon - Alternate

PUBLIC MEMBERS

Paul Thompson
Allan 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 July 27, 2011 in the Administration Building's Multi-Purpose Room of the Kings County Government Center, located at 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., in Hanford, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Joe Neves, Tony Barba, John Plourde,
Paul Thompson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Dan Chin

STAFF PRESENT:

Greg Gatzka, Jeremy Kinney, Terri Yarbrough,
Johannah Hartley

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Zumwalt, Alan Burke, Cathy Cain

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded (Barba/Neves) to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2011 meeting. Motion carried unanimously with two abstaining and 1 absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

LAFCO Case No. 11-03 Hanford Reorganization #149

Commissioner Thompson excused himself from the discussion and voting on this agenda item due to a potential conflict of interest. The proposal is to reorganize one area (112.53 acres) located on the east side of 10 ½ Avenue across the street from the Home Garden Cemetery and south of the City of Hanford. Mr. Jeremy Kinney reported that the properties are owned by two parties representing 100% consent. The properties are also uninhabited and are not subject to a Williamson Act Contract. Mr. Kinney stated that a negative declaration was prepared by the city to show that no new environmental impacts will result beyond what was analyzed in the City of Hanford 2002 General Plan EIR. A motion was made and seconded (Barba/Plourde) to approve the reorganization. Motion passed unanimously with Chin absent and Thompson abstaining.

Grand Jury Investigation

Mr. Gatzka reported on the Grand Jury inquiry regarding maintenance of the LAFCo web site. Mr. Gatzka reported that it appeared that the web site had not been updated because meetings that had been cancelled were not posted, which lead to the misconception that minutes were not posted. In the future, staff will post cancelled meeting notices on the web site and will also add the Grand Jury to the email list for meeting notifications. Mr. Gatzka reported that a letter had been drafted in response to the Grand Jury's inquiry and asked for authorization to sign the letter on behalf of the Commission.

A motion was made and seconded (Plourde/Barba) to authorize Greg Gatzka to sign the response letter to the Grand Jury. Motion passed unanimously with Chin absent.

CALAFCo Conference

Mr. Gatzka asked the Commissioners for authorization to attend the CALAFCo conference in Napa from August 31 through September 9, 2011. The Commission assigned Mr. Gatzka as the voting delegate to represent LAFCo of Kings County.

LEGISLATION

Mr. Kinney reported that a bill is being proposed to address service extensions. He reported that in addition to allowing service extensions for health and safety threats, the proposal would also allow service extensions under additional situations.

MISCELLANEOUS

- A. **Correspondence** – none
- B. **Items from the Commission** – Commissioner Thompson noted that page 40 was missing in the staff report. Mr. Kinney stated that when the pages were numbered, the number 40 was skipped and no pages were missing.
- C. **Staff Comments** – none

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

- A. **The next meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2011 at 3:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
OF KINGS COUNTY**



Gregory R. Gatzka, Executive Officer