

SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

March 6, 2003

Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
Santa Barbara CA

1. Chair Tom Umenhofer called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.
2. County Clerk Joe Holland administered the oath of office to Commissioner Sam Arca.
3. Present were Commissioners Campbell, DeWees, Fox, Marshall and Umenhofer, Alternate Commissioners Arca, Centeno, Leich and Rogers, Executive Officer Bob Braitman and Legal Counsel Alan Seltzer. Not present were Commissioners Orach and Rose.
4. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
5. Upon motion by Campbell, second by DeWees, the February 6, 2003 minutes were approved as submitted, with Commissioners Arca and Campbell abstaining.
6. There were no comments from the public.
7. Adoption of the initial Sphere of influence for the City of Goleta

Testimony was received from Goleta City Council member Jonny Wallis. A February 25 letter was received from the City.

The Commission deferred adopting a sphere of influence until Municipal Service Reviews for the Goleta area are prepared and considered by the Commission.

8. Request to expand the sphere of influence of the City of Santa Barbara to include the eastern Goleta Valley, as submitted by the Committee for One.

Testimony was provided by Harriet Phillips, Peg Hammister, William Gilbert and Louis Liug, representing the Committee for One; John Ledbetter representing the City of Santa Barbara, Council member Jonny Wallis representing the City of Goleta and interested citizen Sig Wathne. A February 24 letter was received from the City of Goleta.

After due consideration the Commission, upon motion by DeWees, second by Arca, the Commission directed the staff to schedule a hearing when the proper environmental documentation is prepared, the Commission prepares Municipal Service Reviews and all interested parties have an opportunity to comment on the proposal.

9. Request to expand the sphere of influence of the Summerland Sanitary District, and 02-17 – Carpinteria Valley Farms Annexation to the Summerland Sanitary District.

Due to a conflict Legal Counsel Alan Seltzer excused himself from the proceeding and Noel Klebaum, Legal Counsel for the Ventura LAFCO, served as counsel for this item.

Testimony was provided by Arthur Custer, representing the Summerland Sanitary District, Steve Goggia of the County Planning and Development, Norman Fujimoto of the County Environmental Health Department and affected property owner Patrick Nesbitt.

A December 10, 2002 notice from the County Health Department to Carpinteria Valley Farms regarding a failed septic field was received.

After due consideration, upon motion by Campbell, second by Centeno, the Commission found the proposal to be categorically exempt, expanded the District sphere of influence to include the annexation area, approved the proposal and waived conducting authority proceedings, with Commissioner Marshall opposed.

10. Informational presentation by the Carpinteria Valley Water District regarding the potential Rancho Monte Alegre Annexation

The staff informed the Commission that this was a study session to provide background for a prospective proposal and that no action would be taken.

A presentation was provided by Charles Hamilton and Donna Hebert, representing the District. Received were copies of the District PowerPoint presentation, a March 25, 2002 newspaper article regarding District compliance with EPA regulations and a February 19, 2003 written presentation to the County Planning Commission.

Following the presentation public comments were received from Roxanne Lapidus representing the Carpinteria Valley Association and interested citizen Royce Stauffer.

11. Preparation and organization of Municipal Service Reviews

The Commission received the staff report regarding Municipal Service Reviews.

Commissioner Marshall departed the meeting at 5:00 PM

12. The Commission received and filed the Year-To-Date Financial Status Report.

13. LAFCO budget for Fiscal Year 2003-04

The Commission received the staff report regarding preparing the fiscal year 2003-04 budget and directed that a proposed budget be prepared for Commission review at a special meeting prior to May 1.

The Chair, without dissent, appointed an ad hoc committee composed of Commissioners Arca, Campbell and Centeno to review the proposed budget.

14. The Commission received the staff report regarding Commissioner attendance at the CALAFCO Conference scheduled for September 24-26.
15. Consideration of support for webcasting of LAFCO meeting

Upon motion by DeWees, second by Arca, the Commission agreed to support County Government Access Television plans to implement webcast capability, as recommended.

16. The Commission received and filed a letter of interest from Wootton Land Consultants re providing consulting services to prepare Municipal Service Reviews
17. Commissioner Campbell requested that a study session be scheduled for the April agenda regarding the Laguna Sanitation District.
18. The Commission adjourned to closed session at 5:40 PM pursuant to Government Code §54957 to evaluate Executive Officer performance.

Final Minutes Approved by the Commission
on April 10, 2003

By _____
Executive Officer