

SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

December 6, 2007

Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
Santa Maria CA

1. Chair Joe Centeno called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. Present were Commissioners Centeno, DeWees, Firestone, Fox, Mariscal, Orach, and Wilson, Alternate Commissioners Schlottmann, Short and Wolf, Executive Officer Bob Braitman and Legal Counsel Bill Dillon. Commissioner Wolf participated by remote connection from Santa Barbara. Commissioner Armendariz was absent.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Upon motion by Firestone, second by Orach, the minutes of the meeting of November 1, 2007 were approved as submitted.
5. Public Comment Period – There were no comments from the public.
6. 07-13 – City of Solvang Annexation to the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District

Testimony was provided by interested citizen Leo Mathiasen.

After due consideration, upon motion by Firestone, second by Orach, the Commission found the proposal to be categorically exempt, approved the annexation and directed the staff to conduct subsequent proceedings.

7. 03-13 – Formation of the Santa Rita Hills Community Services District

The Executive Officer presented a staff report. Correspondence was received from Mary Russell (November 30, 2007), Steve Russell (November 30, 2007), Larry Acin [?] (December 3, 2007), John and Paula Cargasacchi (December 3, 2007), Peter and Julia Cargasacchi (December 5, 2007), Brett and Pamela Ettinger (December 3, 2007), Bob Campbell, Gerry Campbell, Kendra Grossini, Art Hibbits and Karlie Kirkland (all received December 5, 2007), attorney Chip Wullbrandt (December 6, 2007) and Bruce Wales, General Manager Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (December 6, 2007)

Testimony was provided by:

- John Karamitsos, Santa Barbara County Planner
- Chris Hahn, Santa Barbara County Fire Marshall
- Attorney Dick Weldon representing Bob Campbell
- Attorney Chip Wullbrandt representing John Cargasacchi

- Lakeview Estates Property Owners Thomas Freeman, Alfredo Martinez, Kristi Marks, Chris Marks, Alana Guinn, Debbie Petersen, Arria Brasseur, Angelo Salvucci, Ariel Lavie, Angela Lavie, Christa Backson, Brett Ettinger, Mario Moreno, Russell Crane, Pamela Ferguson, Jane Horvath, Ted Knudson, Roberto Lua and Pierre LaBarge IV.
- Interested Citizens Bess Christensen, LeRoy Scolari and Peter Cargasacchi.
- Adjacent Property Owners José Baer, Arley Baer, Sharyne Merritt, Bob Campbell, Art Hibbits, John Cargasacchi, Kari Campbell-Bohard, Linda Perry and Jim Poett.

Commissioner Wolf left the meeting at 4:00 PM.

The Chair announced a recess at 4:15 PM. The meeting was reconvened at 4:28.

After due consideration, upon motion by Firestone, second by Orach, the Commission continued this matter to the February 7, 2008 meeting.

The staff was directed staff to (1) convene the affected parties in an effort to reach an agreement regarding road easement, (2) contact the Agricultural Advisory Committee regarding the impact of the formation of this district on agriculture in the Santa Rita Hills, (3) explore the ability of the Commission to control eminent domain and (4) further study hydrologic impacts of increased housing and farming in the area on the water supply in the Santa Ynez River.

8. 07-5 – South Coast Annexation to the Carpinteria Sanitary District

The Commission without motion received the Executive Officer report regarding the protest hearing for this annexation, which was held on Monday, December 3.

Testimony was provided by Hillary Hauser representing Heal the Ocean and affected land owners Steve Halstead, Doug White, Giti White, Brook Taylor and Sandra Carradine.

9. 07-11 – Quail Run Reorganization: Annexation to the City of Santa Maria/ Detachment from the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District/ Detachment from the Mosquito and Vector Management District of Santa Barbara County

The Commission without motion received the Executive Officer report regarding the protest hearing for this reorganization, which was held on Thursday, December 6.

Commissioner Mariscal left the meeting at 5:30

10. Upon motion by Firestone, second by Orach, the Commission ratified operating expenses for November 2007.
11. The Executive Officer reported that progress is being made with regard to the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1. Upon motion by DeWees, second by Orach, this matter was continued to the February 7, 2008 meeting.
12. The Commission received the schedule of meetings in 2008 and upon by Orach, second by DeWees, the January 3, 2008 meeting was cancelled.
13. Commissioner Schlottmann gave a report of the CALAFCO Board of Directors meeting that was held in Sacramento on November 9.
14. There were no Commissioner or staff announcements.
15. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:50 PM.

Final Minutes Approved by the Commission
On February 7, 2008

By _____
Joe Centeno, Chair