

SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

March 4, 2004

Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
Santa Barbara CA

1. Chair Susan Rose called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. Present were Commissioners Campbell, DeWees, Fox, Orach, Rose and Umenhofer, Alternate Commissioners Centeno, Leich, Schlottmann and Smyser, Executive Officer Bob Braitman and Legal Counsel Alan Seltzer. Commissioner Marshall was absent.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Upon motion by Umenhofer, second by Campbell, the minutes of the February 4, 2004 meeting were approved as submitted.
5. Public Comment Period – There was no public comment.
6. Commissioner Leich provided information regarding LAFCO's influence several years ago in bringing about the successful resolution of a school funding issue involving the Santa Maria Bonita School District and annexations to the City of Santa Maria.
7. City of Santa Maria – Amendment to the Sphere of Influence, and .
03-5 – Refiled Mahoney Ranch Reorganization: Annexation to the City of Santa Maria/ Detachment from the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District/Detachment from the Laguna County Sanitation District.

These items were considered together. Testimony was provided by Dick Hulme, Director, and Gary Rice, General Manager, of the Santa Maria Public Airport District and, by remote testimony, Bill Shipsey representing the City of Santa Maria. Mr. Shipsey informed the Commission that the City's plan for services should include the potential provision of electrical utility service. Gary Rice submitted a letter and aerial photograph.

After due consideration, upon motion by Orach, second by Centeno, the Commission modified the sphere of influence by deleting the policy regarding initiating the annexation of the Tanglewood subdivision.

Upon separate motion by Orach, second by Centeno, the Commission certified it reviewed the information contained in the EIR, approved the proposal as submitted, waived conducting authority proceedings and directed the staff to complete the proceeding.

8. The Commission received the status report on Municipal Service Reviews and Sphere of Influence Updates.

10. LAFCO Budget for Fiscal Year 2004-05

Commissioner Umenhofer, Chair of the ad hoc budget committee, presented the Proposed Budget for FY 2004-05.

After due consideration, upon motion by Centeno, second by Campbell, the Commission:

- Approved the proposed budget as recommended
- Scheduled a public hearing on May 6 to adopt the final budget
- Directed the staff to distribute the proposed budget to local agencies as required
- Authorized the County Auditor to adjust the amounts collected from local agencies based on the available year-end fund balance and
- Directed the staff to advise the Commission of any changed conditions that may affect its ability to fulfill its responsibilities in Fiscal Year 2004-05.

11. Study session on agricultural preservation

The Commission discussed a potential study session regarding agricultural preservation and the scope of the subjects to be included. Commissioner Centeno noted there is a effort underway to identify all agricultural lands in the Santa Maria Valley.

The Commission continued consideration of this matter to an unspecified future meeting.

12. Commissioner terms of office

The staff reported on options for modifying Commissioner terms of office. Upon motion by Campbell, second by Orach, the Commission conceptually approved changing the date on which terms of office begin from the first Monday in May to March 1 of the following year, with the staff to present this matter for further consideration at the next meeting, with Commissioner Fox opposed.

9. Commissioner and Staff announcements

There were no Commissioner announcements. The Executive Officer informed the Commission of the workload of pending proposals.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40.

Final Minutes Approved by the Commission
on May 6, 2004

By _____
Executive Officer