

SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING

February 2, 2007

Board of Supervisors Hearing Room  
Santa Maria CA

1. Chair Bob Orach called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. Present were Commissioners Centeno, DeWees, Firestone, Fox, Orach, and Wilson, Alternate Commissioner Schlottmann, Executive Officer Bob Braitman and Legal Counsel Bill Dillon. Commissioners Stableford and Leich were absent.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Upon motion by DeWees, second by Centeno, the minutes of the December 7, 2006 meeting were approved as submitted with Commissioners Fox, Firestone and Orach abstaining.
5. Oath of Office for New Commissioner Janet Wolf

By remote participation from Santa Barbara, County Clerk Recorder Joe Holland administered the oath of office to incoming Alternate County member Janet Wolf who was in Santa Barbara.

The Executive Officer informed the Commission that the City Selection Committee met that morning and reappointed Bob Orach as City Member for a 4 year term and appointed Joe Armendariz of the City of Carpinteria as the Alternate City Member to complete the unexpired term vacated by Jack Hawxhurst.

6. Selection of Commission Officers – March 2007 to February 2008

Upon motion by Firestone, second by DeWees, Vice Chair Bernie Stableford was elected as Chair and Commissioner Centeno as Vice Chair.

Due to Commissioner Stableford's absence, Commissioner Orach continued to chair the meeting.

7. Public Comment Period

Sandra Newkirk expressed interest to the Commission in annexing specific property to the City of Lompoc. She stated that she understands the City will be the applicant to LAFCO but wanted to make the Commission aware of her interest.

George Alvarez spoke in support the annexation of land to the City of Guadalupe for the construction of a recreational vehicle park.

8. 06-19 – Richards Annexation to the Goleta Sanitary District

After due consideration, upon motion by Firestone, second by Fox, the Commission found the proposal to be categorically exempt, approved the annexation and waived the conducting authority proceedings.

9. 07-1 – Burton Mesa Public Safety Center Annexation to the Mission Hills Community Services District

After due consideration, upon motion by Firestone, second by Centeno, the Commission certified it had reviewed and considered the information in the Mitigated Negative Declaration, expanded the sphere of influence of the District, approved the annexation and waived the conducting authority proceedings.

10. Consideration and Adoption of the Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update for County Service Area No. 45 (Lompoc Library)

After due consideration, upon motion by Centeno, second by Firestone, the Commission approved the Municipal Service Review determinations as recommended, adopted the resolution updating the Sphere of Influence and directed the staff to contact the County to consider the possible dissolution of this District.

11. Report by ad hoc committee regarding status of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District #1

The Chair continued this item to the next meeting. Legal Counsel Bill Dillon was directed to outline options for Commission actions at the next meeting.

12. Upon motion by DeWees, second by Firestone, the Commission ratified the operating expenses for December, 2006 and January, 2007, as recommended.

13. Upon motion by Firestone, second by Fox, the Commission accepted the Year-To-Date Financial Status Report.

14. Commissioner Schlottmann reported on the CALAFCO Executive Board meeting she attended on January 11 and 12 in Sacramento. She encouraged members to attend the CALAFCO Annual Conference to be held August 28-31 in Sacramento.

15. Commissioner and staff announcements

Commissioner Centeno expressed concern about the impacts of annexations for urban uses on adjacent agricultural lands and is interested in LAFCO examining whether it can ensure the permanence of agricultural buffers.

Commissioner Firestone also expressed concern about the continuing loss of productive agricultural lands in Santa Barbara County and feels it might be time for philosophical and policy discussion about this essential public issue.

Commissioner Orach inquired as the status of the Casmalia Community Services District and whether it is resolving the issues that surfaced in the recent past regarding the safety of the water supply system. The staff indicated the District with its current Board and staff appears to be operating more effectively than it had in the past.

The Executive Officer advised the County indicates we need to modify the way in which meeting stipends are paid to members of the Commission. Staff is scheduled to meet with the County Auditor staff to examine and resolve this matter.

16. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Final Minutes Approved by the Commission  
on March 1, 2007

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Bob Orach, Chair