

SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

May 1, 2008

Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
Santa Barbara CA

1. Chair John Fox called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.
2. Present were Commissioners Centeno, DeWees, Firestone, Fox, Mariscal, Orach, and Wilson, and non-voting alternate Commissioners Armendariz, Schlottmann, Short and Wolf, Executive Officer Bob Braitman and Legal Counsel Kevin Ready.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Upon motion by Firestone, second by Orach, the minutes of the March 6, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. County Clerk Recorder Joe Holland administered the oath of office to Regular Special District Member Cathy Schlottmann and Alternate Special District Member John Fox.
6. Since the position of Chair became vacant with the seating of the new Regular Special District Member Vice Chair Bob Orach assumed the Chair.

After due consideration, upon nomination by Commissioner DeWees, second by Orach, Commissioner Cathy Schlottmann was selected as the Chair until March 2009.

Ayes: DeWees, Mariscal, Orach, Schlottmann
Noes: Wilson
Abstain: Centeno, Firestone

7. Commissioner Schlottmann assumed the position of Chair.
8. Public Comment Period - There was no comments from the public.
9. UCSB Vice Chancellor Mark Fischer provided an overview of the University's Long Range Development Plan (LRDP). A summary of the LRDP, "Vision 2025," was received into the record.

Upon motion by Firestone, second by Orach, the Commission received the presentation and the motion carried unanimously.

10. 07-16 - Dos Pueblos Ranch Annexation to the Goleta Water District

Upon motion by Firestone, second by Orach, this item was continued until the June 5 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

11. 08-1 – St. Athanasius Orthodox Church Annexation to the Goleta Sanitary District

Correspondence was received from Rick Battles on behalf of Goleta Sanitary District (April 29, 2008), Terry Bartlett on behalf of St. Athanasius Orthodox Church (April 29, 2008) and Marc Chytilo on behalf of Citizens for Goleta Valley (May 1, 2008).

Testimony was provided by Rick Battles representing Goleta Sanitary District; Terry Bartlett, Dean Brunner, Father Jon Hedges and Jonathon Leech representing St. Athanasius Orthodox Church and Marc Chytilo representing Citizens for Goleta Valley.

After due consideration, upon motion by Firestone, second by Mariscal, the Commission certified it had considered the information contained in the EIR, related findings and the Statement of Overriding Considerations; approved the proposal as submitted subject to the territory being liable for District indebtedness and existing or authorized taxes, charges, fees or assessments comparable to properties presently within the District; and waived conducting authority proceedings.

Ayes: DeWees, Firestone, Mariscal, Schlottmann
Noes: Centeno, Orach, Wilson

12. The Commissioner recessed at 4:25 and reconvened at 4:35.

In the absence of Commissioner Firestone Commissioner Wolf assumed the position of voting member.

13. 08-3 – Out of Agency Service Agreement – City of Solvang (Skytt)

Testimony was provided by Shelley Stahl, representing the City of Solvang.

After due consideration, upon motion by Wolf, second by Centeno, the Commission found the proposal to be categorically exempt and authorized the City to provide services subject to the recommended condition.

The motion carried unanimously.

14. 07-5 – South Coast Annexation to the Carpinteria Sanitary District

The staff explained the election to confirm this already-approved annexation was held by mailed ballot on April 22 and when the agenda was compiled it was thought the results of the election would be available.

Correspondence was received from Hilda Seibert (April 30, 2008), Kathy Shanelec (April 30, 2008), Linda Ulvaeus (May 1, 2008) and Marilyn Ulvaeus (May 1, 2008).

Despite this being a “no action” item testimony was provided by interested citizens Tim Finnigan, Marilyn Ulvaeus, Carolyn Shane, Jaleh White, Doug White, Giti White, John Shane, John Stephenson, William Bigbee, William Taylor, John Murphy and Sandra Carradine; and Hillary Hauser representing Heal the Ocean.

The staff report was received.

15. LAFCO Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-09

Upon motion by Orach, second by Wilson the Commission approved the proposed budget as presented, directed staff to distribute the proposed budget to cities, special districts and the County, scheduled a public hearing for June 5 to adopt the final budget and directed staff to advise the Commission of any changed conditions.

The motion carried unanimously.

16. LAFCO Proposed Fee Schedule

Upon motion by Orach, second by Wolf the Commission approved the proposed processing fee schedule as presented, directed staff to distribute the proposed schedule to cities, special districts, County, land use consultant and engineers and scheduled a public hearing for June 5 to adopt the fee schedule

The motion carried unanimously.

17. Upon motion by Orach, second by DeWees, the Commission ratified operating expenses for March and April, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

18. Legislative Report

The staff presented a report regarding Assembly Bill 2686 (Nava) which would create the Santa Ynez Valley Water District.

Testimony was provided by Chris Dahlstrom and Alexandra Barnhill, representing the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1.

Upon motion by Wolf, second by Orach, the Commission received the report and conceptually supported AB 2686.

The motion carried unanimously.

19. Commissioner Schlottmann mentioned that CALAFCO is offering courses on statewide water issues and agricultural preservation, and she would attend the CALAFCO Board of Directors meeting the following day in Los Angeles.
20. The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 PM.

Final Minutes Approved by the Commission
On June 5, 2008

By _____
Cathy Schlottmann, Chair