

SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

July 3, 2008

Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
Santa Maria, CA

1. Chair Cathy Schlottmann called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. Present were Commissioners Centeno, DeWees, Firestone, Mariscal, Orach, Schlottmann and Wilson, and non-voting alternate Commissioners Armendariz, Fox, Short and Wolf, Executive Officer Bob Braitman and Legal Counsel Bill Dillon. Commissioners Armendariz, Short and Wolf participated by remote connection from Santa Barbara.
3. The Chair, without opposition, reordered the agenda for the meeting.

Upon motion by Firestone, second by Orach, the Commission continued the Legislative Report to a future meeting.

4. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
5. Upon motion by DeWees, second by Orach, the minutes of the June 5, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.
6. Public Comment Period

Interested citizens Bob Field and Doug Herthel expressed concern with Assembly Bill 2686 (Nava) to create the Santa Ynez River Water District. Also speaking to this item were Harlan Burchardi, Chair, and Chris Dahlstrom, General Manager, of the SYRWCD Improvement District No. 1.

7. 08-4 – Enos Ranchos 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

After due consideration, upon motion by Centeno, second by Orach, the Commission certified it had considered the information contained in the EIR, related findings and the Statement of Overriding Consideration, approved the proposal as recommended and waived conducting authority proceedings.

Ayes: Centeno, DeWees, Firestone, Mariscal, Orach, Wilson, Schlottmann
Noes: None

8. Commissioner Firestone left the meeting and Commissioner Wolf assumed the position of voting member

9. 03-13 – Formation of Santa Rita Hills Community Services District

Testimony was provided by affected landowners Angelo Salvucci, Chris Marks, Christa Crane and Peter Cargasacchi, interested citizens Charles Blair and John Cargasacchi, and Deborah Brasket, Executive Director of Santa Barbara County Action Network. Ms. Crane and John and Peter Cargasacchi provided remote testimony from Santa Barbara

Received was a June 6 letter with attachments from John Cargasacchi.

After due consideration, upon motion by Mariscal, second by Orach, the Commission determined the formation to be Categorical Exempt from CEQA, approved the proposal subject to the specific terms and conditions as set forth in the resolution and directed the staff to conduct the remaining procedures for the formation.

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

10. 07-12 – Veronica Meadows Reorganization: Annexation to the City of Santa Barbara/ Detachment from the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District/ Detachment from the Goleta Water District

Testimony was provided by Steve Amerikaner representing an affected landowner and Kevin Walsh, General Manager, representing the Goleta Water District.

Correspondence was received from Steve Amerikaner (June 27, 2008) and Naomi Kovacs, Executive Director of the Citizens Planning Association (July 2, 2008).

After due consideration, upon motion by Wolf, second by Centeno, the Commission certified it has considered the information in the EIR and City Council Resolution No. 08049, adopted CEQA findings, approved the proposal as recommended and waived conducting authority proceedings.

Ayes: Centeno, DeWees, Mariscal, Orach, Wilson, Wolf, Schlottmann
Noes: None

11. Upon motion by Orach, second by Mariscal, the Commission ratified operating expenses for June, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Upon motion by DeWees, second by Centeno, the Commission authorized the staff to provide standardized protest forms to landowners and registered voters involved in protest procedures. The motion carried unanimously.
13. Upon motion by Orach, second by Wilson, the Commission provided direction to staff as recommended to make agenda items available for public review in compliance with Senate Bill 343 (Negrete-McLeod). The motion carried unanimously.
14. Upon motion by Centeno, second by Orach, the Commission cancelled the September 4 meeting due to a conflict with the CALAFCO Annual Conference.
15. Upon motion by Centeno, second by Schlottmann, the Commission decided the August 7 meeting would be held in Santa Barbara.

Ayes: Centeno, DeWees, Wilson, Schlottmann, Wolf
Noes: Mariscal, Orach
16. The Commission recessed to closed session. When the meeting resumed, legal counsel stated there was no reportable action from the closed session.
17. There were no Commissioner or staff announcements.
18. The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 PM.

Final Minutes Approved by the Commission
On August 7, 2008

By _____
Cathy Schlottmann, Chair