

SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

June 5, 2008

Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
Santa Maria, CA

1. Chair Cathy Schlottmann called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The Commission Clerk announced the subject matter of a closed session regarding potential litigation.

Public testimony regarding the closed session was received from Harry DeWitt representing the Goleta Water District.

The Commission recessed to closed session at 2:05 and returned at 2:20. The Legal Counsel stated there would be no report from the closed session other than to announce an ad hoc committee has been appointed of Commissioners Firestone, Short and Wolf to meet with the Goleta Water District with respect to the proposed Dos Pueblos annexation.

2. Present were Commissioners Centeno, DeWees, Firestone, Mariscal, Orach, Schlottmann and Wilson, and non-voting alternate Commissioners Fox, Short and Wolf, Executive Officer Bob Braitman and Legal Counsel Bill Dillon. Commissioner Armendariz was absent.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Upon motion by Orach, second by Firestone, the minutes of the May 1, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Public Comment Period

Jack Cunningham of the Goleta Water District and Marc Chytilo representing the Gaviota Coast Conservancy spoke. Mr. Chytilo provided remote testimony from Santa Barbara.

6. 07-17 – Dos Pueblos Annexation to the Goleta Water District

The Executive Officer recommended this matter be continued to a date determined by staff following the meeting of the ad hoc committee that had been appointed to confer with the Goleta Water District.

Marc Chytilo provided remote testimony from Santa Barbara. A letter addressed to Commissioner Brooks Firestone (June 4, 2008) from Chip Wullbrandt representing the Goleta Water District was distributed to the Commissioners. Also received was a letter from Marc Chytilo (May 29, 2008).

Upon motion by DeWees, second by Centeno, the Commission deferred action on this item to a future date when the staff places the matter on the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

7. 08-5 – Hope Church Reorganization: Annexation to County Service Area No. 5/
Annexation to North County Lighting District

After due consideration, upon motion by Centeno, second by Orach, the Commission certified it had reviewed the information in the Addendum EIR, approved the proposal as recommended and waived conducting authority proceedings.

The motion carried unanimously.

8. 03-13 – Formation of the Santa Rita Hills Community Services District

The Executive Officer presented his supplemental staff report and recommendation.

Correspondence was received from Jon Picciuolo representing the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (June 4, 2008), Art Hibbits (June 5, 2008), Peter Cargasacchi (June 5, 2008) and from the Executive Officer to Peter Cargasacchi (June 3, 2008).

Testimony was provided by John Picciuolo and Bruce Wales representing the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District; José Baer, John Cargasacchi, Cari Campbell-Bohard adjacent landowners; Peter and Julia Cargasacchi, Angelo Salvucci, Willis Skoe, Mary and Thomas Freeman, Brett Ettinger, Russ and Christa Crane, and Chris Marks, affected landowners; Mary Ellen Brooks representing the Citizens Planning Association; and Charles Blair, Art Hibbits, LeRoy Scolari and Sharyne Merritt, interested citizens.

Commissioner Centeno left the meeting at 4:05 and Commissioner Wolf became a voting member.

The Commission recessed at 4:17 and reconvened at 4:27.

After due consideration, upon motion by Wolf, second by Orach, the Commission conceptually approved the formation of the Santa Rita Hills Community Services District and directed the staff to prepare a resolution of approval for adoption at the next meeting.

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

9. 07-5 – South Coast Annexation to the Carpinteria Sanitary District

The Executive Officer described the chronology of the annexation including the protest hearing and election. The Legal Counsel presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the process to complete an annexation following a confirmation election.

Testimony was provided by Craig Murray representing the Carpinteria Sanitary District and the following interested citizens, speaking by remote testimony from Santa Barbara: William Taylor on behalf of Marilyn Ulvaeus, Sorel and Cade Carradine represented by Sandra Carradine, Giti, Doug and Jaleh Keyhan White, William Taylor, Sandra Carradine, Tim Finnigan, Ben Weiss, Ned Quackenbush and Steve Halstead; and Hillary Hauser and Frederick Woocher representing Heal the Ocean.

Commissioner DeWees left the meeting at 5:25.

After due consideration, upon motion by Firestone, second by Wolf, the Commission ordered the Executive Officer to execute the Certificate of Completion.

Ayes: Firestone, Mariscal, Orach, Schlottmann, Wilson, Wolf
Noes: None

10. Final LAFCO Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-09

Upon motion by Firestone, second by Orach the Commission approved the final budget as presented, directed staff to distribute the budget to cities, special districts and the County, and authorized the County Auditor-Controller to adjust the amounts collected from local agencies based on estimated revenues and the year-end available fund balance after reserving the standard \$40,000 contingency. The motion carried unanimously.

11. LAFCO Fee Schedule to be effective July 1, 2008

Upon motion by Mariscal, second by Orach the Commission adopted the processing fee schedule as presented and directed staff to distribute the proposed schedule to cities, special districts, County, land use consultant and engineers and interested parties. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Upon motion by Orach, second by Wolf, the Commission ratified operating expenses for May, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

13. Upon motion by Firestone, second by Wolf, the Commission continued until July the proposed procedures for conducting protest hearing and the policy regarding the availability of public materials. The motion carried unanimously.
14. There were no Commissioner or staff announcements.
15. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Final Minutes Approved by the Commission
On July 3, 2008

By _____
Cathy Schlottmann, Chair