

SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

April 5, 2007

Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
Santa Maria CA

1. Vice Chair Joe Centeno called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. The Commission adjourned to a closed session to confer with Legal Counsel regarding anticipated litigation with respect to the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1.
3. The Commission reconvened at 2:15. Legal Counsel indicated there was nothing to report from the closed session.
4. Present were Commissioners Centeno, DeWees, Fox, Orach, and Wilson, Alternate Commissioners Schlottmann and Wolf, Executive Officer Bob Braitman and Legal Counsel Bill Dillon. Commissioner Armendariz participated by remote connection from Santa Barbara. Commissioners Firestone and Leich were absent.
5. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
6. Upon motion by DeWees, second by Orach, the minutes of the March 1, 2007 meeting were approved as submitted.
7. Public Comment Period – There were no comments from the public
8. Vice Chair Centeno informed the Commission that public member Bernie Stableford's physical condition is deteriorating. The direction of the Vice Chair, with concurrence by other commissioners, was to prepare a resolution of commendation for presentation to Commissioner Stableford for her exemplary service on LAFCO.
9. 06-5 – Burton Ranch Reorganization: Annexation to the City of Lompoc/ 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 Orach, second by Fox, the Commission extended to May 4, 2008 the time allowed to complete these proceedings.
10. 07-3 - Clubhouse Estates Reorganization: Annexation to North County Lighting District/Annexation to County Service Area No. 4

After due consideration, upon motion by Orach, second by DeWees, the Commission certified it had reviewed and considered the information in the EIR, amended the spheres of influence of the annexing districts to include this territory, approved the proposal and waived conducting authority proceedings.

11. 07-3- Gallarza Annexation to the Goleta Sanitary District

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

The Commission discussed the fact that the proposed annexation is part of an "island" surrounded by the District and referred this matter to staff for further consideration.

12. Vacancy in public member position

The Commission received a letter of resignation from Public Member Bernie Stableford. In compliance with the Commissioner Handbook the presiding officer appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of Commissioners Centeno, Fox and Orach to screen applications, conduct interviews and recommend an appointment to the Commission.

The staff indicated broad public notice of the vacancy will be provided, including posting the vacancy on the Commission's website.

13. Status of Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1

Commissioner Schlottmann reported that she, Commissioner Firestone, the Executive Officer and Legal Counsel met with directors, staff and legal counsels from the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District and SYRWCD Improvement District No. 1.

She indicated progress was made in reaching an understanding the agency is subject to LAFCO jurisdiction. Legislation may be needed to implement such an agreement. The matter will come back to the Commission and other parties when the legal representative have concluded their discussions.

14. Upon motion by Orach, second by Fox, the Commission ratified the operating expenses for March 2007.

15. The Commission Clerk reported some difficulties have been encountered in transitioning per diem stipends to the new payment procedure and hoped the matter will be resolved in the near future.

16. The Commission received a report from the ad hoc committee recommending that the per diem payments be increased from \$100 to \$150 per meeting, effective July 1, 2007.

After due consideration, upon motion by Orach, second by DeWees, the Commission approved the recommended action.

17. Proposed LAFCO budget for Fiscal Year 2007-08

The Executive Office presented the Proposed Budget, with an addendum sheet reflecting increased Commissioner stipends. After due consideration, upon motion by Orach, second by DeWees, the Commission approved and directed the staff to distribute the Proposed Budget and scheduled a public hearing for June 7 to consider adopting the Final Budget.

18. Proposed Fee Schedule to be effective July 1, 2007

Upon motion by DeWees, second by Orach, the Commission approved distributing the proposed fee schedule as recommended, except for the request by the County Surveyor to increase the deposit for reviewing maps and legal descriptions. That matter was returned to the County Surveyor for review with the Board of Supervisors before the fee schedule receives final approval on June 7.

19. The Commission received and filed State PUC Resolution No. M-4818 supporting improved coordination with LAFCOs by regulated water and wastewater utilities.

20. Commissioner and staff announcements

Commissioner Fox reported on his attendance, as President of the California Special Districts Association, at the annual conference of the California Association of Counties.

Commissioner DeWees invited all present to attend the Spring Arts Festival in the City of Lompoc from April 20 to 22

The Executive Officer reported that approximately 80 people attended the informational "LAFCO 101" Workshop which was held on Friday, March 23.

21. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Final Minutes Approved by the Commission
On June 7, 2007

By _____
Joe Centeno, Vice Chair