

SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

August 7, 2008

Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
Santa Barbara, CA

1. Chair Cathy Schlottmann called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.
2. Present were Commissioners Centeno, DeWees, Firestone, Mariscal, Orach, Schlottmann and Wilson, and non-voting alternate Commissioners Fox and Short, Executive Officer Bob Braitman and Legal Counsel Bill Dillon. Commissioners Armendariz and Wolf were absent.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Upon motion by DeWees, second by Firestone, the minutes of the July 3, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Comment Period - There were no comments from the public
6. 08-6 – Orcutt Fire Reorganization: Dissolution of the Orcutt Fire Protection District/ Annexation to the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District

After due consideration, upon motion by Centeno, second by Mariscal, the Commission found the proposal to be categorically exempt, approved the reorganization as recommended and directed the staff to proceed.

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

7. Legislative Positions

Upon motion by Firestone, second by DeWees, the Commission supported AB 1263 (Caballero), AB 1998 (Silva), and SB 301 (Romero), as recommended.

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

The Commission then considered AB 2686 (Nava).

Testimony was provided by Steve Amerikaner and Chris Dahlstrom representing SYRWCD Improvement District #1, Rick Battles representing Santa Ynez Community Services District, John Burnaby representing Buellton Is Our Town, Carol Herrera representing Womens Environmental Watch, Doug Herthel representing Preservation of

Los Olivos, Lana Marcussen representing Preservation of Los Olivos and Preservation of Santa Ynez and interested citizen Gail Marshall.

Received was correspondence from David Higgins on behalf of Santa Ynez Community Services District (July 30, 2008) and Mike Hadley, President of Meadowlark Ranches Mutual Water Company (August 6, 2008).

After due consideration, upon motion by Firestone , second by Centeno, the Commission continued its support of AB 2686 provided the bill contains no provision that would designate an Indian tribe to be a “public agency” for any purpose.

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

8. Delegates for CALAFCO Business Meeting

Upon motion by Mariscal, second by Orach, Commissioner Schlottmann was designated the voting delegate and Commissioner Mariscal and Executive Officer Braitman as alternate delegates for the CALAFCO Business meeting on September 4.

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

9. Policy Regarding Extending Urban Services onto Prime Agricultural Land

The Executive Officer presented a proposed policy regarding the extension of urban services into agricultural land. After discussion the Chair appointed an ad hoc committee of Commissioners Mariscal and Schlottmann to work with staff on refining the policy for presentation at a future LAFCO meeting.

10. Policy re Annexation Unincorporated Islands to Cities

Without discussion this item was continued to a future Commission meeting.

11. Upon motion by Firestone, second by Centeno, the Commission ratified operating expenses for July 2008.

12. The Clerk announced the Commission would recess to closed session regarding potential litigation with regard to the Dos Pueblos Golf Links Reorganization.

Testimony was provided by Ana Citrin representing the Gaviota Coast Conservancy.

Received was correspondence from Marc Chytilo representing Gaviota Coast Conservancy (August 8, 2008), Susan Basham representing the Goleta Water District (August 6, 2008) and Steven Kaufmann representing Makar Properties (August 6, 2008).

The Commission recessed to closed session.

When the meeting resumed, Legal Counsel reported that upon motion by Firestone, second by Mariscal, by unanimous vote, the Executive Officer should execute and record a certificate of completion for the Dos Pueblos Golf Links Reorganization noting that the 1998 approval did not expire because LAFCO Resolution 98-11 waived the conducting authority proceedings and the Executive Officer should proceed to execute and record a certificate of completion.

13. There were no Commissioner or staff announcements.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 PM.

Final Minutes Approved by the Commission
On October 2, 2008

By _____
Cathy Schlottmann, Chair