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MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY

FORMATION COMMISSION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY

August 10, 2011

Present:

Richard Close
Donald L. Dear
Margaret Finlay
Tom LaBonge
Gloria Molina
Henri F. Pellissier
Greig Smith
David Spence
Zev Yaroslavsky

Lori Brogin, Alternate
Paul Krekorian, Alternate
Judy Mitchell, Alternate

Paul A. Novak, Executive Officer
John Krattli, Legal Counsel

Absent:

Jerry Gladbach, Chairman

Lillian Kawasaki, Alternate
Don Knabe, Alternate

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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m., in Room 381-B of the County Hall of Administration.

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The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Donald Dear.

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The Executive Officer read an announcement, asking that persons who made a contribution of more than \$250 to any member of the Commission during the preceding 12 months to come forward and state for the record the Commissioner to whom such contributions were made and the item of their involvement (None).

The Executive Officer swore in members of the audience who planned to testify.

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Hearing on Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County --
Annexation No. 1005.

The public hearing was opened to receive testimony. There being no testimony, the public hearing was closed.

On motion of Commissioner Pellissier, seconded by Commissioner Finlay, unanimously carried (Commissioners Gladbach and Yaroslavsky being absent), the Commission took the following action:

- Adopted Resolution No. 2011-40RMD, Making Determinations Approving Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County – Annexation No. 1005.
- Set October 12, 2011 for Commission protest proceedings.

[Commissioner Yaroslavsky in at 9:05 a.m.]

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Hearing on Newhall County Water District Annexation No. 2006-37.

The public hearing was opened to receive testimony. There being no testimony, the public hearing was closed.

On motion of Commissioner Finlay, seconded by Commissioner Spence, unanimously carried (Commissioner Gladbach being absent), the Commission took the following action:

- Adopted Resolution No. 2011-41RMD Making Determinations Approving Newhall County Water District Annexation No. 2006-.37.
- Set October 12, 2011 for Commission protest proceedings.

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Hearing on Newhall County Water District Annexation No. 2006-43.

The public hearing was opened to receive testimony. There being no testimony, the public hearing was closed.

On motion of Commissioner Pellissier, seconded by Commissioner Finlay, unanimously carried (Commissioner Gladbach being absent), the Commission took the following action:

- Adopted Resolution No. 2011-42RMD Making Determinations Approving Newhall County Water District Annexation No. 2006-.43.
- Set October 12, 2011 for Commission protest proceedings.

[Commissioner Krekorian in at 9:07 a.m.]

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Hearing on Newhall County Water District Annexation No. 2008-08.

The public hearing was opened to receive testimony. There being no testimony, the public hearing was closed.

On motion of Commissioner Pellissier, seconded by Commissioner LaBonge, unanimously carried (Commissioner Gladbach being absent), the Commission took the following action:

- Adopted Resolution No. 2011-43RMD Making Determinations Approving Newhall County Water District Annexation No. 2008-.08.
- Set October 12, 2011 for Commission protest proceedings.

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Hearing on Newhall County Water District Annexation No. 2009-05.

The public hearing was opened to receive testimony. There being no testimony, the public hearing was closed.

On motion of Commissioner Finlay, seconded by Commissioner Pellissier, unanimously carried (Commissioner Gladbach being absent), the Commission took the following action:

- Adopted Resolution No. 2011-44RMD Making Determinations Approving Newhall County Water District Annexation No. 2009-05.
- Set October 12, 2011 for Commission protest proceedings.

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Public Hearing on Newhall County Water District Reorganization
No. 2010-02.

On motion of Commissioner Spence, seconded by Commissioner Pellissier, unanimously carried, (Commissioner Gladbach being absent) the Commission continued Reorganization No. 2010-02 to September 14, 2011 due to an issue that surfaced regarding CEQA compliance.

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21 Annexation No. 711.

The protest hearing was opened to receive testimony. There being no testimony, the protest hearing was closed.

On motion of Commissioner Pellissier, seconded by Commissioner Spence, unanimously carried (Commissioner Gladbach being absent), the Commission took the following action:

- Adopted Protest Resolution No. 2011-13PR Making Determinations Ordering Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21 Annexation No. 711.

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County -- Annexation No. 1014.

The protest hearing was opened to receive testimony. There being no testimony, the protest hearing was closed.

On motion of Commissioner Pellissier, seconded by Commissioner Spence, unanimously carried (Commissioner Gladbach being absent), the Commission took the following action:

- Adopted Protest Resolution No. 2011-14PR Making Determinations Ordering Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County – Annexation No. 1014.

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County -- Annexation No. 1035.

The protest hearing was opened to receive testimony. There being no testimony, the protest hearing was closed.

On motion of Commissioner Finlay, seconded by Commissioner LaBonge, unanimously carried (Commissioner Gladbach being absent), the Commission took the following action:

- Adopted Protest Resolution No. 2011-15PR Making Determinations Ordering Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County – Annexation No. 1035.

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On motion of Commissioner Finlay, seconded by Commissioner Spence, unanimously carried (Commissioner Gladbach being absent), the Commission took the following actions under Consent Items:

- Approved Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County – Annexation No. 1019, Resolution No. 2010-45RMD
- Approved Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County – Annexation No. 1029, Resolution No. 2010-46RMD
- Approved Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County – Annexation No. 1048, Resolution No. 2010-47RMD
- Approved Minutes of July 13, 2011.
- Approved Operating Account and Check Register for the month of July 2011.
- Received and filed update on pending applications.

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Approval of Lease with IDS Real Estate Group for Office Space at 80 South Lake Avenue in Pasadena.

On motion of Commissioner LaBonge, seconded by Commissioner Spence, unanimously carried (Commissioner Gladbach being absent), the Commission found that the proposed leasing of existing office space at 80 South Lake Avenue in Pasadena is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, and authorized the Executive Officer to execute the lease with IDS Real Estate Group to lease office space in the building located at 80 South Lake Avenue in Pasadena.

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The following was received and filed, as an informational only item:

- FY 2010-2011 Accomplishments and FY 2011-2012 Work Program and Goals.

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The following was received and filed, as an informational only item:

- LAFCO Web-Site Commissioner Biographies.

Commissioner Finlay stated that there was an error on her biography, that her term ends in May 2012 not 2013 and also noted she was elected to the Duarte City Council in 1990 not 2005. The Executive Officer thanked her for those corrections.

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The following was received and filed, as an informational only item:

- East Los Angeles Incorporation Status Report.

The Executive Officer provided a written report outlining the status and noted that LAFCO hosted two community meetings in East Los Angeles to present the CFA findings on Friday, July 29, 2011 and Saturday, July 30, 2011. The combined attendance was about 100 people. He also stated the public comment period will end on August 29, 2011 at which point the Public Hearing CFA will be prepared.

Commissioner Close inquired into the process if any, to address the economic deficiencies. The E.O. asked for clarification. Commissioner Close stated there was a deficiency, so as it stands, the Commission could not approve the incorporation. County Counsel stated that in order for the Commission to approve the incorporation, a finding would have to be made that the City would be fiscally viable for the next three years, with a prudent reserve. If the Commission could not make that finding then the commission could not approve the incorporation. Commissioner Close then asked if there was any activity with the proponents to try to solve that problem. E.O. responded that they are anticipating receiving written comments from both the County CEO and ELARA.

The E.O. reiterated that in order to approve moving it forward, the Commission would have to make a finding that a new City of East Los Angeles is economically viable. Commissioner Close asked how the commission would do that without having evidence and financials from another source. County Counsel responded there are several options on the table (1) the City might propose to raise additional taxes; (2) the CFA raised other possible service reductions; (3) the proponents are seeking urgency legislation to revise the VLF legislation enacted earlier this year.

Commissioner LaBonge expressed concerns with the area encompassing the County USC complex and Cal State University Los Angeles, due to the fact that it creates a pocket of East Los Angeles north of the San Bernardino Freeway. The E.O. stated that area is within the SOI for City of Los Angeles, and believes it has been in the City's Sphere for over 20 years, and the city has chosen not to pursue annexing it. Commissioner Molina responded that the area north of the 10 Freeway is the portion of East Los Angeles most suited to redevelopment, which would increase property and sales taxes for the area. She also indicated that the County, USC, and others have been working diligently to improve the entire County-USC region, including this area, and that there are long-term efforts in this regard.

The following individual was sworn in to address the Commission:

Arnulfo Delgado, Resident of East Los Angeles

Had concerns with the CFA and gave his thoughts on what should be added and what should be revised to the CFA. The E.O. responded that several of the comments he made were also made at the community meetings, and that they were looking into those issues and expected to be addressed in the Public Hearing CFA.

Commissioner Close stated the number one expense by far was for police services, and asked what the check and balance was on the cost for police services. Executive Officer responded that the check and balance was the analysis that Richard Berkson provided in the Public Review CFA using various Metrics and comparisons for the cost of Police Services.

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Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Dear wanted to share he attended an event where Commissioner Kawasaki and former Commissioner Smith were honored by the Sierra Club for their leadership.

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Executive Officer's Report

The E.O. reminded the commission they all received a copy of the letter from Jerry Gladbach, and that he is recovering very well. He stated LAFCO received a very large annexation application its Vista Canyon, Fair Oaks, and Jake's Way in the Santa Clarita area that is over 2,800 with approximately 5,000 residents.

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Future Meetings:

August 24, 2011
September 14, 2011
October 12, 2011
November 9, 2011

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Future Agenda Items:

None.

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On motion of Commissioner Molina, seconded by Commissioner Spence, unanimously carried (Commissioner Gladbach being absent), the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Novak", written in a cursive style.

Paul A. Novak
Executive Officer