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MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY

FORMATION COMMISSION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY

October 12, 2011

Present:

Jerry Gladbach, Chair

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

Lori Brogin, Alternate
Lillian Kawasaki, Alternate
Gerard McCallum, Alternate
Judy Mitchell, Alternate

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

Absent:

Don Knabe, Alternate
Paul Krekorian, 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 Chair Jerry Gladbach.

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Chair Gladbach welcomed new Alternate Member Gerard McCallum.

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

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

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The following item was called up for consideration:

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

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

On motion of Commissioner Dear, seconded by Commissioner Finlay, unanimously carried, the Commission took the following action:

- Adopted Protest Resolution No. 2011-20PR Making Determinations Ordering Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County -- Annexation No. 1005.

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On motion of Commissioner Pellissier, seconded by Commissioner Finlay, unanimously carried, the Commission took the following actions under Consent Items:

- Approved Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 15 – Annexation No. 286, Resolution No. 2011-53RMD.
- Approved Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21 – Annexation No. 728, Resolution No. 2011-54RMD.
- Approved Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21 – Annexation No. 729, Resolution No. 2011-55RMD.
- Approved Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 22 – Annexation No. 386, Resolution No. 2011-56RMD.
- Approved Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 22 – Annexation No. 387, Resolution No. 2011-57RMD.
- Approved Minutes of August 24, 2011 (Special Meeting).
- Approved Minutes of September 14, 2011 (Regular Meeting).
- Approved Operating Account and Check Register for the month of September 2011.
- Received and filed update on pending applications.

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Consideration of Award of Consultant Contract for Preparation of a Municipal Service Review of the City of Santa Clarita.

On motion of Commissioner Yaroslavsky, seconded by Commissioner Pellissier, unanimously carried, the Commission awarded contract to GST Consulting for preparation of a municipal service review of the City of Santa Clarita and authorized the EO to execute a contract with GST Consulting after approval as to form by Legal Counsel, for the MSR not-to-exceed the amount of \$46,950.

Commissioner Yaroslavsky suggested for selections of this type in the future to include at least one person from outside of LAFCO in the panel.

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Consideration of Award of Consultant Contract for Preparation of a Municipal Service Review of Huntington Municipal Water District, Palmdale Water District and Sativa Water District.

On motion of Commissioner LaBonge, seconded by Commissioner Pellissier, unanimously carried, the Commission awarded contract to GEI Consultants Incorporation for preparation of a municipal service review of the Huntington Municipal Water District, Palmdale Water District and Sativa Water District and authorized the EO to execute a contract with GEI Consultants, Inc., after approval as to form by Legal Counsel, for the MSR not-to-exceed the amount of \$95,870.

Commissioner Dear asked why those specific districts were selected for MSRs. The EO responded those were recommended in the first round of MSRs due to some issues that came up.

Commissioner Spence asked why LAFCO was doing this. The EO responded that in 2000 the law was amended to require the preparation of Municipal Service Reviews.

Commissioner Kawasaki asked if they contacted the Special Districts and if they are aware this MSR was going to be conducted and asked if they had concerns. The EO stated the 14 Special Districts and the 9 Cities had already received surveys and are aware they are the subject of these MSRs.

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The following item was called up as an informational item:

East Los Angeles Incorporation Status Report.

The EO stated on the September 14th LAFCO Hearing the Commission released a Public Hearing Comprehensive Fiscal Analysis for East Los Angeles, the 30-day period in which the request for State Controller Review ends on Monday, October 17th 2011 at 5:00pm and stated LAFCO had not received a request for State Controller Review as of Wednesday, October 12, 2011, The EO stated he would alert the Commission via e-mail if a request is received or if the deadline is met and no request is received.

The EO Stated there was two potential dates for the Public Hearing CFA: November 9, 2011 (if LAFCO does not receive a request for State Controller Review), or January 11, 2012 (if LAFCO does receive a request for State Controller review) The EO stated staff has alerted the proponents concerning the potential public Hearing Dates.

Chair Gladbach announced there were two members in the audience who wished to speak on the East Los Angeles Incorporation Item.

The EO swore in members of the audience who planned to testify and had not been sworn in.

Eddie Torres- Resident of East Los Angeles, in opposition to incorporation.

Samuel Barraza- Resident of East Los Angeles, in favor of incorporation.

Commissioner Pellissier asked if the proponents had met with the County's Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"). Supervisor Molina stated that the two parties had met and that the CEO had rejected several suggestions from the proponents but invited the proponents back if there were additional ideas.

Commissioner Mitchell asked if the effects of SB89 were factored into the Public Hearing CFA. The EO responded that the Public Hearing CFA calculated that there would be no VLF transfer to the new city, consistent with the law as it exists today.

Commissioner Spence asked if the State runs an audit who would be required to pay for that and is there an estimate as to how much it would cost. The EO responded LAFCO requires that anyone requesting state controller review file an application and submit a \$25,000 dollar deposit to LAFCO which would be forward to the state, but we have no estimate of how much the total would be until they receive a request.

Commissioner LaBonge asked if there was an East Los Angeles postal zone, Commissioner Molina responded Yes, it does have a postal zone.

Public Speaker Eddie Torres asked if there was an amendment to any of the reports. The EO responded the public hearing CFA, which is the latest document is available on the LAFCO website as well as the four libraries in East L.A., any other amendments done you can find on the LAFCO website.

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Proposed Memorandum of Understanding with San Bernardino LAFCO.

On motion of Commissioner LaBonge, seconded by Commissioner Pellissier, unanimously carried, the Commission Authorized the Chair to sign the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with San Bernardino LAFCO.

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Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Dear stated he attended the annual CALAFCO conference and reported that some of the LAFCOs are getting independent legal counsel rather than using the counties for fear of conflict of interest. Chair Gladbach stated L.A.LAFCO has done that in the past. The EO stated the concept of that is to have a contract with a firm that can be used as a back up when needed, rather than search around when needed. The EO suggested putting this item in a future meeting so staff can look in to it and bring different options to the commission. Commissioner Pellissier and Commissioner Spence stated they gathered lots of interesting information at the conference.

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Executive Officer's Report

The EO stated Staff would like to cancel the monthly meeting in December which is currently scheduled for December 14th due to the office relocation to Pasadena.

On motion of Commissioner Yaroslavksy, seconded by Commissioner Dear, unanimously carried, the Commission authorized the EO to cancel the December 14th, meeting.

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Future Meetings:

November 9, 2011
January 11, 2012

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Future Agenda Items:

None.

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On motion of Commissioner Spence, seconded by Commissioner Dear, unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul A. Novak, AICP
Executive Officer