

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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LAFCO AGENDA

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

9:30 a.m.

Room 525, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

1) ROLL CALL

2) MINUTES

a) September 5, 2007

3) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Anyone may briefly address the Commission concerning items not on the agenda.

4) PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

5) OTHER BUSINESS

a) Draft Policy to Implement Assembly Bill 745 Concerning Disclosure of Political Contributions and Expenditures Regarding LAFCO Proceedings

b) Completion of Countywide Service Review and Request for Affected Affected Agency Board Feedback on South County Fire Service Study

c) Five-Year Sphere of Influence Reviews

d) Status of Proposals, Including Proposed Formation of Bonny Doon Fire Protection District

e) Final Legislative Report from 2007 Session

f) LAFCO Meeting Dates for 2008

g) Status of City of Watsonville Planning Activities in Measure U Growth Areas

6) PRESS ARTICLES

County Fire

- a) September 14 Sentinel article:
Mail-in ballot seeks money for fire
- b) September 14 Pajaronian article:
Without fee, fire station could close
- c) September 21 Sentinel opinion:
See through the tax propoganda
- d) September 25 – October 22 Valley Post article:
Rural residents to decide future of County fire stations in tax ballot
- e) October 22 Pajaronian article:
County says it's just the facts in voting materials for fire measure
- f) October 26 Press/Banner article:
Fire tax hike no sure thing as objections mount
- g) October 26 Press/Banner editorial:
The voters acted; here's what they got
- h) November 2 Press/Banner article:
Curtailed fire service possible after failed tax hike
- i) November 20 Valley Post & November 27 – December 10 Mid-County Post article:
Voters reject tax increase for rural fire protection

Bonny Doon Fire

- j) September 28 Press/Banner article:
Bonny Doon fire gets impatient with LAFCO
- k) October 26 Sentinel article:
Bonny Doon fire district plan not affected by vote against county fire tax increase

Miscellaneous Fire

- l) August 31 Press/Banner article:
Survey shows support for BL fire station bond
- m) October 25 New York Times article:
Firefighters get control as questions rise

Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency

- n) September 13 Pajaronian article:
PVWMA back to the drawing board
- o) September 13 Sentinel article:
California Supreme Court: P.V. water agency charged millions in illegal fees
- p) September 14 Monterey Herald article:
Water agency to repay fees
- q) September 19 Pajaronian letter to the editor:
PVWMA must include public in its plans
- r) September 22 Pajaronian article:
Water agency in dire straits following court decision
- s) September 29 Pajaronian letter to the editor:
Attend water board meetings to protect our water
- t) October 4 Sentinel article:
Pajaro Valley water users get break on fees

Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (continued)

- u) October 10 Sentinel article:
Watsonville to sell water bonds; repayment by P.V. water agency uncertain
- v) October 11 Pajaronian article:
Council borrows \$36 million to bide time for PVWMA
- w) October 17 Pajaronian article:
SC County leaders look at ways to save PVWMA
- x) November 2 Sentinel article:
Pajaro Valley forum tackles water woes
- y) November 5 Pajaronian article:
PVWMA board members, irrigators offered advice at local water forum
- z) November 8 Sentinel article:
P.V. water agency to refund taxpayers for illegal fees
- aa) November 21 Pajaronian article:
County issues deadline to water agency
- bb) November 24 Pajaronian article:
The go-to expert on the future of PV water

Cal Am

- cc) October 18 Monterey Herald article:
Cal Am to run new desal plant
- dd) November 15 Sentinel article:
RWE puts off sale of American Water

Felton Water

- ee) August 8 Press/Banner article:
FLOW vs. Cal-Am
- ff) August 28 – September 24 Valley Post article:
Cal Am's proposal for a new well rejected
- gg) September 19 Press/Banner article:
Breaking news: Cal Am moving forward with Felton well
- hh) October 6 Sentinel opinion:
There's only one right petition
- ii) October 19 Sentinel Coast Lines article:
Utilities panel grants FLOW legal fees
- jj) November 23 Press/Banner article:
Cal-Am wants residents to pay FLOW legal fees

San Lorenzo Valley Water District

- kk) September 5 Sentinel article:
Dry conditions prompt tougher water restrictions in SLV
- ll) September 17 Sentinel Coast Lines article:
District requires less water usage

Santa Cruz City Water

- mm) September 18 Sentinel article:
Santa Cruz leaders say construction leaves water supply vulnerable

UC Santa Cruz

- nn) August 29 Sentinel article:
Judge orders UC Santa Cruz to deal with city's concerns about growth
- oo) September 2 Sentinel editorial:
As we see it: UC needs better strategies
- pp) September 12 – September 19 Santa Cruz Metro article:
UCSC plan slammed
- qq) September 22 Sentinel article:
Judge stalls construction of UCSC biomedical center
- rr) September 25 Sentinel article:
Mayor, chancellor to talk

City of Watsonville

- ss) October 23 Pajaronian article:
Council may quicken job growth in industrial park
- tt) November 13 – November 26 Mid-County Post article:
Buena Vista development lawsuit still under review
- uu) November 20 Pajaronian letter to the editor:
Watsonville Airport hovering in litigation

Boulder Creek Recreation and Park District

- vv) August 31 Press/Banner commentary:
Rec district cites accomplishments
- ww) October 26 Press/Banner article:
Martin resigns from BC rec board

Miscellaneous

- xx) August 31 Press/Banner article:
Scotts Valley sues county over property taxes
- yy) October 15 Sentinel article:
Mid-County elections to bring little change to 'privates'

7) CLOSED SESSION

- a) Performance Evaluation of LAFCO Executive Officer Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

8) OPEN SESSION

- a) Annual Review of Staff Salaries and Benefits

9) ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 2, 2008.

Campaign Contributions

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