

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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LAFCO AGENDA

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

9:30 a.m.

Room 525, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

1) ROLL CALL

2) MINUTES

a) January 9, 2008

3) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

4) PUBLIC HEARINGS

a) Spheres of Influence Reviews for:

(1) City of Scotts Valley

(2) City of Watsonville

(3) Ben Lomond Fire Protection District

(4) Boulder Creek Fire Protection District

(5) County Service Area 48 – County Fire

(6) Felton Fire Protection District

(7) Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District

(8) Zayante Fire Protection District

b) Proposed LAFCO Budget for FY 2008-2009

5) OTHER BUSINESS

a) Legislation

b) Public Member and Public Alternate Terms Ending in May, Notice Process

c) Status of Proposals

6) PRESS ARTICLES

Bonny Doon Fire

- a) February 15 Sentinel article:
Proposed Bonny Doon fire district might double in size
- b) February 15 Press/Banner article:
Bonny Doon garage destroyed by Friday morning fire

County Fire

- c) February 12 Sentinel article:
County looks to cut back fire services
- d) February 12 Pajaronian article:
Board of Supervisors to consider County Fire funding
- e) February 13 Pajaronian article:
County to reduce firefighters in some stations

Fire Miscellaneous

- f) January 25 Press/Banner article:
SV fire district works to increase staffing
- g) February 14 Sign On San Diego online article:
Kehoe's plan would assist fire protection

Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency

- h) January 17 Sentinel article:
P.V. water agency reorganizes
- i) January 19 Pajaronian article:
Optimism marks final PVWMA water forum
- j) January 29 Sentinel article:
Pajaro Valley water agency must swallow \$13.5 million bill:
Settlement reached in lawsuits
- k) January 29 Pajaronian article:
Water agency settles package of lawsuits for \$3 million
- l) February 9 Sentinel article:
Watsonville water customers in line for rebates
- m) February 13 Pajaronian opinion:
Water – the valley's elephant in the living room
- n) February 21 Sentinel article:
New lawsuit imperils P.V. water agency
- o) February 22 Pajaronian article:
PV water agency, already crippled, dealt one more blow
- p) February 23 Sentinel Coast Lines:
Judge Oks water agency agreement

Soquel Creek Water District

- q) January 8 Sentinel article:
Soquel Creek Water District recommends hikes in rates, service charge
- r) February 18 Sentinel As You See It:
Protest rising water costs
- s) February 19 Sentinel Coast Lines:
Water rate hike on tap in Mid-County
- t) February 21 Sentinel article:
Soquel Creek Water District pumps rates

Cal Am

- u) January 15 – February 11 Valley Post article:
Web Update: Judge rejects CalAm's motion to discuss acquisition lawsuit
- v) January 19 Sentinel article:
FLOW lawsuit stays afloat: Felton water control fight head to court this spring
- w) January 25 Sentinel article:
Cal-Am loses bid to stop Felton condemnation
- x) February 5 Sentinel article:
Cal Am lowers proposed rate hike for Felton
- y) February 26 Sentinel article:
Cal Am will suggest spreading fee to Monterey
- z) January 29 Reuters UK online article:
Text - S&P release on American Water Works

Miscellaneous Water

- aa) February 19 – March 3 Mid-County Post article:
Heavy rains help Santa Cruz water supply
- bb) February 20 Monterey County Herald article:
Several smaller desal plants proposed

Miscellaneous

- cc) January 18 Press/Banner article:
Felton MAC gets thumbs up from Pescadero MAC head
- dd) February 2 Inside Bay Area online article:
Court OKs district growth
- ee) February 12 Pajaronian article:
City of Watsonville predicts \$1.7 million deficit in 2008

7) ADJOURNMENT

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

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