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LAFCO AGENDA

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

9:30 a.m.

Room 525, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

- 1) ROLL CALL
  
- 2) MINUTES
  - a) August 5, 2009
  - b) September 2, 2009
  
- 3) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
  - a) Anyone may briefly address the Commission concerning items not on the agenda.
  
- 4) PUBLIC HEARING
  - a) None
  
- 5) OTHER BUSINESS
  - a) Preliminary Discussion of Revisions to LAFCO's Policies Concerning Water Services
  - b) Legislation  
The Commission may consider taking a position on any pending legislation.
  - c) Status of Proposals
  - d) Meeting Schedule for 2010
  - e) Follow-Up from CALAFCO Conference
  - f) Annual Review of Staff Salaries and Benefits

6) WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

- a) October 6, 2009 letter from Community Water Coalition to Santa Cruz City Council concerning CEMEX application to expand its North Coast/Bonny Doon Quarry
- b) October 13, 2009 letter from Community Water Coalition to Santa Cruz City Council concerning Water Supply Assessment
- c) October 26, 2009 letter from Community Water Coalition to Santa Cruz City Council concerning Water Supply Assessment

7) PRESS ARTICLES

Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency

- a) August 29 Pajaronian article:  
PVWMA's finances continue to sink
- b) October 21 Sentinel article:  
Proposed fee on water consumption could net agency \$10.5 million a year

Miscellaneous Water

- c) October 5 Press Banner article:  
Lompico County Water District under investigation by Grand Jury
- d) October 25 Sentinel article:  
Water officials talk about impact of climate change on groundwater supplies

Bonny Doon Fire

- e) September 8 Press Banner article:  
Lockheed Martin donates \$10K to Bonny Doon Fire
- f) September 9 Sentinel article:  
Bonny Doon volunteer firefighters get unexpected gift
- g) September 18 Press Banner article:  
A hearty thank-you in Bonny Doon

Miscellaneous Fire

- h) September 1 Sacramento Bee article:  
Dan Walters: Let rural Californians share the cost of firefighting

City of Watsonville

- i) September 8 Pajaronian opinion:  
Another example of why we need our airport
- j) September 16 Pajaronian opinion:  
City should've sought public consensus from the start
- k) September 29 Pajaronian article:  
Historic home in foreclosure

UC Santa Cruz

- l) September 12 Sentinel opinion:  
Growth not taken into account
- m) October 14 Sentinel article:  
UCSC water needs to be met during normal rain years  
according to city study

8) CLOSED SESSION

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

9) ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at 9:30  
a.m.

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