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LAFCO AGENDA

Wednesday, January 6, 2010

9:30 a.m.

Room 525, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

- 1) ROLL CALL

- 2) MINUTES
 - a) November 4, 2009

- 3) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

- 4) PUBLIC HEARING
 - a) Extraterritorial Water Service by the Watsonville Water Department to the Minto Place Apartments – LAFCO No. 932

- 5) OTHER BUSINESS
 - a) Comments on Draft Environmental Impact Report for City of Santa Cruz Sphere of Influence Amendment and Provision of Extraterritorial Water and Sewer Service
 - b) Appointment of a Committee to Work on Revisions to LAFCO's Water Policies
 - c) Feedback to CALAFCO Concerning Restructuring its Organization into Regions
 - d) Status of Proposals
 - e) Elect LAFCO Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2010

6) WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

- a) September 22, 2009 Letter of Executive Officer to California Public Utilities Commission Concerning Redwood Lodge Water Company

7) PRESS ARTICLES

Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency

- a) October 24 Pajaronian article:
Water agency to consider new rate structure
- b) October 24 Pajaronian opinion:
Critical decisions ahead on valley's groundwater
- c) October 27 Sentinel article:
Drive to repeal Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency water fee halted
- d) October 29 Sentinel article:
Proposed P.V. water fee faces opposition
- e) October 29 Pajaronian article:
PVWMA floats plan for rate increase
- f) October 29 Pajaronian letter to the editor:
Time to do away with PVWMA
- g) October 31 Pajaronian letter to the editor:
PVWMA's newest idea would also be illegal
- h) November 3 Pajaronian letter to the editor:
PVWMA and city officials are not listening
- i) November 5 Pajaronian article:
PVWMA rate recommendation to go before voters
- j) November 5 Pajaronian opinion:
Let's have an honest discussion about our water
- k) November 7 Pajaronian opinion:
PVWMA's proposed fees are fair and reasonable
- l) November 14 Pajaronian article:
New water source celebrated
- m) November 21 Pajaronian article:
Osmer resigns as chairman of PVWMA board
- n) November 28 Pajaronian opinion:
Water users should get prepared to vote no
- o) December 16 Pajaronian article:
PVWMA to send out new round of refunds

Pajaro/Sunny Mesa Community Services District

- p) November 7 Pajaronian article:
Pajaro/Sunny Mesa files opening argument in appeal
- q) December 16 Sentinel article:
Pajaro water district seeks nearly \$1 million from P.V. water agency
- r) December 22 Sentinel article:
Questions surface about Pajaro water board's leadership
- s) December 22 Sentinel As You See It opinion:
Wasteful government
- t) December 22 Pajaronian letter to the editor:
Pajaro/Sunny Mesa ratepayers should know what's happening
- u) December 23 Sentinel Article:
Proposed Pajaro water hike unleashes flood of complaints

Soquel Creek Water District

- v) November 5 Sentinel article:
Water could cost 30 percent more for Soquel Creek's 49,000 customers
- w) November 17 Sentinel opinion:
Thomas LaHue: Tough decision on raising rates
- x) November 18 Sentinel article:
Soquel Creek Water District slashes rate increase to 5 percent
after deluge of public comment
- y) November 19 Sentinel opinion:
As We See It: Water crisis moves downstream
- z) November 20 – November 26 Mid-County Post article:
Soquel Creek reduces water price hike for a year

Scotts Valley Water District

- aa) November 13 Press Banner article:
SV to consider water rate increase
- bb) November 27 – December 3 Mid-County Post article:
Scotts Valley's high-volume water users may see rate increase

Miscellaneous Water

- cc) October 28 Press Banner article:
Lompico water board members look to mend rift
- dd) November 17 Sentinel article:
Santa Cruz County won't see major benefits from state water package
- ee) November 29 Sentinel opinion:
Toby Goddard and Bill Kocher: Balance, compromise keys to
reliable water supply

Davenport

- ff) December 4 Sentinel article:
Rural residents get lesson on improving drainage on private roads
- gg) December 4 Sentinel article:
Long, hot showers to return to Davenport

Miscellaneous

- hh) November 9 California Planning and Development Review article:
Social justice advocates make case for annexation
- ii) December 21 PublicCEO.com article:
Counties seek to improve regional fire and emergency services

8) ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, at 9:30 a.m.

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