



PROCEEDINGS OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

Wednesday, January 3, 2018  
10:00 a.m.

Supervisors Chambers  
701 Ocean Street, Room 525  
Santa Cruz, California

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The January 3, 2018 Santa Cruz Local Agency Formation Commission meeting is called to order by declaration of Chairperson LaHue.

ROLL CALL

Present and Voting:	Commissioners J. Anderson, Leopold, Bottorff, Lind, Coonerty, and Chairperson LaHue
Absent:	R. Anderson, Friend
Alternates Present:	None
Alternates Absent:	Bobbe, Lather, Terrazas
Staff:	Patrick M. McCormick, Executive Officer Jason Heath, LAFCO Counsel Debra Means, Secretary-Clerk

MINUTES

MOTION AND ACTION

Motion: Leopold Second: J. Anderson	To approve December 6, 2017 minutes. Motion carries with an abstention from Commissioner Coonerty.
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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Danita Springmeyer, who lives in Bonny Doon within County Fire’s jurisdiction, brought a letter to the Commission. In November of 2016, this Commission voted to review the Aptos/La Selva and Central Fire Protection Districts (FPDs) as well as County Fire, County Service Area (CSA) 48. These reviews have not been completed yet. There is work being done for Central and Aptos/La Selva FPDs, but not CSA 48.

California law is specific about sphere of influence and service reviews for special districts. LAFCO is required to complete sphere of influence reviews every five years to pave the way for a service review. LAFCO’s work program shows that the last time CSA 48 was reviewed was in 2007, which was ten years ago, making the reviews five and six years late.

She urges the Commission to begin the review of CSA 48 which covers 65% of Santa Cruz County. Fire service in rural areas is important because response can be delayed by distance and the availability of local firefighters.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PAJARO VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY (PVWMA)  
RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 2049 (COLLEGE LAKE)  
SERVICE AND SPHERE OF INFLUENCE REVIEW

Mr. McCormick reports that this is a continued hearing. Staff was asked to address several issues and meet with representatives of each agency.

He met with representatives of both agencies and made a few changes in the review document and the draft resolutions. There is an addenda sheet that covers both the PVWMA and Reclamation District No. 2049.

Commissioner Leopold appreciates revisions to the financial information.

Chairperson LaHue invites public comment, and there is none.

MOTION AND ACTION

Motion: Leopold Second: J. Anderson	To accept the service review as revised and adopt Resolution No. 2018-1 for Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency. Motion carries with a unanimous voice vote.
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MOTION AND ACTION

Motion: J. Anderson Second: Leopold	To accept the service review as revised and adopt Resolution No. 2018-2 for Reclamation District No. 2049 (College Lake). Motion carries with a unanimous voice vote.
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OTHER BUSINESS

SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (SDRMA), RESOLUTION DECLARING BOARD MEMBERS TO BE COVERED BY WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Mr. McCormick says the Commission gets some of its insurances through SDRMA. SDRMA is requesting that each agency confirm the range of employees, board members, and volunteers that are covered under the Workers' Compensation program.

This Commission has been covering its Commissioners as part of this program and pays a modest premium. SDRMA is requesting a resolution confirming the requested coverage.

This Commission has never had a Workers' Compensation claim. One of the other LAFCOs has had a claim from a Commissioner within the last 15 years.

MOTION AND ACTION

Motion: Leopold Second: Coonerty	To adopt Resolution No. 2018-3 confirming that the Commissioners are covered by Workers' Compensation insurance, as recommended by staff. Motion carries with a unanimous voice vote.
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APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR 2018

MOTION AND ACTION

Motion: J. Anderson Second: LaHue	To appoint Commissioner Leopold as Chairperson for 2018. Motion carries with a unanimous voice vote.
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MOTION AND ACTION

Motion: Leopold Second: Coonerty	To appoint Commissioner J. Anderson as Vice-Chairperson for 2018. Motion carries with a unanimous voice vote.
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2018 CITY APPOINTMENTS TO LAFCO

Mr. McCormick has reminded the cities that the city rotation on LAFCO occurs in May.

CORRESPONDENCE

CONNECTING THE DROPS WATER FORUM

Becky Steinbruner wrote her concerns to LAFCO about the upcoming Connecting the Drops water forum scheduled for February 1<sup>st</sup>. She did not like the format of the last event. She thought it was difficult for the public to hear the speakers as people went to visit the separate tables, and many people left early.

She asks that the format be changed so that, at the end, the public can ask questions at a microphone or by using question cards.

Commissioner Leopold adds that when this Commission adopted their water policy, there were three key elements: information, education, and regulation. Information involves using a common set of metrics to look at water departments. Regulation involves the policies. Education involves educating the public about water at least every other year.

The first water forum was two years ago and it involved every public water district in the County. The County of Santa Cruz timed the event just after the annual release of John Ricker's water report, an inclusive report about water in the County. The key note speaker was John Laird.

The second water forum will have the Deputy Director of the California Department of Water Resources, Teryn Ravazzini, as key note speaker. After discussions with the Integrated Water Management Foundation and County staff, it was decided that the focus of this water forum will be groundwater sustainability.

The format will be slightly different than the first water forum. The information stations will be at the beginning of the program instead of the end of the program. There will be some time to talk to the speakers.

#### COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Leopold reports that CALAFCO is still searching for an author to help actualize a section of the Little Hoover Commission report that will provide one-time funding for LAFCOs to prepare special reports about improving the efficiency of special districts. They are hoping the State will provide up to \$3 million for producing these reports dealing with efficiencies, consolidations, or mergers.

The meeting is adjourned at 10:22 a.m. The next LAFCO meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 7, 2018.

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CHAIRPERSON THOMAS R. LAHUE

Attest:

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Patrick M. McCormick, Executive Officer