

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

Wednesday, November 7, 2018 10:00 a.m.

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

The November 7, 2018 Santa Cruz Local Agency Formation Commission meeting is called to order by declaration of Chairperson Leopold.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

MOTION

Motion: Terrazas	To approve August 1, 2018 minutes with minor correction in roll call.
Second: Coonerty	Motion carries with Commissioner Lather abstaining.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

<u>Robley Levy</u> is a former LAFCO Commissioner who helped put together a recent publication by the Museum of Art and History. It contains articles about land use actions over the last 50 years. She wrote one of the articles in this book about Pajaro Valley and why its agriculture is still protected. Many land use wars took place.

She spent a lot of time with Mr. McCormick gathering information. He has an incredible institutional memory which contributed to the article. Laws that require LAFCO to consider the balance between resources and demands for service, and to protect agricultural lands had a major role in the article's content.

She presents to the Commission a copy of the first draft of history about matters of land use. Articles in the book are written by people who are engaged in those battles. She thanks Mr. McCormick for adding extra details from his historical records.

<u>Chairperson Leopold</u> thanks Ms. Levy for her service on LAFCO and her contribution to writing the journal. He read the journal and he encourages the Commission to read it. Mr. McCormick will be retiring in 2019 and this journal will provide help for his successor. It is a nice overview of some key land use battles and the role that LAFCO played to shape the community.

<u>Mr. McCormick</u> notes that the two Commissioners who have sat on LAFCO the longest are Ms. Levy and Commissioner Roger Anderson. Commissioner Roger Anderson has served for 24 years and Ms. Levy served for 21 years.

<u>Becky Steinbruner</u>, a rural Aptos resident, acknowledges Ms. Levy for her continuing participation in local issues.

She is concerned that there may have been deceptive wording used in the ballot information that Measure G would support fire. County Fire does not get funding from the County's general fund. The sales tax increase will not help County Fire's budget. A tax increase for County Service Area (CSA) 48 was asked to be put on this November ballot but it was postponed by the CAO's office. CSA 48 has budgetary difficulties and is not able to meet State recommended staffing levels.

Postponing the increase on the ballot until spring will make the voters think they already supported a tax increase for CSA 48 in Measure G. Voters may not think as much about fire danger in the spring. She does not agree with the CAO postponing CSA 48's tax increase until spring.

Soquel Creek Water District is taking steps toward a rate increase that could be up to 9% every year up to a total of a 42% increase. The purpose of the increase is to pay for an expensive and risky Pure Water Soquel project. Some people were told they would be given the chance to vote on this. She thinks it should require a public vote, but it has been decided by the General Manager not to require one. She thinks the project is a health risk that will affect all users within the Mid-County groundwater basin.

<u>Chairperson Leopold</u> congratulates Commissioner Lather for being re-elected to the Soquel Creek Water Board.

PUBLIC HEARING

SERVICE AND SPHERE REVIEWS FOR APTOS / LA SELVA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND CENTRAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (FPD)

<u>Mr. McCormick</u> reports that this Commission completed an initial service review a year ago for the fire agencies in this County. They decided they wanted a more detailed study of the Mid-

County fire agencies. Since then, this Commission partnered with Aptos / La Selva and Central FPDs to scope, bid and conduct a Mid-County Fire Consolidation Study and Service and Sphere of Influence Review. In August, the three agencies held a joint meeting where the consultant made a presentation of their findings to the public. Findings included operations, opportunities for efficiencies, and all the issues LAFCO is required to review every five years.

The study identified over the short term that there is some operational coordination that could occur. Over the long term, the possibility of a consolidation between the two agencies could benefit both. A consolidated agency would serve 85,000 people and it would be the largest fire agency in the County.

Community TV videotaped the August public meeting and it is available on their website.

Steve Hall, Central Fire Chief, thanks the Commission and LAFCO staff for their support.

After receiving the Mid-County study and having the public meeting, they have received a lot of correspondence and phone calls in support of what they are doing. There is still some cautious optimism about trying to blend two fire districts. They are not rushing this process and they are being meticulous with all the aspects of a consolidation effort.

They have started sharing services and it is working well. As of October 1st, Central FPD's administrative staff is under contract with Aptos / La Selva FPD. Central FPD is providing human resources, finance, payroll, and claim specialists to Aptos / La Selva FPD. Central's staff is working at Aptos' headquarters a couple days per week.

They are working on sharing division chiefs and battalion chiefs. Aptos has a command staff made up of division chiefs and Central has battalion chiefs that handle 24-hour coverage. Those two ranks are sharing services and working on an action plan.

Next, they will be looking at their community risk reduction and fire prevention bureaus being shared. They think this is the most crucial aspect to make sure both districts are safe from wildfires and any other disasters.

Central has successfully reduced their board to five members which was done by a LAFCO process. This will help to align with Aptos' five-member board.

<u>Aaron Lowe</u> has been Aptos / La Selva's Fire Chief for six months. His objective is to do what is best for his district. He has reviewed ESCI and Citygate's studies and he sees opportunities to reduce redundancies between the two fire agencies to improve proactive and reactive response forces. The community risk reduction fire prevention model is their proactive model. They have the obligation to protect their community with plan checks, road maintenance and wildland protection. They also must protect those who visit their community.

It is important for them to use their money more efficiently and effectively. The ESCI study provided some opportunities to look at modular approaches to shared services. The community, the districts, and the labor union can all move forward at a gradual pace to find

what is best for the districts. Engaging the community is very important and the ESCI study is a good road map for having data to make decisions.

<u>Craig Chatterton</u> asks who will make the decision about whether consolidation is the answer and what process would it take. There is some reference in the packet what the board's role would be, but he wonders if LAFCO will make that decision, and whether the community will have some say in a ballot initiative.

He asks about page 5 in the section about number of incidents. The incidents are separated by districts. 59% of incidents is a joint number and it is not distinguishing whether those incidents have the same percentages for the respective districts. He thinks it would be more appropriate if those numbers reflected each of the districts.

<u>Ms. Steinbruner</u> says her neighborhood is served by Aptos / La Selva FPD for structure fires and medical calls and Corralitos CalFire responds to wildland calls. She commends Chief Lowe for healing unfortunate events that happened before he was hired.

She wonders who will make this decision about whether to consolidate, if it will be put to a vote, and what kinds of public outreach there will be for them to weigh in. She also asks how the consolidation would affect neighborhoods that are served under contract, how it would affect response levels and times to rural areas around Day Valley and Larkin Valley.

She read that the plan is to close Capitola Village and Soquel Village fire stations so she asks what will happen to take up the slack. There is the possibility of working with Soquel Creek Water District to put a station behind the district office and she wonders what the costs would be.

There are recommendations to cluster rapid response units around the 41st Avenue area. If that happens, she asks how resources will be allocated to extend good protection to Aptos / La Selva's rural areas. County Fire was initially included in this study, so she wants County Fire to be kept in mind as this process moves forward.

Unfunded pension liability needs to be addressed. She wants to know which fire chief would take over the consolidated agency.

<u>Chairperson Leopold</u> says there are two elected boards which will play the main role in leading this effort. It will also include this LAFCO Commission which is made up of mostly elected officials so there are many public representatives who will be involved. No decision will be made on a future consolidation or merger unless those boards are interested in moving forward.

LAFCO can initiate this, but it has not been the interest of this Commission. The initial steps of sharing services is a good first step.

The study pointed out how it could look but it is not a mandate for how it will look. If a decision is made to consolidate services or merge the districts, there will be a plan assessed

by each of the boards. LAFCO would also assess to make sure it meets the needs of the community. It is a shared common goal to keep the responsibilities of each district intact and not to leave out any part of their service areas. The report provides good information about how it could be done and that it is possible.

A big issue that will need to be addressed in any kind of consolidation or merger will be dealing with the disparities in pay, pension and post-employment liabilities. This was identified in the study, but more work would need to be done.

Whether there will be a vote of the people will be determined by what form this takes and what resources are needed. If there are additional resources needed, there may be a measure that needs to go on the ballot.

<u>Commissioner Terrazas</u> appreciates having an outside consultant conduct thorough research. He asks how LAFCO will be involved in reviewing the results. In Santa Cruz, there was a merger with the City's fire department and UC Santa Cruz and it led to improved service. It would be nice to simplify this process for other agencies. He wonders how to encourage these service reviews to be done for other jurisdictional overlaps in this County.

<u>Mr. McCormick</u> says a good model would be the consolidation merger of Lompico and San Lorenzo Valley Water Districts. State law specifies the process and there many opportunities for the public to get involved.

The basic process is for the two districts to continue talking until they come up with a deal. They can use the consultant's study to inform their discussions. They can pick and choose suggestions and come up with additional refinements.

The two districts would each take a resolution of application to LAFCO before their respective boards. That resolution would contain pre-negotiated and quantified important details and be reviewed by attorneys. By a majority vote of each board following a public hearing, they would apply to LAFCO to merge.

He would produce an analysis of the proposal that would include whether it is feasible, whether it is being done the best way possible, and whether there are parties in the community that are harmed. The proposal could be improved upon if needed. There would be a public hearing in front of LAFCO whether the application should be approved. LAFCO hears from the public and decides to approve, deny or conditionally approve the application following the public hearing.

If LAFCO approves the application, LAFCO's Executive Officer conducts a protest period where either the voters or the property owners within the consolidation area can protest. If there is 25% protest of the property owners or 25% protest of the registered voters, then the matter is submitted to an election. If there is not enough protest, then it happens without the benefit of an additional election.

The legislature is trying to balance an accelerated process versus when a proposal needs to go to an election.

<u>Commissioner Lind</u> says LAFCO reached out to all fire agencies in the County to see if there were any other fire districts that wanted to be considered in a consolidation study. Aptos / La Selva and Central FPDs were the only fire districts interested.

<u>Chairperson Leopold</u> adds that County Fire was included in the initial discussion, but it was decided to just include Aptos / La Selva and Central. County Fire (CSA 48) could still be considered later. Just two fire districts would be a significant effort and it would build a base for adding more fire districts in the future.

Consolidation and mergers can be encouraged through doing municipal service reviews (MSRs). MSRs are a mandated regular process that looks at special districts to determine whether they are operating in the most efficient way possible. Special studies can be done to dig deeper such as this fire study. LAFCO has engaged in expensive fire studies that have not produced any results. There is a good opportunity for results this time.

MOTION AND ACTION

Motion: Terrazas Second: Lind	To approve Draft Resolutions No. 2018-13 for Aptos / La Selva FPD and 2018-14 for Central FPD, as recommended by staff.
	Motion carries with a unanimous voice vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

RESIGNATION OF PUBLIC ALTERNATE CHERIE BOBBE

MOTION AND ACTION

Motion: R. Anderson	To approve Resolution No. 2018-15, Resolution of Appreciation for
Second: Lather	Cherie Bobbe, as recommended by staff.
	Motion carries with a unanimous voice vote.

<u>Ms. Steinbruner</u> appreciates Ms. Bobbe's dedicated service on LAFCO, particularly on water issues.

INITIATE PROCESS TO FILL PUBLIC ALTERNATE VACANCY

<u>Mr. McCormick</u> says filling the vacancy will involve advertising and receiving applications.

<u>Commissioner Terrazas</u> asks if the Commission reviews appointments from the City Selection Committee and County Board Chair before their recommendations.

<u>Mr. McCormick</u> clarifies that there are several categories of Commissioners: public, county, city, and special district. They each have different processes for designations to LAFCO. For

the public member, the county, city and special district LAFCO Commissioners decide who the public members will be. Staff advertises and receives the applications, and the applications are submitted to the Commission. The Commission may choose to oral interviews in an open session. The Commission votes with a super majority requirement. The public member does not vote for the public alternate. The six other Commissioners vote to seat the public or public alternate position. There must be a positive vote from one city, one county and one special district Commissioner for the candidate to be appointed. The minimum advertising requirement may not make the applications available in time for the December meeting, so it will probably be January before the Commission sees the applications.

<u>Ms. Steinbruner</u> is interested in the Public Alternate position. She asks how the position will be noticed and advertised.

<u>Chairperson Leopold</u> answers that the available position will be posted in different publications. Commissioners can also reach out to identify potential applicants.

MOTION AND ACTION

Motion: Lather	To fill the vacancy for Alternate Public Member.
Second: Coonerty	Motion carries with a unanimous voice vote.

REVIEW OFFICE LEASE IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL CENTER

<u>Mr. McCormick</u> reports that the Commission can choose office space wherever they think it serves the public best. They have rented space in the County Building for many years. The County is offering a lease extension without a price increase.

MOTION AND ACTION

Motion: J. Anderson	To approve the extension of the office lease at the County Building,
Second: R. Anderson	as recommended by staff.
	Motion carries with a unanimous voice vote.

STATUS OF WORK PROGRAM

<u>Mr. McCormick</u> reports that the work program has been set up to get the current round of service reviews done by the end of this current fiscal year, June 30, 2019. Staff has been completing most of the service reviews and a few of them have been done using the Professional Services budget by hiring consultants.

The City of Santa Cruz is next in line for completing a service review. He does not expect it to be a major project. Three more service reviews for three small county service areas should be done in-house before he retires. The Commission has a budget built up over many years that they could use to help with service reviews. He has spoken with a consultant about doing a sole source contract. He does not yet know how much it would cost.

The Commission has bunched all the sanitation districts together on purpose. He wonders if the County and the other sanitation agencies (besides the cities) should reorganize so that there is a single sanitation body in this County that handles all the wastewater, except for the three cities that have their own wastewater plant.

He will be meeting with staff from the biggest sanitation district, the County's sanitation district, to discuss whether they are interested in any type of consolidation. The consultant he has in mind to help with this is local and has done work for Santa Cruz LAFCO before. He will try to get a price and a scope of work to hopefully get the project done before the end of this fiscal year. This would deplete the Professional Services reserve, so it would need to be built back up at maybe \$20,000 per year to prepare for the next round of reviews.

As he retires, there will be costs to pay for his payout. There will be a new staff member with perhaps a different level of compensation. He should overlap with the new employee to help with training. There will be extra costs in Personnel this year and the only place to cover those extra costs is in Professional Services budget. Some money would have to be over if it becomes a significant amount.

If the new Executive Officer is experienced in writing service reviews and easily trained, it may make more sense for that person to handle the studies in-house. In that case, the reviews may not be done this fiscal year, but possibly by December 30th. He asks the Commission if he should get a sole source contract that meets the deadline, or if they want to defer making the decision for a few more months, keeping more money and using staff time rather than contracting out.

<u>Commissioner Roger Anderson</u> thinks it is important to consider whether there should be a master sanitation district. It would influence the scope of work for the service reviews being considered. It should be explicitly stated the interest in having a master sanitation district explored.

<u>Commissioner Jim Anderson</u> asks if it is possible to get a ballpark figure on the cost of such as study. There is a history of delaying the timelines. Considering a consolidation is an important issue.

<u>Commissioner Terrazas</u> asks which reviews the Commission is required to do within a certain amount of time, and which reviews should be completed soon.

<u>Mr. McCormick</u> replies that all the reviews are overdue. State law requires reviews to be completed every five years. The Commission discussed how to avoid legal exposure. Their practice has been that if an application is submitted that concerns one of the agencies that does not have an updated review, that agency's service review gets completed before the application is heard before the Commission. This minimizes the Commission's legal liability because no action is taken until there is a completed service review.

The Commission is still committed to completing all the reviews as quickly as possible.

<u>Commissioner Terrazas</u> thinks 1992 was the last time the City of Santa Cruz' review was done.

<u>Mr. McCormick</u> says there was a specific review prepared for the City when the University's applied to LAFCO. Because there was litigation, it was never adopted by this Commission. There is more recent information than 1992's review but in 1992, it went to a public hearing and was adopted.

<u>Commissioner Terrazas</u> asks if a city or another jurisdiction asked for a more comprehensive review and was willing to contribute towards the cost. He would like a review expanded to cover other areas.

<u>Mr. McCormick</u> says this LAFCO has not done that, but it is common practice at other LAFCOs. He can ask other LAFCOs to see what has worked well for them.

<u>Commissioner Terrazas</u> would like to give that information to their City attorney to be reviewed and put before their council.

<u>Mr. McCormick</u> has already started the City's service review which is based upon this Commission's five-year-old work program. City staff has already responded to a questionnaire. He is doing an analysis based upon the City's questionnaire. An abbreviated, not as comprehensive version of the Commission's study is being used for the City, unlike a longer version used for the two fire districts. There is not enough time to negotiate a big format study for Santa Cruz. He will get the requested information to the City and he recommends not delaying the shorter version study which is on the current work program.

<u>Chairperson Leopold</u> says that when Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act was updated in 2001, the MSR requirement was established to do a study every five years. It has been a big question among LAFCOs whether every five years is too often. Sometimes, not much changes in five years. MSRs can be a lot of work and LAFCO does not get any money from the State to complete MSRs. Santa Cruz LAFCO is out of compliance with their five-year reviews. The idea is to do a shorter review about the changes that have occurred since the last review.

He is interested in getting this round of reviews done before Mr. McCormick retires in order to give the new Executive Officer a clean slate. There are financial implications, but it is wise to get these done. He thinks hiring a consultant to do a sanitation study would be worthwhile.

<u>Commissioner Terrazas</u> would like to see the reviews that were done in 1992 and 1993. He asks what the scope is for the shorter version of a review.

<u>Chairperson Leopold</u> says it is important to meet the legal requirements. There may be an interest from the City of Santa Cruz to do a bigger review in the future.

<u>Commissioner Lather</u> has a long history of dealing with sewers. She wants to make sure there are considerations not to consolidate all the sanitation districts. Maybe Davenport might be better to consolidate with the City of Santa Cruz. Freedom and Salsipuedes would be better

suited to be taken over by the City of Watsonville. All the other districts could possibly be consolidated together.

<u>Ms. Steinbruner</u> asks if the State is recommending a consolidation effort for the sanitation agencies.

<u>Mr. McCormick</u> answers no. It is the Commission's own evaluation. The reorganization of the sanitation agencies has never been tackled, and maybe this is the time to investigate it.

San Lorenzo Valley Water District has a small problematic sewage treatment plant. It is an odd mix of services for them and it is a liability for anyone else to accept. The question is how much money can be committed to fix the system in order to convince a larger agency to take on its operations.

<u>Commissioner Lather</u> adds that Graham Hill and Rolling Woods goes directly into Santa Cruz' sewage treatment plant so they would not be taking too much extra to annex them. The City is charging their sewage rates in addition to Graham Hill and Rolling Woods' sewage rates.

<u>Chairperson Leopold</u> asks if the Commission wants Mr. McCormick to take care of several service reviews and wait for the new Executive Officer before pursuing a large sanitation study, or whether someone who Mr. McCormick identified, should be hired even though there will be more stress on the budget.

<u>Commissioner Terrazas</u> wants the studies completed. He thinks it may be worth having larger studies done. If a review has not been done recently, maybe they should become a more comprehensive review.

<u>Commissioner Roger Anderson</u> asks what the costs would be for this study. He asks if there are any issues of concern.

<u>Mr. McCormick</u> answers that every agency has their own problems. He is not aware of any scandals, but there are significant operating problems in many of the sanitation districts. The large agency and the Mid-County agency would have to consider the terms of what a merger might be. The sanitation districts need to be asked what their interests are and what they would like to see. They may have ideas that this Commission has not thought of.

A consultant does not want to supply an estimate until they receive a detailed scope. He will bring as much information as he can to the next meeting. He will be meeting with the big sanitation districts. He will provide the information to the City of Santa Cruz. There should be some good progress by the next LAFCO meeting. He may have a draft contract to review, a scope of work, and a budget estimate. He can also ask other LAFCOs if they have done similar studies and what they cost.

<u>Commissioner Lind</u> wonders if it would be worthwhile for the new Executive Officer to take on some of these tasks.

<u>Mr. McCormick</u> says he has reviews to work on. The application workload is small. The support to find a replacement is large. He needs to get this process started to meet the June 30, 2019 deadline.

<u>Commissioner Terrazas</u> wants to know what the differences are between the limited scope and the comprehensive reviews.

<u>Mr. McCormick</u> says the Commission determines how detailed the reviews will be. First the agency gets to say what they want, he then makes a determination of what he thinks the scope should be. Then there is a public hearing where the public can tell what they think, and ultimately, the Commission decides. There are four thought processes happening and sometimes it triggers a longer, more costly study.

<u>Chairperson Leopold</u> adds that the initial fire district review was not an in-depth study. In the process of public hearings, it was identified that agencies wanted a more comprehensive study. This process has been working well.

<u>Commissioner Roger Anderson</u> wonders how the Commission can help the new Executive Officer (EO). Mr. McCormick has been extraordinary making contacts with the cities and special districts over his 38 years. Maybe it would be a good first assignment for the new EO to meet the County players.

<u>Mr. McCormick</u> answers that it will depend on the skill set of the new EO. If the new EO is already an experienced LAFCO person, he thinks it would be a good first task. The new EO could do the sanitation study in-house and money could be saved for the next big study. There are no other big projects looming. If the new EO is experienced in other aspects, but weak in doing service reviews, it could be overwhelming for the person to pick up the review as their first project. There is a training curve. It would not be a good first project if they were not experienced in LAFCO. If the studies are deferred until then, it would be a good project to bid out to a consultant.

MOTION AND ACTION

Motion: Terrazas Second: Lather	To complete the reviews by the end of this fiscal year, identify the resources and a consultant to do that, have the scope of work consider different options for consolidating the sanitation districts, and have staff report back at the next meeting.
	Motion carries with a NO from Commissioner Roger Anderson.

REPORTS FROM CALAFCO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

<u>Commissioner Jim Anderson</u> says the Mobile Workshop was a bus ride through some unique areas around Bass Lake and led by representatives from Madera County such as a Supervisor, his assistant, CalFire, and the US Forest Service. The big topic was tree mortality and its increasing rate due to climate change and drought. There is only so much that can be done to mitigate the problem.

He attended the session about LAFCOs role in supporting and encouraging accountability and transparency. It was put on by long time LAFCO members.

The session regarding fire protection services was put on by four fire chiefs throughout the State. There was talk about volunteer fire departments and consolidation. There are State mandated rules and regulations that becoming harder for volunteer departments to accomplish safety training and other educational subjects. Most volunteer departments locally must depend mostly on online training to meet minimum requirements.

A former city manager of Palo Alto spoke of adaptive change. One of his concepts is that it is not the people who are the most literate that are going to survive, it is the people that can adapt to change.

<u>Commissioner Lind</u> says those who experienced recent fires around Oroville and Napa spoke of their challenges and successes. She received good information worth sharing with others.

She was proud to see Mr. McCormick be recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award. It was well-deserved.

<u>Commissioner Roger Anderson</u> shares Commissioner Lind's sentiment about Mr. McCormick's award.

He saw extensive fire damage on the drive up and back from Tenaya Lodge. He thought the subject of fire devastation was lurking in most of the sessions. There is a heightened awareness of the problems such as how will the removal of so many dead trees be paid for.

There were constructional comments in the regional breakout session about financing a LAFCO. He serves on a committee to try to secure more funding for CALAFCO.

He thought the Conference program was rich and that many will miss Commissioner Leopold's leadership.

<u>Chairperson Leopold</u> thinks the Conference was one of the better ones and it had more people in attendance than usual. The evaluations reflected a high rating.

He found the session about municipal service reviews to be informative. They discussed why reviews are done and what people should be getting out of them. Reviews are a key part of LAFCOs but it is not well understood.

The lunchtime discussion, led by the Madera Supervisor and his staff, regarding tree mortality was a real eye opener for him and it made him think differently about similar issues facing Santa Cruz County.

He agrees that it was well-deserving for Mr. McCormick to receive Lifetime Achievement Award.

<u>Mr. McCormick</u> acknowledges Chairperson Leopold's involvement in leading CALAFCO.

STATUS OF PROPOSALS

<u>Mr. McCormick</u> reports that the Atkinson Lane / Pippin Annexation was recorded today. It was a long and involved process when it should have been easy.

LEGISLATION

<u>Chairperson Leopold</u> helped to try and get the first ever State financing for LAFCOs in the history of California. The bill made it through both houses and the governor vetoed it.

MEETING SCHEDULE

MOTION AND ACTION

Motion: Lind	To approve the meeting schedule for 2019 and change January's
Second: R. Anderson	meeting to January 9 th instead of January 2 nd .
	Motion carries with a unanimous voice vote.

* Commissioners Coonerty and Terrazas leave.

RELEASE OF MOSQUITO ABATEMENT AND VECTOR CONTROL, COUNTY SERVICE AREA (CSA) 53 SERVICE AND SPHERE REVIEW

<u>Mr. McCormick</u> reports that CSA 53's review has been released. It provides services to the entire unincorporated area as well as the four cities. There are no major insights. CSA 53 is doing a good job.

<u>Chairperson Leopold</u> went to their recent open house.

MOTION AND ACTION

Motion: J. Anderson	To set a public hearing for December 5, 2018 to consider accepting
Second: Lind	the review, as recommended by staff.
	Motion carries with a unanimous voice vote.

CLOSED SESSION

<u>Chairperson Leopold</u> advises that the closed session is about public employment and the recruitment of a new Executive Officer.

<u>Counsel Miller</u> says there will be no report regarding the closed session.

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CHAIRPERSON JOHN LEOPOLD

Attest:

Patrick M. McCormick, Executive Officer

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