



**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY**

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**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, January 6, 2021  
9:00 a.m.**

**Attend Meeting by Internet:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84006160636?pwd=aE8xaUtVSjRrQWl2Mk10MjN4aFB5QT09>  
(Webinar ID: 840 0616 0636)

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**TELECONFERENCE MEETING PROCESS**

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Based on guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the California Governor's Office, in order to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Santa Cruz LAFCO has established a temporary meeting process:

- a) Commission Quorum: The Governor's Executive Order (N-29-20) indicates that a quorum can consist of Commissioners in person or via teleconference during these unique circumstances. This regular LAFCO meeting will be conducted remotely. A roll call vote will occur on each agenda item that requires Commission action.
- b) Public Comments: For those wishing to make public comments remotely, please submit your comments by email to be read aloud at the meeting by the Commission Clerk. Email comments must be submitted to the Commission Clerk at [info@santacruzlafco.org](mailto:info@santacruzlafco.org). Email comments on matters not on the agenda must be submitted prior to the time the Chair calls for Oral Communications. Email comments on agenda items must be submitted prior to the time the Chair closes public comments on the agenda item.

For those wishing to speak during the online meeting, you must inform LAFCO staff of this request prior to the start of the meeting. If that has occurred, and after being recognized by the Chair, the identified individual will be unmuted and given up to 3 minutes to speak. Following those 3 minutes, their microphone will be muted.

- c) Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities: Santa Cruz LAFCO does not discriminate on the basis of disability, and no person shall, by reason of a disability, be denied the benefits of its services, programs, or activities. If you are a person with a disability and wish to attend the meeting and you require special assistance in order to participate, please contact the Commission Clerk at (831) 454-2055 at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to make arrangements. Persons with disabilities may request a copy of the agenda in an alternative format.

## 1. ROLL CALL

## 2. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MESSAGE

The Executive Officer may make brief announcements in the form of a written report or verbal update, and may not require Commission action.

### a. Remote Meeting Protocol

The Commission will receive an update on the ongoing remote meeting process.

Recommended Action: No action required; Informational item only.

### b. Welcome New Commission Clerk

The Commission will welcome Christopher Carpenter as LAFCO's new Commission Clerk.

Recommended Action: No action required; Informational item only.

## 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Commission will consider approving the minutes from the November 4, 2020 Regular LAFCO Meeting.

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes as presented with any desired changes.

## 4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items not on the agenda, provided that the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the Commission and that no action may be taken on an off-agenda item(s) unless authorized by law.

## 5. SPECIAL BUSINESS

Special business items typically involve resolutions of appreciation for outgoing Commissioners or staff members and are not subject to public hearings.

### a. Resolution of Appreciation for Commissioner John Leopold's Distinguished Public Service and Leadership

The Commission will consider the adoption of a resolution of appreciation for John Leopold's 11 years of service on LAFCO. The Executive Director for the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) will also present a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of CALAFCO.

Recommended Action: Adopt the draft resolution (No. 2021-01).

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

Other business items involve administrative, budgetary, legislative, or personnel matters and may or may not be subject to public hearings.

### a. Appoint New Chair and Vice-Chair

The Commission will consider electing its new Chair and Vice-Chair on LAFCO.

Recommended Action: Elect Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2021 calendar year.

**b. Appoint New Personnel Committee**

The Commission will consider selecting its new personnel committee members.

Recommended Action: Select personnel committee members for a two-year term.

**c. Fire Protection Service and Sphere Review – Proposed Outline**

The Commission will review the proposed outline for the upcoming countywide service and sphere review involving fire protection.

Recommended Action: Discuss and approve the report's proposed outline.

**d. Independent Special District Election Process**

The Commission will receive an update on the upcoming elections for the regular and alternate district seats on LAFCO.

Recommended Action: No action required; Informational item only.

**e. Fire Consolidation Update (LAFCO Project No. DC 20-02)**

The Commission will receive an update on the recently approved fire consolidation.

Recommended Action: No action required; Informational item only.

**7. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

LAFCO staff receives written correspondence and other materials on occasion that may or may not be related to a specific agenda item. Any correspondence presented to the Commission will also be made available to the general public. Any written correspondence distributed to the Commission less than 72 hours prior to the meeting will be made available for inspection at the hearing and posted on LAFCO's website.

**a. State Controller's Office – List of Inactive Districts**

The Commission will receive an update on the State's List of Inactive Districts which includes County Service Area 60 (Huckleberry Island).

Recommended Action: No action required; Informational item only.

**b. State Water Resources Control Board – SLVWD Sphere Support**

The Commission will receive a letter from the State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Drinking Water regarding a recent sphere update for the San Lorenzo Valley Water District.

Recommended Action: No action required; Informational item only.

**8. PRESS ARTICLES**

LAFCO staff monitors newspapers, publications, and other media outlets for any news affecting local cities, districts, and communities in Santa Cruz County. Articles are presented to the Commission on a periodic basis.

**a. Press Articles during the Months of October to December**

The Commission will receive an update on recent LAFCO-related news occurring around the county and throughout California.

Recommended Action: No action required; Informational item only.

## 9. COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

This is an opportunity for Commissioners to comment briefly on issues not listed on the agenda, provided that the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the Commission. No discussion or action may occur or be taken, except to place the item on a future agenda if approved by Commission majority. The public may address the Commission on these informational matters.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

LAFCO's next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

### ADDITIONAL NOTICES:

#### Campaign Contributions

State law (Government Code Section 84308) requires that a LAFCO Commissioner disqualify herself or himself from voting on an application involving an "entitlement for use" (such as an annexation or sphere amendment) if, within the last twelve months, the Commissioner has received \$250 or more in campaign contributions from an applicant, any financially interested person who actively supports or opposes an application, or an agency (such as an attorney, engineer, or planning consultant) representing an applicant or interested participant. The law also requires any applicant or other participant in a LAFCO proceeding to disclose the amount and name of the recipient Commissioner on the official record of the proceeding.

The Commission prefers that the disclosure be made on a standard form that is filed with the Commission's Secretary-Clerk at least 24 hours before the LAFCO hearing begins. If this is not possible, a written or oral disclosure can be made at the beginning of the hearing. The law also prohibits an applicant or other participant from making a contribution of \$250 or more to a LAFCO Commissioner while a proceeding is pending or for 3 months afterward. Disclosure forms and further information can be obtained from the LAFCO office at Room 318-D, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz CA 95060 (phone 831-454-2055).

#### Contributions and Expenditures Supporting and Opposing Proposals

Pursuant to Government Code Sections §56100.1, §56300(b), §56700.1, §59009, and §81000 et seq., and Santa Cruz LAFCO's Policies and Procedures for the Disclosures of Contributions and Expenditures in Support of and Opposition to proposals, any person or combination of persons who directly or indirectly contributes a total of \$1,000 or more or expends a total of \$1,000 or more in support of or opposition to a LAFCO Proposal must comply with the disclosure requirements of the Political Reform Act (Section 84250). These requirements contain provisions for making disclosures of contributions and expenditures at specified intervals. Additional information may be obtained at the Santa Cruz County Elections Department, 701 Ocean Street, Room 210, Santa Cruz CA 95060 (phone 831-454-2060).

More information on the scope of the required disclosures is available at the web site of the Fair Political Practices Commission: [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov). Questions regarding FPPC material, including FPPC forms, should be directed to the FPPC's advice line at 1-866-ASK-FPPC (1-866-275-3772).

#### Accommodating People with Disabilities

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#### Late Agenda Materials

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.5 public records that relate to open session agenda items that are distributed to a majority of the Commission less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting will be available to the public at Santa Cruz LAFCO offices at 701 Ocean Street, #318D Santa Cruz CA 95060 during regular business hours. These records when possible will also be made available on the LAFCO website at [www.santacruzlafco.org](http://www.santacruzlafco.org). To review written materials submitted after the agenda packet is published, contact the LAFCO Secretary-Clerk at the LAFCO office or in the meeting room before or after the meeting.