

MINUTES OF THE LAFCO MEETING

July 22, 2010

The County of Imperial Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) convened a regular meeting on Thursday, July 22, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 940 Main Street, Suite 211, El Centro, California.

Commissioners present were Kelley, Ludwig, Snively, and Edney. Chairman Leimgruber was absent.

Staff present was the Executive Officer Heuberger, Legal Counsel Turner & Holbrook and Clerk Buenrostro.

1. Approval of Minutes:

A motion made by Commissioner Snively, by unanimous roll call vote approved the minutes of June 24, 2010.

2. **(Continued)** Public hearing on the proposed annexation IM 1-09 Imperial Unified School District submitted by Donald E. & Kathleen M. Euhus:

Jurg Heuberger, Executive Officer requested that this item be continued to Thursday, July 29, 2010 to 8:00 a.m. which would be the maximum 70 days. The reason for the continuance was that there still was no executed tax sharing agreement between the City and the County. By law LAFCO needs to have this before any project can be approved.

Commissioner Kelley asked if agreement will be finalized by then because it's been an ongoing project. The Executive Officer commented that he could not give him that assurance, but perhaps the Chief Executive Officer Ralph Cordova in the audience could. Mr. Cordova answered with an affirmative nod.

The Commission adopted the motion by Commissioner Snively to continue this item to meeting scheduled Thursday, July 29, 2010 to 8:00 a.m. The motion carried on the affirmative roll call of all Commissioners present

3. Discussion/direction regarding the CALAFCO by law changes, including possible nominations for the CALAFCO Board and designation of Voting Member representative at the Annual Conference:

The Executive Officer commented about the action by the CALAFCO group to approve bylaws, these changes have been briefed periodically and asking for direction. The new set of bylaws passed. The approved bylaws basically were to change the CALAFCO Board to makeup four (4) regions. Four Board electives will be held in the Annual CALAFCO Conference in Palm Springs. Executive Officer notified Commissioners if interested in running for office for CALAFCO board and received two (2) responses were from Commissioners Snively and Edney. Each region nominated potential candidates and deadline is September 8th.

First request was based on the change of the CALAFCO Board, wherein LAFCO opted to get out of CALAFCO organization July 1st, if bylaws did not change; however, we would consider going back and maintain membership with CALAFCO and pay our annual dues if bylaws changed. San Bernardino, San Diego and Los Angeles have already determined to be a member, Riverside is still pending.

Commissioner Snively commented to rejoin and have California Coalition LAFCO (CCL) involvement because it's critical for our region.

The Commission adopted the motion by Commissioner Snively to rejoin CALAFCO organization and maintain the CCL membership. The motion carried on the affirmative roll call of all Commissioners present.

The nominations forms needs to be completed by Commissioner Edney who would be the City member , and Commissioner Snively who would be the Public member and the Chairman needs to sign forms.

The Executive Officer indicated nominations for Commissioners Edney and Snively. The Commission adopted the motion by Commissioner Kelley for nominations. The motion carried on the affirmative roll call of all Commissioners present.

4. Discussion/Direction in regard to contracting for Accounting and Clerical services with the County.

The Executive Officer commented that Lafco presently doesn't have staff and currently utilizing Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department staff and asked direction from Commission on two (2) options.

1. To contract with the County for administrative and accounting and clerical staff support, via an agreement whereby the LAFCO pays the County the full cost of such employees.
2. The Executive Officer to hire LAFCO employees for administrative and accounting and clerical work and establish the required benefit programs.

The Executive Officer indicated that he met with Ralph Cordova, CEO and that Mr. Cordova had significant concerns from the County side.

Commissioner Edney commented that the Executive Officer should hire LAFCO's independent employees and prepare a package for Commission to review. Commissioner Edney felt it was time to be totally independent.

The Commission adopted the motion by Commissioner Snively for Executive Officer to move forward with Option 2 and bring back details of an employee package. The motion carried on the affirmative roll call of all Commissioners present.

5. Informational Items (Public/Commission/Staff).

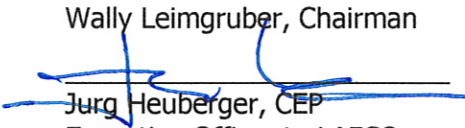
The Executive Officer commented regarding the Annual CALAFCO Conference in October 6-8 in Palm Springs. They need to inform Clerk Buenrostro or the Executive Officer of their attendance so we can make arrangements.

The Executive Officer commented regarding Lafco Project Report has been unchanged from June. There are four (4) projects that might be picking up.

6. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Wally Leimgruber, Chairman



Jurg Heuberger, CEP
Executive Officer to LAFCO