

MINUTES OF THE LAFCO MEETING

August 26, 2010

The County of Imperial Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) convened a regular meeting on Thursday, August 26, 2010, at 8:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 940 Main Street, Suite 211, El Centro, California.

Commissioners present: Leimgruber, Fuentes, Ludwig, Snively, and Edney. Alternate Commissioners present was Stapleton. Commissioner Kelley was absent.

Staff present: Executive Officer Heuberger, Legal Counsel Holbrook, Clerk Soto.

2. Approval of Minutes of July 22 & 29, 2010:

A motion made by Commissioner Snively, by unanimous roll call vote approved the minutes.

3. Discussion/Direction on LAFCO staffing/job descriptions/benefits, as related to LAFCO independent operations:

The Commission adopted the motion by Commissioner Fuentes to approve the recommendations of the Executive Officer as proposed under (Option # 1), to approve the job description; the benefit package; the recruitment of the positions as independent LAFCo staff for (LAFCo Clerk and LAFCo Accountant/Analyst only; the budget modifications; to include a Human Resource Plan within the LAFCo Policy and Procedures Manual at the next update. Motion carried on the affirmative roll call of all Commissioners present.

The Commission requested final number and an update from the Executive Officer on the benefit package. The Executive Office will also provide the Commission a budget outline.

4. Discussion/Direction on California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) Annual Conference:

The Executive Officer reminded the Commission about the 2010 CALAFCo Conference which will be held on October 6 thru 8, 2010 in Palms Springs. The Commission was advised to please inform the Clerk, if they will be attending the Commission in order for hotel reservations to be done in a timely manner.

5. Discussion/Direction/Action on legislative matters including opposition to current proposed legislation:

The Executive Officer provided the Commission a draft letter opposing AB853. The Commission adopted the motion by Commissioner Edney to approve the Chairman to sign the letter and send it to the Governor as soon as possible. Motion carried on the affirmative roll call of all Commissioners present.

6. Update/Direction on California Coalition LAFCO (CCL) meeting and recommendation by CCL to CALAFCO for annual CALAFCO Board of Directors elections:

The Executive Officer provided the commission with the term lengths for 2011 Board Elections as determined by the CALAFCO Board of Directors. The Directors are elected by their respective regions, those being the Northern Region, Coastal Region, Central Region and Southern Region. Four directors from each region are elected alternately every one or two years.

The Commission adopted the motion by Commissioner Fuentes to have Commissioner Snively be the primary and Commissioner Edney as the alternate voting member to support the CCL recommendations regarding their terms. Motion carried on the affirmative roll call of all Commissioners present.

7. Discussion/Direction on meeting locations:

The Executive Officer mentioned to the Commission that in past he was asked why meetings are always scheduled in one location and why LAFCo didn't move meetings around. One of the basic reasons was simply because of recording equipment and convenience. The Executive Officer informed the Commission that he has made calls to the Cities and the IID and checked some preliminary dates. The intent is to rotate the meetings/hearings to Holtville; Calexico and Brawley etc...LAFCo has always made arrangements with the County Clerk of the Board to have the meeting/hearings here every Fourth Thursday of the month and the Clerk has made the Board room available.

The Commission adopted the motion by Commissioner Edney to have the Executive Officer provide the Commission with a proposed tentative calendar schedule for 2011 as to possible locations where these meeting/hearing will be held.

8. Update on status of projects:

The Executive Officer will provide the Commission with an update on projects at the next meeting/hearing on September 23, 2010. Some of the issues at this time are that these projects are being considered on a case by case basis, due to the tax agreement between the County and the Cities. The other issue is that some projects have been approved by the City Council two years ago and they have not come to the Commission.

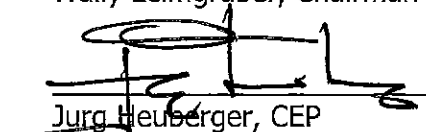
9. Informational Items (Public/Commission/Staff)

Commission Snively commented on the CCL that he and the Executive Officer went to a meeting in Anaheim and he was "impressed with the group, there were a lot of good ideas (and) the energy that is there for the six southern counties. We are all tied together and there is no two ways about it." Commissioner Snively was very pleased with the energy level and the comments as it was a real pleasure.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Wally Leimgruber, Chairman


Jurg Heuberger, CEP
Executive Officer to LAFCO