

Colusa Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)

Approved Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 3:00 PM

Board of Supervisors Chambers
546 Jay Street, Colusa, California

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm. Commissioners present were Dunlap (Chair), Bell (Vice-Chair), Ponciano, and Loudon (seated for Ash). Commissioners absent were Ash, Wilson, and Alternates Corona and Codorniz. Staff present were Larkyn Feiler, Executive Officer (EO), Kim Brauer, Clerk, and Scott Browne, Legal Counsel.

2. Public Comment None

ACTION ITEMS:

3. Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Commissioner Ponciano and second by Vice-Chair Bell, the minutes of the April 2, 2026 LAFCo meeting were unanimously approved.

4. Approval of Claims

Upon motion by Vice-Chair Bell and second by Commissioner Ponciano, the payment of claims for April and May 2026 were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

5. Fiscal Year 2026-27 Final LAFCo Budget and Work Program

Chair Dunlap opened the Public Hearing for the Final LAFCo Budget for FY 2026-27 at 3:07 pm. EO Feiler presented the item and noted that there were no changes from the prior hearing on the proposed budget and no comments were received. EO Feiler noted that the total apportionment cost to the County/Cities would be a decrease of \$47.76 from the prior year.

Commissioner Ponciano asked about whether the apportionment amount to the County and Cities would change, and EO Feiler noted that there were minor changes to the Department of Finance population estimates, which is the basis for allocating costs, and so the current apportionment amount is estimated to remain close to the same for the next fiscal year.

Vice-Chair Bell noted appreciation for the LAFCo website document accessibility tool and shared that an agency received a penalty of \$40,000 for website accessibility non-compliance.

The Public Comment Period was opened at 3:09 pm. No public comments were received. The Public Comment Period and Public Hearing were closed at 3:10 pm.

Upon motion by Vice-Chair Bell and second by Commissioner Ponciano, adoption of Resolution No. 2026-02 approving the Final Budget for FY 2026-27 was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS:

6. Extension of Agreement for Staff Transition Services

EO Feiler presented the item to extend the agreement with John Benoit to continue to provide staff transition services through June 30, 2027 and within LAFCo's budget.

Discussion ensued regarding the length of time of the EO transition which would be a total of 3-years if approved, and the benefit of having access to historical knowledge and resources.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ponciano and second by Commissioner Loudon, authorization for an eighth amended agreement with John Benoit for a one-year extension of time for transition services to the LAFCo Executive Officer was unanimously approved.

7. Potential Special Meeting on July 9, 2026

EO Feiler presented the item to consider potentially calling a Special Meeting on July 9, 2026 at 3 pm to consider LAFCo File 2024-0001 City of Colusa WWTP Annex #2.

Discussion ensued regarding Commissioner and staff availability on July 9, the method for alternate coverage in the absence of regular members, Commission action on applications requires a majority vote, time-sensitive issues for the City that necessitate scheduling the hearing before the regular August LAFCo meeting related to a \$9.5M grant for parks and open space projects which requires land ownership, transparency concerns related to considering an important item outside the normal Commission meeting schedule and during the peak of summer vacations, the City process for the application was well publicized and had little public participation, the significant amount of staff work required over a short timeframe, and anticipated limited costs to LAFCo to hold a special meeting since the Board Chambers are available and preparing the application for hearing is covered by applicant fees.

A property owner of the approved cannabis facility property on East Clay Street, Mike Loomis, commented on the years of delay in the application process and the importance of scheduling the hearing as soon as possible in order to ensure feasibility of the land-swap effort.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ponciano and second by Vice-Chair Bell, calling a Special Meeting on July 9, 2026 at 3 pm to consider LAFCo File 2024-0001 City of Colusa WWTP Annex #2 was unanimously approved.

8. CALAFCO Annual Conference Attendance - Sacramento

EO Feiler presented the item to establish the Commissioners to attend the 2026 CALAFCO Annual Conference on October 21 - 23 at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel for early registration, and consider nomination of the 2026 CALAFCO Voting Delegate and Alternate. EO Feiler noted that the Budget covers the cost for three Commissioners to attend and a portion of staff costs.

Vice-Chair Bell expressed interest in attending but noted a potential scheduling conflict, and Commissioner Ponciano and Chair Dunlap expressed interest in attending as back-up options.

The Commissioners agreed to consider this item at the next regular meeting in August when more Commissioners will be present at the meeting.

OTHER ITEMS:

9. Correspondence

EO Feiler noted the following items received, and recommended the SB 827 training.

- a. CALAFCO's Priorities for 2026 and Beyond - Board Retreat February 26, 2026
- b. CALAFCO Member Update May 2026
- c. CSDA - Your May Take Action Brief and SB 827 On-Demand Training

10. Executive Officer's Report

EO Feiler and Counsel Browne reported on the CALAFCO Staff Workshop in Pismo Beach.

EO Feiler provided an update on the LAFCo Workshop for Special Districts planned for either July 21 in Williams or July 22 in Colusa to provide resources and support to special districts.

11. Counsel's Report None

12. Commissioner Reports – Discussion

Vice Chair Bell reported on County participation in a nationwide 12-week Rural Energy Academy Cohort including how to prepare for renewal energy (solar, wind) and data centers.

Chair Dunlap invited participation in the City of Williams' Visionary and Strategic Planning Session on June 5, 2026 at 9 am at City Hall.

13. Adjourn to the special LAFCo meeting on July 9, 2026 at 3:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.