

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COLUSA COUNTY
MINUTES OF MEETING
December 19, 2019

PRESENT:

JOHN LOUDON, Chair, County Member
BRANDON ASH, Public Member
DENISE CARTER, County Member
SAJIT SINGH, City Member

ALSO PRESENT:

JOHN BENOIT, Ex. Officer
P. SCOTT BROWNE, Legal
MARY WINTERS, Public Alt.
MERCED CORONA, Co. Alt.
LORA CECCON, Clerk

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. There was a quorum present.

2. Consider Minutes from November 7, 2019

On motion of B. Ash, second by D. Carter, the commission approved the meeting minutes of November 7, 2019; motion carried by roll call vote with S. Singh abstaining.

3. Public Comment - None

4. Consent Agenda

J. Benoit stated that there are two different claims to consider; one includes the 1st quarter County A87 (County overhead) expenses of \$3,160.00. He would also like to add the cost of M. Corona's attendance at the Calafco conference in the amount of \$320.50.

On motion of D. Carter, second by B. Ash, the commission approved claims for the month of November, 2019, including the A87 charges and conference attendance costs as stated above; motion carried by roll call vote.

5. Correspondence – None

6. Workshop #2 regarding LAFCo's Policies and Procedures Update 2019 –

John continued review of the LAFCo Policies and Procedures from page 15; Agricultural and Open Space Land Conservation. A short discussion was held regarding the value of crops and prime Ag land. The commission felt it would be better to hold off on this discussion until the city representatives are present.

John continued the review from page 19, 2.15: Need for Services. John stated that it is important for the cities and county to have policies about the conversion of Ag land in their general plans. Discussion followed regarding high density, parcel sizes, and the balance of property owner rights vs. annexation into city

services. The key point of 2.15 is that you annex when there is a need for services.

7. Discussion of LAFCo Financials, A-87, and payments for county services

John asked the commission about the need to keep a phone number for Lafco at a cost of \$50/month. D. Carter stated that there needs to be a number associated with Lafco for the public. A short discussion followed.

John advised the commission that previously the A87 costs were estimated to be \$3,000 per year, now they are \$10,000 per year. Half of that cost will be paid by the county, and the other half by the cities. He stated that they are high because so many costs are allocated to county agencies. The Treasurer's costs went up substantially. The county provides the annual audit for Lafco. However, there has been no change in Lafco services. John presented some options for the commission's consideration. He also suggested inviting the Auditor, Robert Zunino, to a future Lafco meeting to explain the county charges. A short discussion followed. The commission felt it would be a good idea to have Robert Zunino attend a Lafco meeting.

8. Regular meeting schedule for 2020 – included with today's agenda packet.

9. Executive Officer's Report – John stated that he received a response on the Bear Valley MSR.

Colusa County Waterworks District #1 – Grimes MSR-SOI – currently being worked on.

John received a letter from Calafco thanking him for participating in the conference.

10. Commissioner Reports – discussion – S. Singh stated that he appreciated going to the conference. He thought it was very interesting and he got a lot out of his attendance.

D. Carter provided an update on the feasibility study and bringing the levees up to 100 year flood protection. More discussion followed.

11. Next Colusa LAFCo meeting: February 6, 2020.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 p.m.