

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COLUSA COUNTY
MINUTES OF MEETING
December 7, 2017

PRESENT:

BRANDON ASH, Chair, Public
DENISE CARTER, Vice Chair, County
TOM REISCHE, City Member
JOHN LOUDON, County Member
CHUCK BERGSON, City Member

ALSO PRESENT:

KENT BOES, County Alt.
JOHN BENOIT, Ex. Officer
P. SCOTT BROWNE, Legal
L. CECCON, Clerk

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. There was a quorum present.

2. Consider Minutes for September 7, 2017 and November 2, 2017

On motion of T. Reische, second by J. Loudon, the commission approved the minutes for September 7, 2017, motion carried by roll call vote.

On motion of D. Carter, second by J. Loudon, the commission approved the minutes for November 2, 2017, motion carried by roll call vote.

3. Public Comment – None

4. Consent Agenda

John advised the commission that the correct amount for J. Loudon's conference expenses is \$829.01 not \$763.13. The corrected total amount for November claims is \$11,586.67.

On motion of T. Reische, second by J. Loudon, the commission approved claims for the month of November 2017, motion carried by roll call vote.

5. Correspondence: Will be covered under item 6.

6. LAFCo File 2017-0001 CCWD Cleanup Reorganization (continued): The Colusa County Water District (CCWD) is requesting an annexation of 1,607.39 acres more or less of territory currently receiving CCWD water and detachment of 4,998.56 acres more or less of territory that has never received CCWD water.

John stated that a notice was sent to the landowners regarding the proposed annexation/detachment. A letter, in response, was received from Patti and Robert Powers.

Doug Griffin, on behalf of Shelly Murphy with the CCWD, stated that a lot of parcels have never been served on the east side.

A short discussion followed regarding assessments. It is not clear if assessments have been paid by all or just a handful. Many questions remain; clarification is needed regarding which landowners paid assessments. A representative of Smith Farms stated that they pay \$3,000/year for not using water. They want out of the district.

More discussion followed regarding elevation, CEQA, rates, etc. D. Carter suggested tabling this item until the current unanswered questions are answered.

John will meet with Shelly Murphy to gain clarification and answers to the questions. This item will be continued to the January 2018 meeting.

7. Colusa Mosquito Abatement District Service Review and Sphere of Influence

John distributed copies of the Colusa Mosquito Abatement District Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update stating that there were not many changes from the last time the updates were prepared. The boundaries on the map are true and correct. Dave Whitesell provided updated information. John stated that it is a small district; however, they do a lot. He is impressed with the district.

D. Carter asked John to double check the property assessment numbers. John will talk to Dave for confirmation.

If John can get it notified soon enough, the MSR/SOI will be placed on the January agenda for public hearing. If not, it will be on the next Lafco meeting agenda.

8. Request that LAFCo File 2017-0001, CCWD Reorganization be designated as a complex project as defined in the Executive Officer's contract provision 2.1.4 having expended more than 10 hours of staff time and otherwise controversial.

John stated that a lot of time has been spent on this already; some of these projects, all of the sudden, become complex. When CEQA was mentioned, John became concerned.

On motion of T. Reische, second by C. Bergson, the commission moved to designate LAFCo File 2017-0001, CCWD Reorganization as a complex project meeting the criteria in Executive Officer's contract provision 2.1.4., motion carried by roll call vote.

9. Approve LAFCo regular meeting schedule for 2018

On motion of T. Reische, second by J. Loudon, the commission moved to approve the LAFCo regular meeting schedule for 2018, motion carried by roll call vote.

10. Executive Officer's Report:

a. GCID Detachment – Willows Ongoing

b. Upcoming MSR's Reclamation Districts – receiving updates from districts

c. Legislative Report – John stated that several bills were passed this year. He reviewed his Executive Officer's memorandum regarding SB 448 "Inactive" Special Districts. A short discussion followed. S. Browne explained why there is a need for this bill.

11. Commissioner Reports – Discussion

D. Carter stated that the Groundwater Authority is moving along, as far as organization.

12. Adjourn to the next regular meeting on January 4, 2018

The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.