

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
COLUSA COUNTY  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
November 1, 2018

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

KENT BOES, County Alternate  
MARY WINTERS, P. M. Alternate  
JOHN BENOIT, Ex. Officer  
P. SCOTT BROWNE, Legal

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. There was a quorum present.

**2. Consider Minutes for September 6, 2018**

The September 6, 2018 minutes will be presented for approval at the next Lafco meeting.

**3. Public Comment – None**

**4. Consent Agenda**

**On motion of B. Ash, second by J. Loudon, the commission approved claims for the months of September and October 2018, motion carried by roll call vote.**

**5. Correspondence:** John stated that he received a letter from Calafco thanking Colusa Lafco for attending the conference.

**6. Discussion regarding LAFCo’s Finance Policies.**

John stated that it is time to take a look at the policies and consider some changes. He reviewed Exhibit “A” Colusa LAFCO Finance and Expenditure Policies – A Bylaw Amendment replacing Section 3.3 “Budgeting Policies” with new Section 3.3 “LAFCo Finance Policies”.

John is not asking for the amendment to be adopted today, so that the commission has time to review and make any suggested changes.

Some discussion followed regarding audits vs fiscal reviews. John prefers that the County Auditor conduct the audit. He advised the commission that if they want a separate audit, that can be done. He was encouraged to consider including the cost of an audit in next year’s budget.

The amendment will be included on next month’s agenda for approval.

**7. Hold a General Discussion regarding LAFCo’s Jurisdiction and Districts subject to LAFCo’s review – “definition of a district” and “change of organization”**

John provided a handout on Lafco’s legislative policies. Section 56021 “Change of organization” covers most of the work that Lafco does. Lafco also handles out-of-area service agreements. The general rule that allows an agency to do this, states that the area must be in the sphere of influence and has to be conditioned upon annexation occurring in a reasonable time; they have to consent to annexation. John reviewed the handout.

Lafco does not manage the day-to-day business of a district. A short discussion followed regarding health districts.

**8. Hold Discussion regarding the CALAFCo Annual Conference – Oct 2-5, 2018**

M. Winters provided a report on the CALAFCo conference stating that she felt it was a good conference; she enjoyed the discussions. She also stated that she felt much of it didn’t pertain to rural counties. However, she still got a lot out of the conference; always something to learn. J. Loudon provided a report on urban and rural fire districts and the efficiency of consolidations. He learned a lot about how it can be beneficial.

John provided a report on a session regarding natural disasters in California. He stated that fire districts can use MSRs as a tool. We need to get creative with our MSRs; what do we want out of them? A short discussion followed regarding a possible breakout session focused on rural counties. John stated that the next conference will be held in Sacramento.

**9. Executive Officer’s Report**

**a.) Fire and EMS MSR and SOI** – John would like them to be different than what has been done in the past; what do we want to see in them?

**b.) Policies Update** – over 10 years old; need to be updated; will begin a series of discussions

**c.) AB 2258 (vetoed LAFCo Funding), SB 606 (water), AB 1668 (water), AB 2019 (Healthcare Districts), & SB 929 (websites for Districts)** – John provided updates

**10. Commissioner Reports – Discussion – None**

John advised the commission that presentations from the conference are on the website.

**11. Next Colusa LAFCo meeting: December 6, 2018**

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.**