

Colusa Local Agency Formation Commission

Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday – November 7, 2019

3:00 PM

**Board of Supervisors Chambers
546 Jay Street
Colusa, CA.**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Commissioners

Denise Carter (County)
John Loudon (Chair, County)
Brandon Ash (Public)
Tom Reische (Vice-Chair Colusa, City)

Sajit Singh, (Williams, City)

Alternates

Merced Corona (County Alternate)
Roberto Mendoza (City Alternate)
Mary Winters, (Public Member Alternate)

Staff

John Benoit, Executive Officer
P. Scott Browne, Legal Counsel
Lora Ceccon, Clerk to the Commission

2. Consider Minutes from October 3, 2019

a. *Consider approving the October 3, 2019 LAFCo minutes*

3. Public Comment

This is the time for the public to address the Commission on any matter not on the agenda. Testimony related to an item on the agenda should be presented at the time that item is considered

4. Consent Agenda

a. *Payment of claims for the month of October 2019*

5. Correspondence:

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

(Please bring the Draft Policies and Procedures previously handed out)

7. Discussion regarding the 2019 Calafco Conference in Sacramento.

8. Executive Officer's Report:

9. Commissioner Reports - Discussion

This item is placed on the agenda for Commissioners to discuss items and issues of concern to their constituency, LAFCO, and legislative matters

10. Next Colusa LAFCo meeting: December 5th , 2019

Any member appointed on behalf of local government shall represent the interests of the public as a whole and not solely the interest of the appointing authority Government Code Section 56325.1

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, Commission members may make a brief announcement or report on activities. Commission members may also provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the Commission at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Commission on items not appearing on the agenda, as well as any item that does appear on the agenda, subject to the following restrictions:

- Items not appearing on the agenda must be of interest to the public and within the Commission's subject matter jurisdiction.
- No action shall be taken on items not appearing on the agenda unless otherwise authorized by Government Code Section 54954.2 (known as the Brown Act, or California Open Meeting Law).
- The total amount of time allotted for receiving public comment may be limited to 15 minutes.
- Any individual's testimony may be limited to 5 minutes. Time to address the Commission will be allocated on the basis of the number of requests received.

Public Hearings

Members of the public may address the Commission on any item appearing on the agenda as a Public Hearing. The Commission may limit any person's input to 5 minutes. Written statements may be submitted in lieu of or to supplement oral statements made during a public hearing.

Agenda Materials

Materials related to an item on this agenda submitted to the Commission after distribution of the agenda area available for review for public inspection in the Colusa County Clerk's office located at the Colusa County Courthouse 546 Jay Street, Colusa CA. [such documents are also available on the Colusa LAFCO website as noted below to the extent practicable and subject to staff's ability to post the documents prior to the meeting].

Accessibility

An interpreter for the hearing-impaired may be made available upon request to the Executive Officer 72 hours before a meeting. The location of this meeting is wheelchair-accessible.

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A LAFCO Commissioner must disqualify herself or himself from voting on an application involving an "entitlement for use" (such as an annexation or sphere amendment) if, within the last twelve months, the Commissioner has received \$250 or more in campaign contributions from the applicant, any financially interested person who actively supports or opposes the application, or an agency (such as an attorney, engineer, or planning consultant) representing the applicant or an interested party. The law (Government Code Section 84308) also requires any applicant or other participant in a LAFCO proceeding to disclose the contribution amount and name of the recipient Commissioner on the official record of the proceeding.

Contact LAFCO Staff LAFCO staff may be contacted at (530) 458-0593 or by mail at Colusa LAFCO P.O. Box 2694, Granite Bay Ca 95746 or by email at lafco@countyofcolusa.com or j.benoit4@icloud.com

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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COLUSA COUNTY
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 3, 2019

PRESENT:

JOHN LOUDON, County Member
SAJIT SINGH, City Member
MARY WINTERS, Public Member
DENISE CARTER, Chair, County
TOM REISCHE, City Member

ALSO PRESENT:

LORA CECCON, Clerk
MARSHA BURKE, Legal Counsel
JOHN BENOIT, Ex. Officer
MERCED CORONA, County Alt.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. There was a quorum present.

2. Consider Minutes from August 8, 2019

On motion of T. Reische, second by D. Carter, the commission approved the meeting minutes of August 8, 2019; motion carried by roll call vote.

3. Public Comment - None

4. Consent Agenda

On motion of D. Carter, second by S. Singh, the commission approved claims for the months of August and September, 2019; motion carried by roll call vote.

- 5. Correspondence** – John provided copies of the CALAFCO memorandum regarding the proposed new dues structure for approval at the 2019 annual business meeting. They need to raise \$300,000 for operational costs. Colusa would see an increase of \$244.00, from \$1,075.00 to \$1,319.00. Discussion followed regarding the dues structure and value of CALAFCO. There is a maximum population of 700,000 for calculation. D. Carter suggested that additional scenarios need to be run. The voting members will need to decide.

6. Workshop #1 regarding LAFCo's Policies and Procedures Update 2019 –

Commissioners were previously provided a copy of the draft updated policies, standards, and procedures. John began review of the policies and procedures for the commission. John stated that Agricultural and Open Space Land Conservation is probably the most important policy of all. It is the core purpose of Lafco; to preserve ag land. We are concerned about the conversion of prime ag land and about mitigating it somehow. More discussion followed regarding conversion, mitigation and the value of the land and location. John stated that he would include the Farmland Security Act in the policy, and that it is more restrictive than the Williamson Act.

Stopped review of the policies at 2.15, page 19. John asked the commissioners to read through the document, and if they notice anything, bring it back to the next meeting.

7. Executive Officer's Report:

a. SB-200 Safe and Reliable Drinking Water for disadvantaged communities and State Water Resources Control Board. - \$130,000 earmarked for SB200; a good portion of it is for planning. Grimes is a disadvantaged community.

b. Cemetery Alliance – John was a speaker at the Cemetery Alliance conference.

c. LAFCo Financials – John stated that they wanted to raise the A87 costs 4 times; this would be 10% of our budget and unacceptable. He feels that \$1,500 - \$3,000 a year is reasonable; \$10,000 is not. The county is researching; stayed tuned.

8. Commissioner Reports – discussion - None

9. Next Colusa LAFCo meeting: November 7, 2019

Meeting adjourned 4:25 p.m.

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CLAIMS

For October 2019

Authorize payment of the following claims:

FY 2019-2020 EXPENSES:

Claims for June 2019:

Oct 7, 2019	Frontier Phone Oct 7, 2019	\$ 46.14
Nov 7, 2019	Staff Svcs and Exp. – Oct 2019	\$ 5,215.13
9.16-18-10.15.19	Legal Svcs. P. Scott Browne	\$ 2,000.00
Oct 1, 2019	CSDA Dues 2020	\$ 500.00

TOTAL: \$ 7,761.27

DATED: Nov 7, 2019

APPROVED: Nov 7, 2019

John Loudon, Chair or Tom Reische, Vice-Chair
Colusa Local Agency Formation Commission

Attest:

John Benoit
Executive Officer

