

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COLUSA COUNTY
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 2, 2021

PRESENT:

MERCED CORONA, County Member Alt.
DENISE CARTER, County Member
SAJIT SINGH, Chair, City Member
BRANDON ASH, Public Member
GREG PONCIANO, City Member

ALSO PRESENT:

JOHN BENOIT, Ex. Officer
SCOTT BROWNE, Legal Counsel
LORA CECCON, Clerk

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 5, 2021

On motion of S. Singh, second by B. Ash, the commission approved minutes of the August 5, 2021, meeting; motion passed by roll call vote.

3. Public Comment - None

4. Consent Agenda

On motion of B. Ash, second by S. Singh, the commission approved claims for the month of August 2021; motion carried by roll call vote.

5. Correspondence:

John stated that the Calafco Board voted to cancel the annual conference; we will receive a letter regarding the cancellation.

6. Policies, Standards and Procedures Amendment regarding indemnification and expiration of applications

A memo is included in today's agenda packet regarding the proposed policy amendments. S. Browne stated that the first is the ability to ask for voluntary indemnification. Some will agree, others may wait until they get sued and then sign. He recommends adopting this policy.

The second is to make sure we have a policy for stale applications. It is easy to forget that an application was submitted three years ago. He recommends approval of this policy, also.

G. Ponciano moved to approve Resolution 2021-0007 adding a policy regarding Indemnification Agreements and Expiration of LAFCo Proceedings, second by M. Corona; motion carried by roll call voted.

7. Workshop: Calafco White Paper: “The Metamorphosis of Special Districts: Current Methods for Consolidation, Dissolution, Subsidiary District Formation and Mergers

John stated that he will be brief. There is a lot of content and technical stuff that he will not look at until Lafco actually has a consolidation, merger, dissolution, or subsidiary formation. If a district is interested in consolidation, it should be homegrown. He discourages Lafco initiated consolidations. John provided a summary of the white paper including examples. S. Browne provided information on consolidations vs. dissolutions.

John advised the commission that if there is a district interested in consolidation, Lafco provides them with options and lets the district decide. He stated that if this comes up in the future, it will be explained in the staff report.

8. Executive Officer’s Report

a) Cheney Reorg: City of Colusa and Sacramento River Fire – John is hoping to have for the November meeting; needs a few things from the city. He had a productive meeting with the city, and things are moving forward. The resolution is getting closer.

b) New Colusa LAFCo phone # (530) 619-5128 – posted on website; can text

c) Calafco Conference October 6-8, 2021 – Cancelled by board

9. Commissioner Reports – Discussion

None

10. Next Colusa LAFCo meeting: November 4, 2021

Meeting adjourned 3:27 p.m.