

**Calaveras Local Agency Formation Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes - Monday November 21, 2016**

1. **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call** – Order was called by Chair Folendorf at 6:02 p.m. on Monday, November 21, 2016, in the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Administrative Center, San Andreas, California.

**Commissioners Present**

Amanda Folendorf, Chair, City Member  
Michael Oliveira, Vice Chair, Cnty Mem.  
Anita Paque, Public Member  
Bert Sobon, City Member  
Tony Tyrrell, Special District Member  
Jon Dashner, Special District Member Alt.

**Commissioners Absent**

Cliff Edson, County Member  
John Lavaroni, Special District Member  
Scott Behiel, City Member Alt.  
Roark Weber, Public Member Alt.  
Debbie Ponte, County Member Alt.

**Staff Present**

John Benoit, Executive Officer  
Nancy Mees, LAFCO Clerk

**Others Present**

Sign Interpreters

2. **Approval of Agenda: MOTION** by Commissioner Sobon to approve the Agenda as presented, second by Commissioner Tyrrell. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent, 0 abstention.
3. **Consider Minutes from the September 19, 2016, LAFCo meeting. MOTION** by Commissioner Dashner to approve the Minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Sobon. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent, 0 abstention.
4. **Consent Agenda: Review and Authorize Claims for September & October 2016. MOTION** by Commissioner Paque to approve Claims for September & October 2016 as presented, second by Commissioner Tyrrell. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent, 0 abstention.
5. **Review letter regarding the Calaveras County Draft Community Planning and Safety Elements and authorize the Chair to sign.**  
Executive Officer Benoit reported that Commissioner Weber had been very helpful in putting the letter together, and reminded the Commission that this Draft concerns only one or two elements in the County General Plan. He stated that there is a lot of boilerplate and unnecessary wording in this section, but that there will be more opportunity to comment when the General Plan Draft comes out. A member of the audience, Dennis Mills, emphasized that it is important that the numerous ambiguous words be removed from the document.

Commissioner Sobon said it appears that the General Plan seems to be languishing and asked if anyone knew what was happening with it currently. Commissioner Oliveira responded that the Plan is now in the EIR stage. Mr. Benoit added that the Commission will also have an opportunity to review the EIR and provide further comments at that point. He said this will most likely occur between the time County Planning reviews it and the Board of Supervisors looks at it.

The Commission then gave Executive Officer Benoit instructions to finalize the letter and mail it.

**6. Discussion regarding the CALAFCO Conference in Santa Barbara.**

Commissioner Paque reported that there was much discussion regarding water, and that, as usual, southern California is looking for ways to take northern California's water, but that they are now also talking about other options. She stated that the desalinization plant in Santa Barbara seems expensive as it is not operated fulltime, but must be maintained in standby mode. Commissioner Dashner reported that he had recently toured a desalinization plant in San Diego that was efficiently providing ten percent of their water supply, thus allowing them to cut back on other sources. Commissioner Paque also reported on the field trip the conference attendees took to the local reservoir and to a mechanized flower farm that is completely under glass. She further mentioned that, due to the recent and numerous large fires across the state, there was discussion among the counties for the need for their various Boards of Supervisors to have five-year plans for dealing with the aftermath of fires. Commissioner Oliveira commented that Calaveras County is redesigning its Emergency Preparedness Plan, and that is one of the areas it will be addressing.

Commissioner Tyrrell said he thought the speakers were not as strong as last years. Commissioner Folendorf related that as it was her first time attending a state conference, it was eye-opening and educational for her.

Executive Officer Benoit reported there had been much discussion of some specific annexation issues that had arisen in other counties. He commented that whenever the conference is in southern California, there is a lot of talk about their need for more water. Mr. Benoit also said the luncheon speaker, Jean-Michel Cousteau, made an excellent presentation. In conclusion, he felt there was excellent networking across the counties attending, and that there was a wide representation of officials and staff.

**7. Set regular meeting schedule for 2017.**

The calendar provided in the meeting materials was accepted by the Commission.

**8. Executive Officer's report.**

**a. Saddle Creek MSR-SOI.**

Executive Officer Benoit said that of the three SOIs listed here, this one is the

farthest out in the process. He added that it is good maintenance practice to regularly send the Service Reviews out to all the districts to have them update facts, i.e., progressive maintenance rather than once every so many years.

b. *Healthcare SOI and SR.*

Executive Officer Benoit reported that this is the first of the three SOIs that will be up for approval.

c. *CCWD SOI.*

Executive Office Benoit said he hopes to have a workshop on this in early 2017.

9. **Commissioner Reports:** Commissioner Paque reported that the CALAFCO Legislative Board will be starting up soon and that the largest issue will again be the state's usurping local authority. It has been the trend recently for districts, cities, etc., to take their problems directly to the state through legislation rather than going through the appropriate LAFCO channels. This will lead to developments that do not fit within the General Plans because of unauthorized changes in water and wastewater districts. Executive Officer Benoit said the prevention of these problems is the exact reason for which LAFCO was originally formed. Commissioner Oliveira asked how CALAFCO is dealing with this issue. Mr. Benoit replied that the standard procedure is for CALAFCO to oppose any legislation of this sort when it comes up, and to educate legislators and their staff about LAFCO.

Commissioner Paque further reported that, because the State Water Resources Control Board has sufficient funds, CALAFCO is trying to maintain a good relationship with them so they can be used as a source of funds for water projects.

10. **Public Comment:** No public comments.

11. **Adjournment:** There was discussion as to a need for a December meeting.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Sobon to cancel the December Commission meeting, second by Commissioner Paque. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent, 0 abstention.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Mees.

**DATED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Amanda Folendorf, Chair, or Michael Oliveira,  
Vice Chair, Calaveras Local Agency Formation