

Calaveras Local Agency Formation Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes - Monday August 15, 2016

1. **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call** – Order was called by Chair Folendorf at 6:04 p.m. on Monday, August 15, 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, County Member
Anita Paque, Public Member
Bert Sobon, City Member
Tony Tyrrell, Special District Member
Jon Dashner, Special District Member Alt.
Roark Weber, Public Member Alt.

Commissioners Absent

Cliff Edson, County Member
Debbie Ponte, County Member Alt.
Scott Behiel, City Member Alt.
John Lavaroni, Special Dist. Member

Staff Present

John Benoit, Executive Officer
Nancy Mees, LAFCO Clerk

2. **Approval of Agenda: MOTION** by Commissioner Tyrrell to approve the Agenda as presented, second by Commissioner Sobon. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent, 0 abstention.
3. **Consider Minutes from the July 18, 2016, LAFCo meeting. MOTION** by Commissioner Tyrrell to approve the Minutes as presented, second by Commissioner Oliveira. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent, 1 abstention.
4. **Consent Agenda: Review and Authorize Claims for July 2016. MOTION** by Commissioner Tyrrell to approve Claims for July 2016 as presented, second by Commissioner Paque. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent, 0 abstention.
5. **Presentation by Damon Doss, Mark Twain Healthcare District Executive Director, regarding the Mark Twain Healthcare District in Calaveras County.**
Mr. Doss gave a brief history of the Mark Twain Healthcare District (MTHD), and introduced four of its five board members who were in attendance. He stated that MTHD is unique in several ways: 1) it is the only healthcare district that still owns its own hospital,

but does not participate in its day-to-day operations; 2) it is the only healthcare district that covers an entire county; and 3) it is the only district which receives a share of the profits of its lessee.

There are still approximately three years remaining on its operational lease of the hospital to Mark Twain Medical Center Corporation (MTMCC). The current board is looking at several options for after the lease ends, including renewing the lease, finding a new lessee, or running the hospital independently. Whichever route the board recommends, the proposal will have to go to the public for a vote.

There is only one building project currently in development – the construction of a new medical center in Valley Springs. Mr. Doss went over the scope of the project, and said that a loan from USDA has been obtained.

In response to a question from Commissioner Sobon, Mr. Doss said there has been a lot of public attendance at their recent board meetings regarding the future of MTHD, and that the district is very open about putting up all information on its website. So far the major input from the public has been to request that the district not decide on any particular option too quickly.

Commissioner Oliveira asked a question about the seemingly large surplus on the MTHD's financial statement. Mr. Doss explained that much of what is listed as net assets is not in the control of MTHD, and that it operates on an almost breakeven basis, with only a slight surplus.

In response to a question from Commissioner Paque about the relationship between MTHD and MTMCC, and about public input in that relationship, Mr. Doss responded that three of the seven members of the MTMCC are either also members of the MTHD board or from the public. So while the MTMCC board is not a public board, the MTHD and public do have some influence on it. All employees of Mark Twain Hospital, except the CEO and CFO (who are employed by Dignity Health of Stockton), are employed by MTMCC.

There was one comment from the public commending MTHD for working so openly with the public. Executive Officer Benoit then added that LAFCo is in the process of a new service review of MTHD.

WORKSHOP

6. Workshop regarding the Draft Public Facilities & Services Element to the Calaveras County General Plan

Executive Officer Benoit stated that he had received some recent comments regarding the Draft Public Facilities and Services Element from Commissioner Sobon. He said that

LAFCo would be able to revisit this particular element again when it receives the county's Draft General Plan, and at that time we will see if the county took any of LAFCo's suggestions. He reiterated that this document is based on the 2012 MSR, and that MSRs become dated quickly. LAFCo will be starting a new MSR this coming year,

Public Comment: No public comments.

MOTION by Commissioner Paque to approve the response letter to the county with the minor edits suggested by Commissioner Sobon, second by Commissioner Tyrrell. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent, 0 abstention.

7. Designate a Voting Member to represent Calaveras LAFCo at the CALAFCO Annual Conference in Santa Barbara on October 26-28, 2016.

Commissioner Tyrrell nominated Commissioner Folendorf. **MOTION** by Commissioner Oliveira to designate Commissioner Folendorf as Voting Member to represent Calaveras LAFCo at the Annual Conference, second by Commissioner Dashner. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent, 1 abstention.

8. Executive Officer's report.

- a. *Calaveras County RCD Formation* – Executive Officer Benoit said the formation has been recorded and the Board of Supervisors are in the process of appointing an initial Board of Directors. Currently they are in the applications stage.
- b. *CSDA Financial Workshop (Budgeting, Financial Planning and CIP Training), Friday, September 30, 2016 (6-hour workshop at the BOS Room in San Andreas)*
- c. *2016 Ethics Training, Friday, October 14, 2016 (2-hour workshop at the BOS Room in San Andreas)*
- d. *Biennial Review of Conflict of Interest Code* – Executive Officer Benoit reported that this review will be coming up soon.
- e. *Little Hoover Commission Response Letter from CALAFCO* – This hearing will be on August 25. Executive Officer Benoit said the CALAFCO letter is a good example of what LAFCo does, what are its challenges with respect to special districts, and where it is going in the future. A copy of the letter is on the Calaveras LAFCo website under Notices and Announcements.

9. Commission Reports: Commissioner Oliveira reported that the tree mortality meeting recently held in Arnold was attended by 450-500 residents. He said there will be a town hall meeting with the sheriff this Saturday in Arnold to discuss crime issues. Commissioner Sobon added that there will be a similar meeting the following week in Angel's Camp.

10. Public Comment: No public comments.

11. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next scheduled LAFCo meeting

will be held Monday, September 19, 2016, although several Commissioners said they would not be able to attend. Executive Officer Benoit said he would check the agenda for that meeting to see if there is a need for a September meeting.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Mees.

DATED: _____

APPROVED: _____

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