

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
OF CALAVERAS COUNTY
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 24, 2014

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	ALSO PRESENT:
Jack Lynch, Chair City Member	
Debbie Ponte, Alternative County Member for Merita Callaway, Vice-Chair County Member	
Bert Sobon, City Member	
Tony Tyrell, Special District Member	John Benoit, Executive Officer
Darren Spellman, County Member	Karon Knuist, LAFCo Clerk
Anita Paque, Public Member	
ABSENT:	
John Lavaroni, Special District Member	

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors Chambers. There was a quorum present.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was noted by Commission Sobon that Item #8a is repeated from the agenda of January 27, 2014. John Benoit agreed that it should be removed.

MOTION by Commissioner Tyrell second by Commissioner Sobon to approve the Agenda as corrected. Motion passed 5 -0, 2 absent.

3. Approval of Minutes – January 27, 2014

MOTION by Commissioner Sobon second by Commissioner Tyrell to approve the Minutes of the January 27, 2014 meeting. Motion passed 4-0, 2 absent, 1 abstention from Debbie Ponte.

4. Public Comment – No public comments.

Commission Spellman joined the meeting.

5. Consent Agenda:

- a. Review and authorize Claims for January 2014.

MOTION by Commissioner Tyrell second by Commissioner Spellman to approve the Claims for January 2014 as presented. Motion passed 6 -0, 1 absent.

6. Discuss and develop the LAFCo Workplan for FY 2014-2015.

- a. *Hold a discussion and develop a workplan for FY 2014-2015. This is the time for suggestions for inclusion into next year's work program*

Items that need to be addressed in FY 2014-2015:

- Update spheres on the Water and Sewer Service Reviews that were completed in 2012 for the Union PUD, CCWD, Valley Springs PUD, and the Mokelumne Hill Sanitary District.
- Complete Fire Districts that are pending.
- Conduct an MSR on the road services component only for 8 CSDs. Possibly work toward consolidating or moving to CSAs and CSDs to another organization.
- Conduct MSRs on all County Service Areas.
- Districts that have not changed are: Cemetery, Lighting, and Veterans Districts.
- By email, Commissioner Callaway suggested having a CPUC study done on the broadband service in the county. Executive Officer Benoit stated that LAFCo could conduct a survey. However, the majority of the Commissioners felt that more information was required before making a decision to conduct a survey.
- Consider holding a "Managing Districts" training session to include; finance, governance, transparency, operations. Executive Officer Benoit recommended allocating \$5,000 towards a LAFCo sponsored Training in the FY 2014-2015 budget, and all Commissioners agreed.

Public Comment - No public comments.

- 7. In preparation of the 2014-2015 Budget, hold a general discussion regarding the remaining Fire Agency Spheres of Influence including the following:** Altaville FPD, Central Calaveras FPD, Copperopolis FPD, Ebbetts Pass FPD, Mokelumne Hill FPD, Murphys FPD, San Andreas FPD, and West Point FPD.

Commission held a general discussion regarding property tax revenue sharing, cities growth, consolidations, special taxes, and budgets.

Executive Officer Benoit recommended skipping the March 17th meeting and

scheduling Public Hearings for the April 21, 2014 regular LAFCo meeting to discuss the remaining Fire Agency Spheres of Influence.

Public Comment: A member of the audience questioned the Commission on Calaveras Consolidated Fire SOI, which Executive Officer Benoit stated had been adopted at the last LAFCo meeting.

8. Authorize Staff to attend the Calafco Annual Staff Workshop in Berkeley on April 23, 24 and 25 in Berkeley, CA

MOTION by Commissioner Tyrell second by Commissioner Paque to authorize staff to attend the Calafco Annual Staff Workshop in Berkeley on April 23, 24 and 25. Motion passed 6 -0, 1 absent.

9. Executive Officer's Report

a. *700 Forms due April 1, 2014*

Completed 700 Forms are due by April 1, 2014 and should be given to Diane in the County offices.

b. *LAFCo Finances*

Executive Officer Benoit reported that he and Julie McManus have not yet met to review the LAFCo finances.

10. Commissioners Reports – No Commissioners Reports.

11. Adjourn to next regular meeting of April 21, 2014

MOTION by Commissioner Tyrell second by Commissioner Sobon to adjourn the meeting of February 24, 2014. Motion passed 6 -0, 1 absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.