

Calaveras Local Agency Formation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes - Monday September 21, 2015

1. **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call** – Order was called by Chair Paque at 6:00pm on Monday September 21, 2015 in the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Administrative Center, San Andreas California.

Commissioners Present

Anita Paque, Chair, Public Member
Amanda Folendorf, City Member
Bert Sobon, City Member
Cliff Edson, County Member
Debbie Ponte, County Member Alt.
Don Young, Special Dist. Member Alt.

Commissioners Absent

Tony Tyrell, Vice Chair, Special Dist. Member
Michael Oliveria, County Member
John Lavaroni, Special District Member

Staff Present

John Benoit, Executive Officer
Karon Knuist, LAFCO Clerk

Others Present

Sign Interpreters

2. **Approval of Agenda: MOTION** by Commissioner Sobon to approve the Agenda as presented, second by Commissioner Alternate Young. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.
3. **Interview and select a Public Member Alternate for a 4-year term ending in May 2019.** The Commission has received 4 letters of interest for the position. George Fry, Bob Dean, Jack Lynch and Michael Minkler have all submitted a letter of interest. Chair Paque reported that the selection of a Public Member Alternate has been tabled at the last two LAFCO meetings because all of the previous motions have failed. Chair Paque asked each applicant to make a statement.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Sobon to appoint Michael Minkler as the Public Member Alternate, second by Commissioner Alternate Ponte. Motion failed to pass due to lack of the required number of Special District member votes.

MOTION by Commissioner Alternate Young to appoint George Fry as the Public Member Alternate, second by Commissioner Edson. Motion failed to pass due to lack of the required number of City member votes.

MOTION by Commissioner Sobon to appoint Michael Minkler as the Public Member Alternate, second by Commissioner Folendorf. Motion failed to pass due to lack of the required number of Special District member votes.

Chair Paque tabled the selection of the Public Member Alternate until the next scheduled LAFCO meeting.

4. **Consider Minutes of June 20, 2015: MOTION:** by Commissioner Folendorf to approve the Minutes of July 20, 2015 as presented, second by Commissioner Edson. Motion passed 3 yes, 0 no, 1 absent, 3 abstentions.
5. **Public Comment:** Peter Racz Lind commented on the selection of the Public Member Alternate. He felt that the Public Members should represent the Public and not owe loyalty to any Board. He suggested that the position be added to the ballot so the public can vote on it.
6. **Consent Agenda: Review and Authorize Claims for July & August 2015: MOTION** by Commissioner Sobon to Authorize Claims for July and August 2015, second by Commissioner Edson. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.
7. **Spheres of Influence and Service Reviews:** Executive Officer Benoit reported that SOI and Service maps have been sent to CCWD and he would like Dennis Mills' help in setting up a meeting so those maps can be compared to the maps included in the County's General Plan.

Executive Officer Benoit also reported that the CSAs and CSDs are upcoming and a meeting needs to be set up with Saddle Creek CSD.

Public Comment: Peter Racz commented that he thought the taxpayers should be making the decisions. He feels that nothing had been done according to previous years' Grand Jury reports.

George Fry was concerned that the water districts will be raising their rates because water usage is going down.

Dennis Mills of CCWD clarified that CCWD does serve private areas.

8. **Discussion of CALAFCO Annual Conference.** Executive Officer reported that Chair Paque was elected as the Public Member to the CALAFCO Board of Directors for the

Central Region. He also reported that the dues paid we pay to CALAFCO will be

increased by 14% to \$114.

9. **Response to the 2014-2015 Grand Jury Report.** Commissioner Sobon suggested strengthening the letter to the Grand Jury by adding some wording along the lines of; “LAFCO has been informed that a Water/Wastewater Committee has been formed for the Highway 4 sector and other areas in Calaveras County”.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Peter Racz commented that each district should be accountable to its customers.

MOTION by Commissioner Alternate Young to amend the letter to the Grand Jury to include wording regarding the Highway 4 Water/Wastewater Committee, second by Commissioner Edson. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

OTHER ITEMS:

10. **Executive Officer’s report.** Executive Officer Benoit reported that The Resource Conservation District will be on the next Board of Supervisors agenda. Work on the County’s General Plan is moving forward. Commissioner Alternate Ponte reported that one of the reasons it is taking so long is that that Planning Commission is going through the General Plan page by page.

11. **Commissioners Reports:**

Commissioner Edson reported that had had spent the last 9 days helping with the Butte fire. He would like to see the Calaveras Resource Conservation District set up as soon as possible and hopefully the County will be better prepared in the face of another event such as the Butte fire.

Commissioner Sobon stated that lessons are always learned from tragic incidents such as the Butte fire.

Chair Paque reported that lack of adequate broadband was another thing mentioned at the CALAFCO Annual Conference. Outlying areas such as Calaveras County are affected as well as pocket areas in larger cities like Sacramento.

12. **Adjournment:** The City members will be unable to attend the October 19, 2015 meeting so the Commission will adjourn to the November 16, 2015 scheduled meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:36p.m.

Minutes submitted by Karon Knuist.

DATED: _____

APPROVED: _____

Anita Paque, Chair or, Tony Tyrell, Vice Chair
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