

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY
FORMATION COMMISSION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY

January 14, 2004

Present:

Henri F. Pellissier, Chairman
Yvonne Brathwaite-Burke
James DiGiuseppe
Jerry Gladbach
Carol Herrera
Cindy Miscikowski
Beatrice Proo
Zev Yaroslavsky

Kenneth I. Chappell, Alternate
Richard Close, Alternate
Robert W. Goldsworthy, Alternate
Donald Knabe, Alternate
Cristina Cruz-Madrid, Alternate

Larry J. Calemine, Executive Officer
John Krattli, Legal Counsel

Absent:

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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Henri F. Pellissier, Chairman.

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The hearing recessed into closed session at 9:05 to discuss anticipated litigation, pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9 as it pertains to Closed Sessions.

Commissioners Present: Pellissier, Burke, DiGiuseppe, Gladbach, Herrera, Miscikowski, Proo, Yaroslavsky,
Alternates Present: Chappell, Close, Goldsworthy, Knabe, Madrid.
Commissioners Absent: None.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:40 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Pellissier, Burke, DiGiuseppe, Gladbach, Herrera, Miscikowski, Proo, Yaroslavsky,
Alternates Present: Chappell, Close, Goldsworthy, Knabe, Madrid.
Absent: None.

John Krattli, Legal Counsel, indicated that in the matter of anticipated litigation there was no reportable action taken.

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The following matter was called up for consideration:

Consolidation of County Sanitation District Nos. 26 and 32, located in the City of Santa Clarita and surrounding unincorporated territory of Los Angeles County.

On motion of Commissioner Proo, unanimously carried, the Commission took the following actions

- Made a finding that this consolidation of districts is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15320 (Class 20) (changes in organization or reorganization of local governmental agencies where the changes do not change the geographical area in which previously existing powers are exercised).

- Approved an amendment to the sphere of influence for County Sanitation District No. 32 to include the entire sphere of influence boundary of County Sanitation District No. 26, and made the following determinations:

Present and planned land uses:

The area is highly urbanized with a significant number of residential neighborhoods and associated commercial corridors. The area also includes specific sites emphasizing commercial and industrial development. In addition the territory includes agricultural uses and vacant land and open space.

Present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area:

The two existing districts currently provide sewerage service to a portion of the City of Santa Clarita and the surrounding unincorporated County from existing facilities. Upon consolidation, the consolidated district will continue to provide sewerage services to the same area from the same existing facilities.

Present capacity of public facilities:

The wastewater generated by the consolidated district will continue to be treated at the Saugus and Valencia Reclamation Plant (WRPs). The two WRPs have combined design capacity of 19.1 mgd and currently process an average flow of 18.35 mgd. The Valencia WRP is currently undergoing an expansion to increase the combined capacity to 28.1 mgd.

Communities of interest:

Consolidation of the two districts into a single district will eliminate duplicate staffing efforts, resulting in a cost savings to the territory for which service is provided.

- Adopted Resolution No. 2004-01 Making Determinations and Approving Consolidation of Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 26 into Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 32.
- Provided that the consolidation shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - a. The effective date of the consolidation shall be July 1, 2005.
 - b. The consolidated territory shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as District No. 32 may legally impose.
 - c. Property owners within the consolidated territory will continue to be taxed for their respective District's existing bonded indebtedness.

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- d. District No. 32 shall assume all of the assets and liabilities, including any funds and contract or obligations, of District No. 26.
- Set February 25, 2004, as the date for Commission protest proceedings.

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The following matter was called up for consideration:

Request from Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 (Antelope Valley), for approval of an out-of-agency water service agreement, in order to provide water related services outside of the district's boundary to the Hillcrest Mobile Home Park.

On motion of Commissioner Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried the Commission took the following actions:

- Made a finding that this out-of-agency water service agreement is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines sections 15302 and 15303 (Classes 2 and 3).
- Pursuant to Government Code Section 56133(b), authorized the District to enter into an out-of-agency water service agreement with the Hillcrest MHP, to provide a source of clean water that meets the requirements of the California Safe Drinking Water Act, in anticipation of a later change of organization.

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The following matter was called up for consideration:

Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 15, Annexation No. 277 (Parcels 1 and 2) – 6.763 acres located on Turnbull Canyon North, north and south of its intersection with La Mesita Drive, in the unincorporated County territory, known as Hacienda Heights. The Landowners are Billary Development, Inc. (Shann-Tsan Lee, President), Barbara V. LaFavre, Tony Ujadughele, and Anthony De La Vara.

On motion of Commissioner Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Commission took the following actions:

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- Made a finding that Parcel 1 and that portion of Parcel 2 containing existing structures are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, sections 15303(a) and 15319(a), respectively.

Acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to Annexation No. 277 (portion of Parcel 2 proposed for development), and under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15096, LAFCO certified that it has independently considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the project, adopted by the County of Los Angeles, as lead agency, and has determined that the document adequately addresses the environmental impacts of the project. In addition, LAFCO made a finding that it has complied with the requirements of CEQA with respect to the process for a responsible agency and adopted, by reference, the negative declaration, previously prepared by the lead agency in connection with its approval of the project.

- Made a finding that all owners of land have given their written consent to the change of organization, and all affected agencies have consented in writing to the waiver of protest proceedings and waived the requirement for protest proceedings in its entirety, pursuant to Government Code Section 56663.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2004-02 Making Determinations Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 277 to County Sanitation District No. 15.
- Provided that the annexation shall be subject to the following term and condition:

The property so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as the County Sanitation District may legally impose.

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On motion of Commissioner Gladbach, unanimously, the Commission approved the minutes of the meeting held on December 10, 2003.

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The following matter was called up for consideration:

Approval of Revised Resolution No. 2003-08P (Revised) Ordering City of Palmdale Annexation No. 2000-01A Subject to the Confirmation of the Voters.

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On motion of Commissioner Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Commission approved the attached revised Resolution No. 2003-08P (Revised) Ordering City of Palmdale Annexation No. 2000-01A Subject to the Confirmation of the Voters.

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The Executive Officer (EO) reported on the status of the Municipal Service Reviews. The EO indicated that the letters issued by various commissioners produced some additional responses to the Requests For Information. The EO also noted that the MSR process was moving along. The EO reported on the community meeting held on January 7, 2004 to elicit responses to the draft MSR for the city of Azusa. Chairman Pellissier noted that the meeting was well done and the response was positive, however, the Chairman did note that about half of the attendees were there to find out additional information on the Monrovia nursery annexation. The EO reported that published notice has been given that the Commission will act on the Azusa MSR/Sphere of Influence update on February 11, 2004. Finally, the EO indicated that it may be possible to exclude cities whose boundaries are co-terminus, i.e., cities that are completely surrounded by other cities, from the MSR process.

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On motion of Commissioner Gladbach, unanimously carried, the Commission approved the operating account check register for the month of December 2003. The Executive Officer also indicated that processing fees were down significantly and would impact the current operating budget and the next fiscal year's budget. In addition the EO informed the commission that a final budget must be adopted by May 15, 2004 and a preliminary budget would be presented to the commission in March or early April.

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The Executive Officer presented the pending proposal status report.

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No one came forward during the period allowed for public comment.

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The next meetings will be January 28, 2004 and February 11, 2004.

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There was no new business to be placed on any future agenda. However, Commissioner Proo announced that Commissioner Madrid was re-appointed as alternate commissioner at the last League of Cities meeting.

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On motion of Commissioner Gladbach, unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry J. Calemine
Executive Officer