

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY  
FORMATION COMMISSION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY

September 22, 2004

Present:

Henri F. Pellissier, Chairman  
Yvonne B. Burke  
Donald L. Dear  
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  
Greig Smith, Alternate

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

Absent:

James DiGiuseppe

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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.

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The following matter was called up for consideration:

Detachment No. 2002-07 from the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District.

On motion of Commissioner Dear, unanimously carried, (Commissioner DiGiuseppe, being absent) the Commission the Commission took the following actions:

- Adopted the attached Resolution No. 2004-05P Ordering West Hills Detachment No. 2002-07 from the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District.

[Commissioner Burke in at 9:06 a.m.]

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The following matter was called up for consideration:

Municipal Service Review/Sphere of Influence Update for Las Virgenes Municipal Water District.

On motion of Commissioner Gladbach, unanimously carried, (Commissioner DiGiuseppe, being absent) the Commission the Commission took the following actions:

- Adopted the determinations recommended in the attached Municipal Service Review of Water Service providers for the Las Virgenes region prepared by Dudek & Associates, with regards to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, as required by Government Code Section 56430.
- Made a finding that the approval of this Sphere of Influence (SOI) Update is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because, as set forth in the State CEQA Guidelines section 15061, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the SOI Update will have a significant effect on the environment, as no changes to the SOI are recommended at this time.
- Approved the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District's Sphere of Influence Update, as recommended in the Municipal Service Review report, and made the following determinations, in accordance with Government Code section 56425:

Minute Order No. 4 Cont'd

Present and Planned Land Uses in the Area

Land use in the area is governed by the respective land use authorities - the Cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village and the County of Los Angeles. Present and planned land uses in the area are primarily open-space and residential.

Present and Probable Need for Public Facilities and Services in the Area

The population in the LVMWD is expected to grow from 66,600 in 2000 to 97,600 by the year 2020, based on Census and SCAG data. The Las Virgenes MWD system was built in 1963 and the District has a comprehensive 20 year master plan that identifies potential improvements for potable and recycled systems. Because future development significantly impacts district planning, the master plan includes triggers for infrastructure improvements.

Present Capacity of Public Facilities and Adequacy of Public Service that the Agency Provides or is Authorized to Provide

The system has historically received its supply from the Metropolitan Water District on the eastern boundary through West Valley Feeder Number 2; however, with expected growth and demand in the western portions, the District's transmission system was determined to need improvements. To avoid costs for some east/west water transmission, the District's Integrated Master Plan analyzed a possible connection to the Calleguas MWD in Ventura County. Construction is planned and budgeted for 2005 – 2007.

Existence of Any Social or Economic Communities of Interest

Specific communities within the District's boundaries include the Cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village and the County of Los Angeles. The District has an active outreach program and participates in local community events; furthermore the District conducts water forums for local civic leaders.

- Adopted the attached Resolution No 2004-26 Making Determinations and Approving an Update to the Sphere of Influence for the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District.

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On motion of Commissioner Proo, unanimously carried (Commissioner DiGiuseppe being absent), the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 22, Annexation No. 366 – 6.414 acres located on Azusa and San Gabriel Canyon Roads, north of Sierra Madre Avenue, in the City of Azusa will be continued to the meeting of October 27, 2004 to allow for proper notice.

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On motion of Commissioner Herrera, unanimously carried (Commissioner DiGiuseppe being absent) the attached Financial Audit for Fiscal, prepared by Vasquez and Company, LLP, Year 2001/2002 was submitted and approved.

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The Executive Officer requested that the Commission add the bulleted statement "Adopted the Municipal Service Review report" for item no. 4 on page 7 of the August 25, 2004 minutes. On motion of Commissioner Dear, unanimously carried (Commissioner DiGiuseppe being absent), the attached revised minutes for the meeting held on August 25, 2004 was approved.

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The Executive Officer gave an update on the status of the Municipal Service Reviews (MSR). He indicated that the MSRs and Sphere of Influence (SOI) updates are continuing to proceed on schedule. He further indicated that thanks to Commissioner Knabe's assistance, the staff at the City of Long Beach were being responsive to the RFIs. In addition, the Executive Officer indicated that the Santa Clarita Valley and the West San Gabriel Valley MSRs were approximately 3 to 4 week behind schedule. Consultant delays, and additional time and attention spent on some of the more controversial areas of the aforementioned MSRs were the causes attributable to the delay.

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The Executive Officer gave a legislative update. The Governor signed a CALAFCO sponsored bill on September 10, 2004, that for the first time would allow consolidation of districts that were created under different principal acts. The Executive Officer further indicated that the bill also contained a sunset clause effective July 1, 2008. The consolidation can be done by a petition of registered voters or landowners within the district, or by an action of a LAFCO commission after a study of the districts.

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On motion of Commissioner Gladbach, unanimously carried (Commissioner DiGiuseppe being absent) the Operating Account and Money Market Account Registers for the month of August 2004 were approved.

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The Executive Officer presented the pending proposal status report.

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No one came forward for public comment.

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The next meetings will be October 13, 2004 and October 27, 2004.

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There was no new business to be placed on any future agenda.

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On motion of Commissioner Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, (Commissioner DiGiuseppe, being absent), the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry J. Calemine  
Executive Officer