

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY  
FORMATION COMMISSION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY

January 12, 2005

Present:

Henri F. Pellissier, Chairman  
Donald L. Dear  
Jerry Gladbach  
Carol Herrera  
Cindy Miscikowski  
Beatrice Proo  
Zev Yaroslavsky

Kenneth I. Chappell, Alternate  
Robert W. Goldsworthy, Alternate  
Donald Knabe, Alternate  
Cristina Cruz-Madrid, Alternate  
Greig Smith, Alternate

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

Absent:

Yvonne B. Burke  
James DiGiuseppe  
Richard Close, Alternate

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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:

City of Santa Clarita – Annexation No. 2003-03 (Whitney Canyon).

On motion of Commissioner Dear, unanimously carried (Commissioners Burke, DiGiuseppe, Proo and Yaroslavsky being absent), the Commission took the following actions:

- Open the public hearing and receiving no testimony the public hearing was closed.
- Acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to Annexation No. 2003-03 pursuant to State of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15096, LAFCO made a finding that it has independently considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the proposed project and the environmental documents adopted by the City of Santa Clarita as lead agency, namely City of Santa Clarita Resolution No. 03-27, approving and adopting a Negative Declaration for the annexation area. LAFCO also finds 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 adopted by the City of Santa Clarita, in connection with its approval of the proposed project.
- Made a finding that the county and all subject agencies have agreed to the proposed tax transfer.
- Approved the requested amendment to the Sphere of Influence for the City of Santa Clarita and made the following determinations, in accordance with Government Code Section 56425.
  - a. Present and planned land uses in the area:  
The subject territory is currently vacant and used as open space. The City of Santa Clarita will continue to utilize the area as open space. There are no plans for future development.

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- b. Present and probable need for public facilities and services:  
There are adequate public facilities to service the Whitney Canyon area. The subject territory is currently uninhabited. No development is anticipated.
- c. The present capacity of public facilities:  
Adequate public service facilities are available to service the site.

Fire: The Los Angeles County Fire Department currently services the area and will continue to do so under contract with the City of Santa Clarita. No change in the level and range of services is anticipated.

Parks/Recreation: The area is generally open-space with hiking activities that are managed by the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy.

Police Services: The area is currently serviced by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy Park Rangers. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department will continue to provide the service under contract with the City; however, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy will provide routine policing.

Sewer Services: Sewer services are provided by way of a private septic tank that is maintained and serviced by the City of Santa Clarita.

Water: Water is provided by private well that is maintained and serviced by the City of Santa Clarita. Water is currently available on site and will be upon annexation.

- d. The existence of any social or economic communities of interest:  
There are no communities of social or economic interest.

- Pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, set February 23, at 9:00 a.m., as the date for Commission protest proceedings.

[Commissioner Prooin at 9:06]

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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 Agreement with KB Home of Greater Los Angeles, Inc., to provide residential water related services to Tract No. 54365, located at the corner of Avenue E and 30<sup>th</sup> Street East, in the city of Lancaster.

Minute Order No. 4 (Cont'd)

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

- Opened the public hearing and receiving no testimony, the public hearing was closed.
- Acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to approval of this project, and under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15096, LAFCO made a finding that it has independently considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the project and the negative declaration adopted by the City of Lancaster, as lead agency, and has determined that the document adequately addresses the environmental impacts of the project. LAFCO also finds 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.
- Pursuant to Government Code Section 56133(b), authorized Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 to provide new or extended services outside jurisdictional boundaries but within its sphere of influence in anticipation of a later change of organization, and to enter into an out-of-agency water service agreement with KB Home Greater Los Angeles, Inc.

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The Executive Officer reported on the status of the Municipal Service Reviews. Preparation of the SOI & MSR reports, by staff and consultants, for the 88 cities and 92 districts located in Los Angeles County, continue on schedule. To date, the Commission has adopted SOI Updates and MSR reports on 74 local agencies (26 cities and 48 special districts). A Community Workshop was held on November 30, 2004. The *Final Municipal Service Review for the Santa Clara Region* and Dudek's *Final MSR for Water Service Providers in the Santa Clara Region* have been completed. The public hearing for both MSRs is scheduled for the next Commission hearing on January 26, 2005. Although the Dudek report is final, SOI updates for the water agencies will not be acted on until the new study is completed. As discussed at our last meeting, the new study is a collaborative effort between all the water agencies in the region, and will be more in-depth.

LSA provided us with a timeline for completion of the Wastewater MSR as follows:

- LSA Wasterwater MSR preliminary draft completion- February 14, 2005
- Public distribution of LSA Draft - February 21, 2005
- LSA Watewater Draft MSR Community Workshop - March 21, 2005
- LSA Final Wastewater MSR - March 28, 2005
- Public Hearing - LSA Final Wasterwater MSR - April 13, 2005

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The South Bay Municipal Service review includes 14 cities and two water districts, the West Basin and the Water Replenishment District of Southern California and Dudek Associates are currently preparing the report for those water service providers. Staff is in the process of sending all files and information to Burr Consulting for the East San Gabriel MSR region. Completion of the East San Gabriel MSR is tentatively scheduled for July 2005.

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The Executive Officer reported on the status of the Las Lomas proposal. He indicated that, to date, LAFCO has not received a complete application from the City of Santa Clarita or the landowner. Mr. R.J. Comer and Mr. Dan Palmer of the Las Lomas Land Company addressed the commission regarding this issue.

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On motion of Commissioner Herrera, unanimously carried (Commissioners Burke, DiGiuseppe and Yaroslavsky being absent), the minutes of the meeting held on December 8, 2004 were approved.

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On motion of Commissioner Gladbach, unanimously carried (Commissioners Burke and DiGiuseppe being absent), the Commission approved the following reports:

- a. Budget Report
- b. Balance Sheet
- c. Source and Application of Funds
- d. Operating Account Check Register

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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 January 26, 2005 and February 9, 2005.

[Commissioner Yaroslavsky in at 9:45 a.m.]

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Commissioner Herrera requested that an item be placed on the agenda to discuss communications from the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (COG) regarding legislation the San Gabriel Valley COG is planning to submit to Sacramento regarding Government Code Section 56133.

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On motion of Commissioner Miscikowski, unanimously carried, (Commissioners Burke and DiGiuseppe, being absent), the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry J. Calemine  
Executive Officer