

REVISED

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY

FORMATION COMMISSION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY

January 26, 2005

Present:

Henri F. Pellissier, Chairman
Yvonne B. Burke
Donald L. Dear
Jerry Gladbach
Carol Herrera
Beatrice Proo
Zev Yaroslavsky

Kenneth I. Chappell, Alternate
Richard Close, Alternate
Donald Knabe, Alternate
Greig Smith, Alternate

Larry J. Calemine, Executive Officer
Thomas Faughnan, Legal Counsel

Absent:

James DiGiuseppe
Cindy Miscikowski
Cristina Cruz-Madrid, 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:

Santa Clara Municipal Service Review (MSR) and City of Santa Clarita Sphere of Influence (SOI) Update.

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

- Opened the public hearing and received testimony on the Municipal Service Review. There being no further testimony, closed the public hearing.
- Adopted the Municipal Service Review report for the Santa Clara Region and the determinations contained in the report, as required by Government Code section 56430.
- Made a finding that the approval of this Sphere of Influence 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 Sphere of Influence Update will have a significant effect on the environment, as no changes to the Sphere of Influence are recommended at this time. 15262, MSRs are only feasibility and planning studies for possible future actions that have not been approved, adopted or funded, and therefore, conducting an MSR is statutorily exempt from the provisions of CEQA.
- Approved the update of the City's of Santa Clarita's Sphere of Influence, as recommended in the Municipal Service Review report, and made the following determinations, in accordance with Government Code section 56425:

A. Present and Planned Land Uses in the Area;

Planned land uses for developed lands within the City's sphere of influence consists of 66.7% Residential, 7.7% Commercial Office, 10.6% Industrial, 5.2% Public Services, 9.7% Transportation, Communication, and Utilities. Developed land comprise 56.1 % of the total land area of the City, vacant lands 30.4 % and open spaced lands 13.5%.

There are approximately 1,968 acres of Prime Farmland in the MSR area, located principally along the Santa Clara River; along Castaic Creek; west of San Francisquito Canyon, along Interstate 5, adjacent to the Antelope Valley Freeway. Areas designated as Farmlands of State Importance exist east of San Francisquito Canyon and along Bouquet Canyon Road; areas designated as Unique Farmland exists east of San Francisquito Canyon and west of Bouquet Canyon Road; and Farmland of Local Importance are located along Chiquito Canyon Road and south of Acton.

B. Present and Probable Need for Public Facilities and Services in the Area;

Santa Clarita provides adequate public facilities and services to meet the current needs of residents and businesses within the existing sphere of influence. As further development occurs in the future, a higher level of municipal services and additional or upgraded infrastructure and facilities will be needed in the Santa Clara MSR area specifically parks, libraries, upgraded policing facilities, water and wastewater systems.

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

Santa Clarita provides sufficient municipal services to its residents and has the capability of providing increased services as the city expands.

D. Existence of Any Social or Economic Communities of Interest:

A variety of social and economic communities of interest occur in the area. Areas of economic interest include commercial uses along Magic Mountain Parkway and Valencia Boulevard, including Valencia Town Center, along Soledad Canyon Road, Sierra Highway, San Fernando Road and Lyons Avenue). The Valencia Industrial Center has a concentration of light industrial uses.

Newhall, Valencia, Saugus, Canyon Country, Pico Canyon, Placerita Canyon and Sand Canyon are communities of interest that exist within the City's SOI. Residential communities of interest outside of the City's sphere of influence include Stevenson Ranch, Acton, Agua Dulce, Castaic, Hasley Canyon, and Val Verde.

- Adopted the attached Resolution No. 2005-02 Making Determinations and Approving Update to the Sphere of Influence for the City of Santa Clarita.

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[Commissioner Yaroslavsky in at 9:12]

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The following matter was called up for consideration:

Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14, Annexation No. 282.

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

- Opened the public hearing. There being no testimony, closed the public hearing.
- Made a finding that the project is exempt under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15319(a).
- 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 pursuant to Government Code Section 56663, waived the requirement for protest proceedings in its entirety.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2005-03 Making Determinations and Ordering Annexation No. 282 to County Sanitation District No. 14.

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The following matter was called up for consideration:

Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14, Annexation No. 285.

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

- ? Opened the public hearing. There being no testimony, closed the public hearing.
- Made a finding that the project is exempt under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15319(a).
- 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 pursuant to Government Code Section 56663, waived the requirement for protest proceedings in its entirety.

- Adopted Resolution No. 2005-04 Making Determinations and Ordering Annexation No. 285 to County Sanitation District No. 14.

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The following matter was called up for consideration:

Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14, Annexation No. 290.

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

- ? Opened the public hearing. There being no testimony, closed the public hearing.
- Made a finding that the project is exempt under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15303(a).
- 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 pursuant to Government Code Section 56663, waived the requirement for protest proceedings in its entirety.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2005-05 Making Determinations and Ordering Annexation No. 290 to County Sanitation District No. 14.

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The following matter was called up for consideration:

Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 15, Annexation No. 278.

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

- Opened the public hearing. There being no testimony, closed the public hearing.
- Made a finding that the project is exempt under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15303(a).

- 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 pursuant to Government Code Section 56663, waived the requirement for protest proceedings in its entirety.

Adopted Resolution No. 2005-06 Making Determinations and Ordering Annexation No. 278 to County Sanitation District No. 15.

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The following matter was called up for consideration:

Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21, Annexation No. 676.

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

- Opened the public hearing. There being no testimony, closed the public hearing.
- Acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to Annexation No. 676, and under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15096, The Commission certified that it has independently considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the project and the mitigated negative declaration adopted by the City of Claremont, as lead agency has determined that the document adequately addresses the environmental impacts of the project. The Commission also finds that it has complied with the requirements of CEQA with respect to the process for a responsible agency and hereby adopted, by reference, the mitigated negative declaration previously prepared by the lead agency, in connection with its approval of the project. In addition, Commission finds that portions of the project are exempt under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15303(a).
- 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 pursuant to Government Code Section 56663, waived the requirement for protest proceedings in its entirety.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2005-01 Making Determinations and Ordering Annexation No. 676 to County Sanitation District No. 21.

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The following matter was called up for consideration:

Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21, Annexation No. 698.
Minute Order No. 9 (Cont'd)

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

- Opened the public hearing. There being no testimony, closed the public hearing.
- Acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to Annexation No. 698, and under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15096, the Commission certified that it has independently considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the project and the mitigated negative declaration adopted by the City of Claremont, as lead agency has determined that the document adequately addresses the environmental impacts of the project. The Commission finds that it has complied with the requirements of CEQA with respect to the process for a responsible agency and adopted, by reference, the mitigated 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 pursuant to Government Code Section 56663, waived the requirement for protest proceedings in its entirety.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2005-08 Making Determinations and Ordering Annexation No. 698 to County Sanitation District No. 21.

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The following matter was called up for consideration:

Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21, Annexation No. 699.

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

- Opened the public hearing. There being no testimony, closed the public hearing.
- Made a finding that the project is exempt under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15319(a).
- 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 pursuant to Government Code Section 56663, waived the requirement for protest proceedings in its entirety.

Adopted Resolution No. 2005-09 Making Determinations and Ordering Annexation No. 699 to County Sanitation District No. 21 .

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The following matter was called up for consideration:

Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21, Annexation No. 700.

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

- Opened the public hearing. There being no testimony, closed the public hearing.
- Made a finding that the project is exempt under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15303(a).
- 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 pursuant to Government Code Section 56663, waived the requirement for protest proceedings in its entirety.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2005-10 Making Determinations and Ordering Annexation No. 700 to County Sanitation District No. 21 .

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The following matter was called up for consideration:

Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 22, Annexation No. 379.

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

- Opened the public hearing. There being no testimony, closed the public hearing.
- Acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to Annexation No. 379, and under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15096, the Commission certified that it has independently considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the project and the mitigated negative declaration adopted by the City of Glendora, as lead agency has determined that the document adequately addresses the environmental impacts of the project. The Commission 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 mitigated 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 pursuant to Government Code Section 56663, waived the requirement for protest proceedings in its entirety.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2005-11 Making Determinations and Ordering Annexation No. 379 to County Sanitation District No. 22.

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The following matter was called up for consideration:

Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 22, Annexation No. 380.

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

- Opened the public hearing. There being no testimony, closed the public hearing.
- Made a finding that the project is exempt under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15303(a).
- 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 pursuant to Government Code Section 56663, waived the requirement for protest proceedings in its entirety.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2005-12 Making Determinations and Ordering Annexation No. 380 to County Sanitation District No. 22.

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The Executive Officer reported on the status of the Municipal Service Reviews. To date the Commission has adopted 74 SOI and MSR updates (26 cities and 48 special districts) Staff will be meeting with LSA and County Sanitation Districts to discuss the Wastewater MSR on January 27, 2005. The South Bay MSR area is on schedule. Staff is meeting with Burr Consulting on January 27, 2005 to start the East San Gabriel MSR area. Santa Clarita Comprehensive Water Study RFP is due February 14, 2005.

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Executive Officer reported on the status of Government Code Section 56133. CSAC accepted the proposed CALAFCO Legislative Committee Draft. The Executive Officer and Commissioner Gladbach will be attending CALAFCO's Board meeting this Friday, January 28, 2005.

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The Executive Officer reported on the status of the Las Lomas proposal. He indicated that, staff has nothing new to report. LAFCO has two incomplete applications.

[Yaroslavsky out at 9:38]

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On motion of Commissioner Proo, unanimously carried (Commissioners Miscikowski, Yaroslavsky and DiGiuseppe being absent), the minutes of the meeting held on January 12, 2005 were approved.

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The Executive Officer presented the pending proposal status report.

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Ed Dunn and Joan Dunn Came forward during the public comment period to discuss Newhall County Water District.

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The next meetings will be February 9, 2005 and February 23, 2005.

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On motion of Commissioner Knabe, unanimously carried, (Commissioners Miscikowski, Yaroslavsky and DiGiuseppe, being absent), the meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry J. Calemine
Executive Officer