

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY
FORMATION COMMISSION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY

February 9, 2005

Present:

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

Kenneth I. Chappell, Alternate
Richard Close, Alternate
Donald Knabe, Alternate
Cristina Cruz-Madrid, Alternate
Greig Smith, Alternate

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

Absent:

James DiGiuseppe
Carol Herrera

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

2 Pledge of Allegiance led by Henri F. Pellissier.

3 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 Empire Land, LLC, to provide residential and commercial water related services for Phase I of the Anaverde, LLC Master Planned Community in the City of Palmdale.

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

- Opened the public hearing to receive testimony, there being none, closed the public hearing.
- Acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to approval of this project, 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 environmental impact report adopted by the City of Palmdale, as lead agency, and has determined that the document adequately addresses the environmental impacts of the project. The Commission 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 environmental impact report and statement of overriding considerations, 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 Empire Land, LLC.

4 The informational item Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts Pre-Hearing for County Waterworks District No. 40 - Annexation No. 2005-02 was received and filed.

5 The Executive Officer reported on the status of the Municipal Service Reviews. To date the Commission has adopted 75 SOI and MSR updates (26 cities and 48 special districts) LSA and Associates will have a screen check draft for review on February 15, 2005. Both the South Bay MSR and South Bay Water Service MSR draft reports are scheduled for completion by the end of February with final reports for Commission

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review in May. Burr Consulting has a tentative completion date of July for the East San Gabriel MSR area. Santa Clarita Comprehensive Water Study Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been adopted by all five agencies.

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On motion of Commissioner Dear, unanimously carried (Commissioners DiGiuseppe and Herrera being absent), the minutes of the meeting held on January 26, 2005, revised to reflect Commissioner Close as present, were approved.

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The Executive Officer presented the pending proposal status report.

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No one came forward during the public comment period.

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

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On motion of Commissioner Madrid, unanimously carried, (Commissioners DiGiuseppe and Herrera, being absent), the meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry J. Calemine
Executive Officer