

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY
FORMATION COMMISSION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY

May 25, 2005

Present:

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

Kenneth I. Chappell, Alternate
Richard Close, Alternate
Judith Mitchell, Alternate
Greig Smith, Alternate

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

Absent:

James DiGiuseppe
Cindy Miscikowski
Don Knabe, Alternate
Norm Ryan, Alternate

1 The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

2 Pledge of Allegiance led by Henri F. Pellissier.

3 The following matter was called up for consideration:

Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2005/2006.

On motion of Commissioner Dear, unanimously carried (Commissioners DiGiuseppe, Miscikowski, and Yaroslavsky being absent), the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2005/2006 was approved.

4 The following matter was called up for consideration:

Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Updates.

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

- Opened the public hearing to receive testimony, there being none, the public hearing was closed.
- Adopted the Municipal Service Review report for the 25 Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts and the determinations contained in the report, as required by Government Code section 56430.
- Made a finding that the approval of these Sphere of Influence Updates are 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 Updates will have a significant effect on the environment, as no changes to the Spheres of Influence are recommended at this time.
- Approved the update of each of the 25 dependent special district's Sphere Of Influence and made the following determinations, in accordance with Government Code section 56425:
 - a. Present and Planned Land Uses in the Area
The land use of each district area is widely varied and contains residential, commercial, agricultural and industrial uses.

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

Both facilities and services meet the needs of the stable populated areas. Because of the centralized administration of the Districts, the Districts can quickly adjust to those areas where population is steadily growing.

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

The Districts' public facilities have adequate capacity to serve present needs and provide efficient and cost-effective public services. The Districts have a system of long range planning that identifies the areas in need of future expansion or consolidation and will adjust those long term plans as necessary. Future capacity has been addressed and new facilities are being planned where required.

d. Existence of Any Social or Economic Communities of Interest

Numerous social and economic communities of interest exist within the Districts. Individual districts have been consolidated or otherwise modified to address changes to communities of interest and to provide more efficient and cost-effective service.

- Adopted the attached Resolution No. 2005-31 Making Determinations and Approving the Updates to the Spheres of Influence for the 25 Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts.

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The following matter was called up for consideration:

Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20, Annexation No. 60.

On motion of Commissioner Finlay unanimously carried (Commissioners DiGiuseppe, Miscikowski, and Yaroslavsky 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 Annexation No. 60, 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 Palmdale and has determined that the document adequately addresses the environmental impacts of the project. The Commission also 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 findings previously adopted 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 subject agencies have consented in writing to the waiver of protest proceedings, and pursuant to Government Code Section 56663(c), waived the requirement for protest proceedings in its entirety.
- Approved the attached Resolution Making No. 2005-27 Determinations Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 60 to County Sanitation District No. 20.

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The following matter was called up for consideration:

Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20, Annexation No. 71.

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

- Opened the public hearing to receive testimony, there being none the public hearing was closed.
- Acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to Annexation No. 71, 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, including the mitigation and monitoring program, certified by the City of Palmdale 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 findings previously adopted 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 subject agencies have consented in writing to the waiver of protest proceedings, and pursuant to Government Code Section 56663(c), waived the requirement for protest proceedings in its entirety.
- Approved the attached Resolution No. 2005-28 Making Determinations Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 71 to County Sanitation District No. 20.

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The following matter was called up for consideration:

Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21, Annexation No. 702.

Minute Order No. 7 (Cont'd)

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

- Opened the public hearing to receive testimony, there being none the public hearing was closed.
- Acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to Annexation No. 702, 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 negative declaration adopted by the City of West Covina and 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 environmental findings previously adopted 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 subject agencies have consented in writing to the waiver of protest proceedings, and pursuant to Government Code Section 56663(c), waived the requirement for protest proceedings in its entirety.
- Adopted the attached Resolution No. 2005-29 Making Determinations and Ordering Annexation No. 702 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. 384.

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

- Opened the public hearing to receive testimony, there being none the public hearing was closed.
- 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 subject 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.

Minute Order No. 8 (Cont'd)

- Adopted the attached Resolution No. 2005-30 Making Determinations Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 384 to County Sanitation District No. 22.

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The following matter was called up for consideration:

Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 26, Annexation No. 335.

On motion of Commissioner Gladbach, unanimously carried (Commissioners DiGiuseppe, Misckiowski and Yaroslavsky being absent), Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 26, Annexation No. 335 was continued.

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The following matter was called up for consideration:

Approve process for awarding merit pay increases to LAFCO staff and receive and file report on LAFCO staff organization structure.

On motion of Commissioner Smith, unanimously carried (Commissioners DiGiuseppe, Misckiowski and Yaroslavsky being absent), the process for awarding merit pay increases to LAFCO staff was approved.

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

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On motion of Commissioner Close, unanimously carried (Commissioners DiGiuseppe and Miscikowski being absent), the Municipal Service Reviews and Spheres of Influence Update was received and filed.

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On motion of Commissioner Burke, unanimously carried (Commissioners DiGiuseppe and Miscikowki being absent), the Legislative Update was received and filed.

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On motion of Commissioner Finlay, unanimously carried (Commissioners DiGiuseppe and Miscikowski being absent), the minutes of the meeting held on May 11, 2005 were approved.

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On motion of Commissioner Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried (Commissioners DiGiuseppe and Miscikowski being absent), the pending proposal status report was received and filed.

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No one came forward during the public comment period.

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The next meetings will be June 8, 2005 and June 22, 2005.

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

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On motion of Commissioner Dear, unanimously carried, (Commissioners DiGiuseppe and Miscikowski being absent), the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry J. Calemine
Executive Officer