



LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL AGENCY
FORMATION COMMISSION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY

FEBRUARY 13, 2002

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Present: Henri Pellissier, Chairman
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Zev Yaroslavsky

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Richard Close, Alternate
Jerry E. Gladbach, Alternate
Donald Knabe, Alternate
Cristina Cruz-Madrid, Alternate

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

Absent:

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Pellissier

Persons who made a contribution of more than \$250 to any member of the Commission during the preceding 12 months were asked to come forward and state for the record the Commissioner to whom such contribution was made and the item of their involvement. (None)

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On motion of Commissioner Herrera, unanimously carried, the Palm Ranch Irrigation District and the Walnut Valley Water District consent items were approved.

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The Executive Officer reported on the Antelope Valley Hospital District non payment of 2001-2001 LAFCO assessment. The Executive Officer reported that after numerous discussions between LAFCO and the Antelope Valley Hospital District (the District) an agreement has been reached. Staff recommends, with input from County Counsel, that the Commission accept payment of \$53,176.00 from the District with the understanding that LAFCO will agree, in writing, to return the payment to the District if any one of the following occurs:

- a. The state legislature enacts legislation prior to May 31, 2002 that excludes the District from paying the 2001-2002 assessment and any other future assessments.
- b. The Independent Special Districts Committee provide LAFCO minutes of a meeting held prior to May 31, 2002 whereby a majority of the Districts have voted in favor of excluding the Antelope Valley Hospital District from the Independent Special Districts apportionment formula and direct LAFCO to reapportion the total assessment.

Staff also recommends that should the District fail to pay LAFCO the \$53,176.00 by February 20, 2002 legal counsel will be immediately directed to begin legal proceedings to enforce payment of the assessment due LAFCO. Mr. Gary Hill and Mr. Norm Andrews addressed the Commission regarding this matter.

On motion of Commissioner Miscikowski, unanimously carried, staff recommendations were adopted by the Commission with the additional instruction that the Executive Officer write to the appropriate legislators or committees indicating LAFCO is in support of any legislative or financial solutions that Sacramento can provide the Hospital District. The Executive Officer requested that Mr. Andrews provide LAFCO with the names of the appropriate Legislators and/or committees the District would like the letter addressed.

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On motion of Commissioner Proo, unanimously carried, the LAFCO Operating Account Check Register was approved.

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The Executive Officer reported on Special Reorganization. The EO indicated that the 30 day period for filing a request to have the State Controller review the final comprehensive fiscal analysis ended at 5:00p.m. Monday, February 11, 2002, however, at 3:30 p.m., February 11, 2002 the City of Los Angeles filed a request for a State Controller review. The EO also indicated that that the data submitted by the City of Los Angeles along with a formal letter requesting the State Controller review would be forwarded to the State Controller's office by close of business today.

County Counsel gave a brief overview of the three legal opinions submitted in the staff report. The legal opinions covered issues regarding the Documentary Transfer Tax, Commission Authority to set Terms and Conditions Regarding Public Utilities and Special Reorganization Elections (See Legal Opinions for details). Staff recommendations regarding Special Reorganization Elections are as follows:

- a. The Commission designate The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as the conducting authority for any required protest hearings and elections should the Commission approve the San Fernando Valley and Harbor area Special Reorganizations, and
- b. The Commission designate the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder as the elections official should the Commission approve the Hollywood Special Reorganization.

Mr. Mardesich and Mr. McQuiston addressed the Commission on this issue.

On motion of Commissioner Knabe, unanimously carried, staff recommendation for designations of conducting authority was approved.

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The Executive Officer reported on the schedule of special reorganization public hearings. The scheduled February 20, 2002 Peck Park public hearing has been rescheduled for March 9, 2002 pending Peck Park availability.

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On motion of Commissioner Proo, unanimously carried the minutes of January 23, 2002 were approved.

8 Mr. Andrew Mardeshich and Mr. John McQuiston addressed the Commission during the public comment period.

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No new business was raised to be placed on a future agenda.

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The next meeting of the Commission was set for February 27, 2002.

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On motion of Commissioner Yaroslavksy, unanimously carried, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry J. Calimine". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

LARRY J. CALEMINE
Executive Officer