



LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

**Present:**

Henri Pellissier, Chairman  
James DiGiuseppe  
Carol Herrera  
Cindy Miscikowski  
Hal Bernson, Alternate  
Kenneth I. Chappell, Alternate  
Richard Close, Alternate  
Robert W. Goldsworthy, Alternate  
Cristina Cruz-Madrid, Alternate

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

**Absent:**

Yvonne Brathwaite-Burke  
Jerry E. Gladbach  
Beatrice Proo, Vice Chairman  
William Wentworth  
Zev Yaroslavsky  
Donald Knabe, Alternate

HENRI F. PELLISSIER  
CHAIRMAN

YVONNE BRATHWAITE-BURKE  
JAMES DIGIUSEPPE  
JERRY GLADBACH  
CAROL HERRERA  
CINDY MISCIKOWSKI  
BEATRICE PROO  
WILLIAM WENTWORTH  
ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

ALTERNATE MEMBERS  
HAL BERNSON  
KENNETH I. CHAPPELL  
RICHARD H. CLOSE  
CRISTINA CRUZ-MADRID  
ROBERT W. GOLDSWORTHY  
DON KNABE

STAFF  
LARRY J. CALEMINE  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SANDOR L. WINGER  
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER

JUNE D. SAVALA  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Henri F. Pellissier.

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The Chairman introduced Robert W. Goldsworthy, who was elected on April 26, 2002, as the special district alternate member to LAFCO, for a four-year term of office expiring the first Monday in May 2006.

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On motion of Commissioner Hererra, unanimously carried (Commissioners Burke, Gladbach, Proo, Wentworth and Yaroslavsky being absent), the Commission took the following actions relating to Annexation No. 694 to County Sanitation District No. 21:

- a. Acting in its role as a responsible agency, with respect to the proposed annexation and under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15096, certified that it has independently considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the project and the notice of exemption certified by the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (LACSD), as lead agency; and determined that the document adequately addresses the environmental impacts of the project. 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 Notice of Finding previously prepared by the LACSD in connection with its certification of that document for the project.
- b. Pursuant to Government Code Section 56663, made a finding that all owners of land have given written consent to the change of organization, and all affected agencies have consented in writing to the waiver of protest proceedings; and waived protest proceedings in its entirety.
- c. Adopted the attached Resolution No, 2002-07RD Making Determinations and Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 694 to County Sanitation District No. 21, subject to the term and condition that the property so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as the County Sanitation Districts may impose.

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On motion of Commissioner Hererra, unanimously carried (Commissioners Burke, Gladbach, Proo, Wentworth and Yaroslavsky being absent), the Commission took the following actions relating to Annexation No. 369 to County Sanitation District No. 22:

- a. Acting in its role as a responsible agency, with respect to the proposed annexation and under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15096, certified that it has independently considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the project and the negative declaration certified by the City of West Covina, as lead agency, including mitigation measures that support the finding that there will not be a significant impact to the environment as a result of the project; and determined that the document adequately addresses the environmental impacts of the project. 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 negative declaration previously prepared by the City of West Covina in connection with its certification of that document for the project.
- b. Made a finding, pursuant to Government Code Section 56663, that all owners of land have given written consent to the change of organization, and all affected agencies have consented in writing to the waiver of protest proceedings; and waived protest proceedings in its entirety.
- c. Adopted the attached Resolution No. 2002-08RD Making Determinations and Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 369 to County Sanitation District No. 22, subject to the term and condition that the property so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as the County Sanitation Districts may impose.

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On motion of Commissioner Hererra, unanimously carried (Commissioners Burke, Gladbach, Proo, Wentworth and Yaroslavsky being absent), the Commission took the following actions relating to Annexation No. 370 to County Sanitation District No. 22:

- a. Acting in its role as a responsible agency, with respect to the proposed annexation and under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15096, certified that it has independently considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the project and the notice of exemption certified by the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (LACSD), as lead agency; and determined that the document adequately addresses the environmental impacts of the project.

Minute Order No. 5 (Continued)

- b. 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 Notice of Exemption previously prepared by the LACSD in connection with its certification of that document for the project.
- c. Made a finding, pursuant to Government Code Section 56663, that all owners of land have given written consent to the change of organization, and all affected agencies have consented in writing to the waiver of protest proceedings; and waived protest proceedings in its entirety.
- d. Adopted the attached Resolution No. 2002-09RD Making Determinations and Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 370 to County Sanitation District No. 22," subject to the term and condition that the property so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as the County Sanitation Districts may impose.

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On motion of Commissioner Hererra, unanimously carried (Commissioners Burke, Gladbach, Proo, Wentworth and Yaroslavsky being absent), the Commission took the following actions relating to Annexation No. 321 to County Sanitation District No. 26:

- a. Acting in its role as a responsible agency, with respect to the proposed annexation and under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15096, certified that it has independently considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the project and the negative declaration certified by the City of Santa Clarita, as lead agency; and determined that the document adequately addresses the environmental impacts of the project. 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 negative declaration previously prepared by the city of Santa Clarita in connection with its certification of that document for the project.
- b. Made a finding, pursuant to Government Code Section 56663, that all owners of land have given written consent to the change of organization, and all affected agencies have consented in writing to the waiver of protest proceedings; and waived protest proceedings in its entirety.

Minute Order No. 6 (continued)

- c. Adopted the attached Resolution No. 2002-10RD Making Determinations and Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 321 to County Sanitation District No. 26, subject to the term and condition that the property so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as the County Sanitation Districts may impose.

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On motion of Commissioner Herrera, unanimously carried (Commissioners Burke, Gladbach, Proo, Wentworth and Yaroslavsky being absent), the Commission took the following actions relating to Annexation No. 322 to County Sanitation District No. 26:

- a. Acting in its role as a responsible agency, with respect to the proposed annexation and under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15096, certified that it has independently considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the project and the negative declaration certified by the City of Santa Clarita, as lead agency; and determined that the document adequately addresses the environmental impacts of the project. Made a findings 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 City of Santa Clarita in connection with its certification of that document for the project.
- b. Made a finding, pursuant to Government Code Section 56663, that all owners of land have given written consent to the change of organization, and all affected agencies have consented in writing to the waiver of protest proceedings; and waived protest proceedings in its entirety.
- c. Adopted the attached Resolution No. 2002-11RD Making Determinations and Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 322 to County Sanitation District No. 26, subject to the term and condition that the property so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as the County Sanitation Districts may impose.

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On motion of Commissioner Hererra, unanimously carried (Commissioners Burke, Gladbach, Proo, Wentworth and Yaroslavsky being absent), the Commission took the following actions relating to Annexation No. 323 to County Sanitation District No. 26:

- a. Acting in its role as a responsible agency, with respect to the proposed annexation and under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15096, certified that it has independently considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the project and the negative declaration certified by the City of Santa Clarita, as lead agency; and determined that the document adequately addresses the environmental impacts of the project. Made a findings 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 City of Santa Clarita in connection with its certification of that document for the project.
- b. Made a finding, pursuant to Government Code Section 56663, that all owners of land have given written consent to the change of organization, and all affected agencies have consented in writing to the waiver of protest proceedings; and waived protest proceedings in its entirety.
- c. Adopted the attached Resolution No. 2002-12RD Making Determinations and Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 323 to County Sanitation District No. 26, subject to the term and condition that the property so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as the County Sanitation Districts may impose.

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The following matter was called up:

Continued discussion of the Executive Officer's Report regarding the San Fernando Valley Special Reorganization, including the Draft Resolution Making Determinations.

The Executive Officer reported that the only overlapping sphere of influence boundary between the cities of Burbank and Los Angeles is a portion of the northern runway at the airport and a small piece near the river. The Executive Officer further stated that this does not impact on the commission's action relative to the special reorganization process.

Minute Order No. 9 (Continued)

The following individuals addressed the commission:

Jeff Daar, One Los Angeles, regarding the August 7, 2001 County Counsel opinion relative to council district elections. John Krattli, Legal Counsel, responded that it is the opinion of County Counsel that LAFCO does not have discretion to require separate elections, absent a request from the applicant that there be a separate election for city officers, the elections must occur at the same time. The Chairman noted that the applicants had requested a single election.

Dialogue ensued amongst commission members. Following commission discussion public testimony was resumed with Bob Scott, Carlos Ferreyra, Lynn Rinker and John Walker.

Commissioner Miscikowski noted that representatives from the City of Los Angeles would appear before the commission on the following week to respond to questions presented.

The commission then heard from Alan Clayton of the Latino Redistricting Coalition. Legal Counsel requested clarification from Mr. Clayton whether the maps submitted at today's meeting would replace the maps he had previously submitted. Mr. Clayton responded in the affirmative.

Public testimony concluded with Benny Bernal and Jim McQuiston.

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Continued discussion of the Harbor Area Special Reorganization.

The Executive Officer stated that he was in the process of complying the Executive Officer's report. He further reported on the actions of the State Lands Commission excluding the tidelands from the boundary of the proposed new city.

No action was taken.

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Continued discussion of the Hollywood Area Special Reorganization.

The Executive Officer reported on staff's continued analysis of various scenarios that would exclude certain areas from the boundary of the proposed new city.

Joan Luchs of the Cahuenga Pass Neighborhood Association addressed the Commission. The Executive Officer responded to Ms. Luchs request for an explanation on how the council districts were set up.

No action was taken.

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On motion of Commission Herrera, unanimously carried (Commissioners Burke, Gladbach, Proo, Wentworth and Yaroslavsky being absent), the Minutes for the meetings held April 24, 2002 and May 1, 2002 were approved.

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No one spoke during the period allotted for public comment.

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New Business:

Commissioner Miscikowski: City of Los Angeles presentation in response to the Executive Officer's report regarding the San Fernando Valley Special Reorganization, including the Draft Resolution Making Determinations.

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On motion of Commissioner DiGiuseppe, unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

The next meeting of the Commission is set for May 15, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,



LARRY J. CALEMINE  
Executive Officer