

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA**

Wednesday, June 10, 2009
9:00 a.m.

Room 381B
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles 90012

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- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY CHAIRMAN GLADBACH.**
- 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS**
 - a. Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 – Annexation No. 2006-33.
 - b. Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.
- 4. PROTEST HEARING**
 - a. Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20 – Annexation No. 79.
- 5. CONSENT ITEMS**

All matters are approved by one motion unless held by a Commissioner or member(s) of the public for discussion or separate action.

- a. Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 – Annexation No. 2005-10.
- b. Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 – Annexation No. 2005-37.
- c. Approve Minutes of May 27, 2009.

- d. Operating Account and Check Register for the month of May 2009.
- e. Receive and file update on pending applications.

6. **OTHER ITEMS**

- a. Executive Officer Consideration for Meeting Schedule Revisions.
- b. Incorporation Report:
 - 1) East Los Angeles.
 - 2) Rowland Heights.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

This is the opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items that are not on the posted agenda, provided that the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Speakers are reminded of the three-minute time limitation.

8. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

June 24, 2009 (Meeting may be cancelled due to County Budget Deliberations on this date.)
July 8, 2009
July 22, 2009
August 12, 2009

9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Items not on the posted agenda which, if requested, will be referred to staff or placed on a future agenda for discussion and action by the Commission, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Commission subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

10. **ADJOURNMENT MOTION**

Staff Report

June 10, 2009

Agenda Item No. 3a.

**Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40
Annexation No. 2006-33**

The proposal before you is a request to annex uninhabited territory into the boundary of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40.

Proposal Area: The project site consists of 20.98± acres of vacant land.

Location: The site is located east of 40th Street West between Lancaster Blvd. and Avenue I, in the City of Lancaster.

Factors to be Considered Pursuant to Government Code Section 56668:

1. *Population:* The current population is 0.
2. *Landowner:* American Premiere Homes.
3. *Topography, Natural Boundaries and Drainage Basins:* The terrain is generally flat with a slope of .5% to 1% towards the northeast corner.
4. *Zoning, Present and Future Land Use:* The territory is zoned R-7000, the present land use is vacant, and future use will consist of 88 single family homes.
5. *Surrounding Land Use:* The surrounding territory is vacant land.
6. *Assessed Value:* The total assessed value is \$936,360.
7. *Governmental Services and Control, Availability and Adequacy:* The City of Lancaster will provide services as provided for in the City's General Plan.
8. *Water Availability:* The District has sufficient water supply to meet the needs of the proposal area. The landowner will build the water system to the District's specifications and interconnect with an existing water main. The system will eventually be dedicated to the District.

9. *Effects on agricultural or open-space lands:* Currently, there is no open space, or agricultural lands within the subject or surrounding territory.
10. *Boundaries and Lines of Assessment:* The boundary of the proposed annexation conforms to recorded lines of assessment.
11. *Sphere of Influence:* The subject territory is within the sphere of influence of Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40.
12. *Tax Resolution:* All affected agencies have adopted a negotiated tax exchange resolution.
13. *Correspondence:* No correspondence has been received.

Alternate Course of Action:

There are no foreseeable alternate courses of action.

CEQA: The City of Lancaster, as lead agency, adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project.

Conclusion: The subject territory will be developed into 88 single family homes. Annexation will allow future inhabitants to receive a reliable source of water.

Recommended Action:

1. Open the public hearing and receive testimony on the matter.
2. There being no further testimony, closet the public hearing.
3. Adopt Resolution Making Determinations Approving Annexation No. 2006-33 to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40.
4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, set July 8, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., as the date for Commission protest proceedings.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-00RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY
MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING
"ANNEXATION NO. 2006-33 TO
LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40"

WHEREAS, an application for the proposed annexation of certain territory in the City of Lancaster to the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, has been filed with the Executive Officer of the Local Agency Formation Commission for Los Angeles County (the "Commission"), pursuant to Title 5, Division 3, commencing with section 56000, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of 20.98± acres of uninhabited territory in the City of Lancaster, and is assigned the following distinctive short form designation: "Annexation No. 2006-33 to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40;" and

WHEREAS, a description of the boundaries and map of the proposal are set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B", attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the principal reason for this annexation is to provide a reliable source of water to future inhabitants of the subject territory; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has reviewed the proposal and submitted to the Commission a report, including his recommendations therein; and

WHEREAS on June 10, 2009, after being duly and properly notice, this proposal came on for hearing at which time this Commission heard and received all oral and written testimony, objections and evidence which where made, presented or filed, and all persons present were given an opportunity to hear and be heard with respect to this proposal and the report of the Executive Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Commission, acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to Annexation 2006-33 to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15096, certifies that it has independently considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the proposed project and the Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted by the City of Lancaster, as lead agency, and has determined that the document adequately addresses the environmental impacts of the proposed project. The Commission finds that it has complied with the requirements of CEQA with respect to the process for a responsible agency, and hereby adopts by reference the environmental findings, previously certified by the City of Lancaster, in connection with its approval of the project.
2. The Commission hereby approves the annexation subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - a. The territory so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 may legally impose.
 - b. The regular County assessment roll is utilized by the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40.
 - c. The territory will be taxed for existing bonded indebtedness of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40.

3. The Commission hereby sets the protest hearing for July 8, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. and authorizes and directs the Executive Officer to give notice thereof pursuant to Government Code Sections 57025 and 57026.

4. The Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to mail certified copies of the resolution as provided in Government Code Section 56882.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of June 2009.

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**SANDOR L. WINGER,
Executive Officer**

Staff Report

June 10, 2009

LAFCO Proposed Final Operating Budget

Fiscal Year 2009/2010

Agenda Item No. 3b

The attached recommended budget was sent out to all agencies on May 20, 2009.

Staff has received only one letter of comment from one agency, that being the Walnut Valley Water District. The water district commended LAFCO for containing its operating expenses and revenue sources.

Recommended Action:

1. Open the public hearing and receive testimony on the matter.
2. There being no further testimony, close the public hearing.
3. Adopt the attached Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Final Budget, dated May 20, 2009, as recommended.

Staff Report

June 10, 2009

Agenda Item No. 4a

Protest Hearing on Annexation No. 79 to Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20

On April 22, 2009 your Commission approved a request initiated by Los Angeles County District No. 20 to annex 30.728± acres of inhabited territory into the boundaries of District No. 20. The Protest Hearing before you today will satisfy the requirements of Government Code section 57000, *et seq.*

The annexation proposal is summarized as follows:

Proposal Area: The annexation consists of 92 existing single-family homes and one retention basin, located within a residential community.

Population: The current population is 99 residents.

Landowners: There are numerous landowners within the annexation territory.

Topography, Natural Boundaries and Drainage Basins: The topography flat.

Zoning, Present and Future Land Use: The current zoning is R-1-7,000, single-family residential with a minimum lot size of 7,000 square feet. The present and proposed land use is residential.

Surrounding Land Use: The surrounding land use is vacant and residential.

Governmental Services and Control, Availability and Adequacy: The subject territory is already being serviced by the District. The area was included in the future service area that might be served by the District and the District's future wastewater management needs were addressed in the Palmdale Water Reclamation Plant (PWRP) 2025 Facilities Plan. The wastewater generated by the annexation is being treated at the PWRP. The District has adequate capacity to collect, treat, and dispose of the wastewater generated by the subject territory.

Effects on agricultural or open-space lands: The proposal will not have an effect on agricultural or open space lands.

Boundaries and Lines of Assessment: The boundary of the proposed annexation conforms to the recorded lines of assessment.

Sphere of Influence: The subject territory is within the sphere of influence of District No.20.

Tax Resolution: All affected agencies have adopted a negotiated tax exchange resolution.

CEQA: As a responsible agency, the Commission relied upon the mitigated negative declaration adopted by the City of Palmdale for its approval of this proposal.

Correspondence: No correspondence has been received.

Recommended Action:

1. Open the protest hearing and receive written protests.
2. Close the protest hearing.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer, pursuant to Government Code Section 57075, to determine the value of protests filed and not withdrawn and report back to the Commission with the results.
4. Based upon the results of the protest hearing either adopt a resolution terminating the annexation proceedings if a majority protest exists, ordering Annexation No. 79 to Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20 directly or ordering the annexation subject to confirmation by the registered voters of the affected territory.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-00PR
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY
MAKING DETERMINATIONS ORDERING
ANNEXATION NO. 79 TO
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 20

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20 filed an application to initiate proceedings before the Local Agency Formation Commission for Los Angeles County (the Commission) pursuant to Part 3, Division 3, Title 5 of the California Government Code (commencing with section 56000, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000), for the annexation of territory to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20; and

WHEREAS, the principal reason for the proposed annexation is to provide offsite sewage disposal for 92 existing single-family homes and one existing retention basin; and

WHEREAS, a description of the boundaries and map of the proposal are set forth in Exhibits “A” and “B”, attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the territory consists of 30.728± acres and is inhabited; and

WHEREAS, the short-form designation given this proposal is “Annexation No. 79 to County Sanitation District No. 20”; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2009, the Commission approved Annexation No. 79 to County Sanitation District No. 20; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, the Executive Officer of the Commission has set June 10, 2009 as the date for the protest hearing and has given notice thereof; and

WHEREAS, at the time and place fixed in the notice, the hearing was held, and any and all oral or written protests, objections and evidence were received and considered; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, acting as the conducting authority, has the ministerial duty of tabulating the value of protests filed and not withdrawn and either terminating these proceedings if a majority protest exists or ordering the annexation directly or subject to confirmation by the registered voters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Commission finds that the number of registered voters within the boundary of the territory is 42 and the number of property owners is 110 and the total assessed value of land within the affected territory is \$34,581,612.
2. The Commission finds that the number of written protests filed in opposition to Annexation No. 79 to County Sanitation District No. 20 and not withdrawn is ____, which, even if valid, represents less than 25 percent of the number of registered voters residing within the boundaries of the affected territory, and less than 25 percent of the number of owners of land who also own at least 25 percent of the assessed value of land within the affected territory.
3. The Commission hereby orders the annexation of the territory described in Exhibits “A” and “B” hereto, to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20.
4. Pursuant to Government Code section 56886, the annexation shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - a. The territory so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20 may legally impose.
 - b. The regular County assessment roll shall be utilized by the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20.
 - c. The subject territory will be taxed for existing bonded indebtedness, if any, of the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No 20.

5. The Executive Officer is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the General Manager of the District, upon the District's payment of the applicable fees required by Government Code Section 54902.5, and prepare, execute and file a certificate of completion with the appropriate public agencies, pursuant to Government Code Section 57000, *et seq.*

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of June 2009.

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

SANDOR L. WINGER,
Executive Officer

Staff Report

June 10, 2009

Agenda Item No. 5a

**Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40
Annexation No. 2005-10**

The proposal before you is a request to annex uninhabited territory into the boundary of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40.

Proposal Area: The project site consists of 12.64± acres of vacant land.

Location: The site is located at the southwest corner of Avenue I and 40th Street West, in the City of Lancaster.

Factors to be Considered Pursuant to Government Code Section 56668:

1. *Population:* The current population is 0.
2. *Landowner:* Global Investment & Development, LLC.
3. *Topography, Natural Boundaries and Drainage Basins:* The terrain is generally flat.
4. *Zoning, Present and Future Land Use:* The territory is zoned R-7000, the present land use is vacant, and future use will consist of 41 single family homes.
5. *Surrounding Land Use:* The surrounding territory is vacant and existing residential.
6. *Assessed Value:* The total assessed value is \$700,084.
7. *Governmental Services and Control, Availability and Adequacy:*
The City of Lancaster will provide services as provided for in the City's General Plan.
8. *Water Availability:*
The District has sufficient water supply to meet the needs of the proposal area. The landowner will build the water system to the District's specifications and interconnect with an existing water main. The system will eventually be dedicated to the District.

9. *Effects on agricultural or open-space lands:* Currently, there is no open space, or agricultural lands within the subject or surrounding territory.
10. *Boundaries and Lines of Assessment:* The boundary of the proposed annexation conforms to recorded lines of assessment.
11. *Sphere of Influence:* The subject territory is within the sphere of influence of Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40.
12. *Tax Resolution:* All affected agencies have adopted a negotiated tax exchange resolution.
13. *Correspondence:* No correspondence has been received.

Alternate Course of Action:

There are no foreseeable alternate courses of action.

CEQA: The City of Lancaster, as lead agency, adopted a Negative Declaration for the project.

Waiver of Notice and Hearing: Pursuant to Government Code Section 56663(a) all owners of land within the affected territory have consented to the change of organization. To date, no subject agency has submitted written demand for notice and hearing on this application pursuant to Government Code Section 56663(b). Based thereon, the Commission may conduct proceedings for the change of organization or reorganization without notice and hearing.

Waiver of Protest Hearing: Pursuant to Government Code Section 56663(c) all owners of land within the affected territory have consented to the change of organization. To date, no subject agency has submitted written opposition to waiver of the protest proceedings.

Conclusion: The subject territory will be developed into 41 single family homes. Annexation will allow future inhabitants to receive a reliable source of water.

Recommended Action:

1. Adopt Resolution Making Determinations Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 2005-10 to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-00RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY
MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING AND ORDERING
"ANNEXATION NO. 2005-10 TO
LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40"**

WHEREAS, an application for the proposed annexation of certain territory in the City of Lancaster to the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, has been filed with the Executive Officer of the Local Agency Formation Commission for Los Angeles County (the "Commission"), pursuant to Title 5, Division 3, commencing with section 56000, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of 12.64± acres of uninhabited territory in the City of Lancaster, and is assigned the following distinctive short form designation: "Annexation No. 2005-10 to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40;" and

WHEREAS, a description of the boundaries and map of the proposal are set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B", attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the principal reason for this annexation is to provide a reliable source of water to future inhabitants of the subject territory; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has reviewed the proposal and submitted to the Commission a report, including his recommendations therein; and

WHEREAS on June 10, 2009 at its regular meeting this Commission considered the proposal and the report of the Executive Officer, along with public comment on the proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 56663(a), the Commission hereby finds and determines that:

- a. All owners of land within the affected territory have given their written consent to the change of organization; and
- b. No subject agency has submitted written opposition to a waiver of notice and hearing requirements.

Based thereon, notice and hearing requirements are waived.

2. The Commission, acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to Annexation 2005-10 to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15096, certifies that it has independently considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the proposed project and the Negative Declaration adopted by the City of Lancaster, as lead agency, and has determined that the document adequately addresses the environmental impacts of the proposed project. The Commission finds that it has complied with the requirements of CEQA with respect to the process for a responsible agency, and hereby adopts by reference the environmental findings, previously certified by the City of Lancaster, in connection with its approval of the project.

3. The Commission hereby approves the annexation subject to the following terms and conditions:

- a. The territory so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 may legally impose.
- b. The regular County assessment roll is utilized by the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40.
- c. The territory will be taxed for existing bonded indebtedness of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40.

4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 56663(c), the Commission hereby finds and determines that:
- a. The territory to be annexed is uninhabited;
 - b. All owners of land within the affected territory have given their written consent to the change of organization; and
 - c. No subject agency has submitted written opposition to a waiver of protest proceedings.

Based thereon, protest proceedings are waived.

5. The Commission hereby orders the uninhabited territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" annexed to the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40.
6. The Executive Officer is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the General Manager of the District, upon the District's payment of the applicable fees required by Government Code Section 54902.5 and prepare, execute and file a certificate of completion with the appropriate public agencies, pursuant to Government Code Section 57200, et seq.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10^h day of June 2009.

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**SANDOR L. WINGER,
Executive Officer**

Staff Report

June 10, 2009

Agenda Item No. 5b

**Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40
Annexation No. 2005-37**

The proposal before you is a request to annex uninhabited territory into the boundary of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40.

Proposal Area: The project site consists of 20.19± acres of vacant land.

Location: The site is located at the northwest corner of Avenue J and 27th Street East, in the City of Lancaster.

Factors to be Considered Pursuant to Government Code Section 56668:

1. *Population:* The current population is 0.
2. *Landowner:* 27th Street & Avenue J, LLC.
3. *Topography, Natural Boundaries and Drainage Basins:* The terrain is generally flat.
4. *Zoning, Present and Future Land Use:* The territory is zoned R-7000, the present land use is vacant, and future use will consist of 76 single family homes.
5. *Surrounding Land Use:* The surrounding territory is vacant and existing residential.
6. *Assessed Value:* The total assessed value is \$367,092.
7. *Governmental Services and Control, Availability and Adequacy:*
The City of Lancaster will provide services as provided for in the City's General Plan.
8. *Water Availability:*
The District has sufficient water supply to meet the needs of the proposal area. The landowner will build the water system to the District's specifications and interconnect with an existing water main. The system will eventually be dedicated to the District.

9. *Effects on agricultural or open-space lands:* Currently, there is no open space, or agricultural lands within the subject or surrounding territory.
10. *Boundaries and Lines of Assessment:* The boundary of the proposed annexation conforms to recorded lines of assessment.
11. *Sphere of Influence:* The subject territory is within the sphere of influence of Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40.
12. *Tax Resolution:* All affected agencies have adopted a negotiated tax exchange resolution.
13. *Correspondence:* No correspondence has been received.

Alternate Course of Action:

There are no foreseeable alternate courses of action.

CEQA: The City of Lancaster, as lead agency, adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project.

Waiver of Notice and Hearing: Pursuant to Government Code Section 56663(a) all owners of land within the affected territory have consented to the change of organization. To date, no subject agency has submitted written demand for notice and hearing on this application pursuant to Government Code Section 56663(b). Based thereon, the Commission may conduct proceedings for the change of organization or reorganization without notice and hearing.

Waiver of Protest Hearing: Pursuant to Government Code Section 56663(c) all owners of land within the affected territory have consented to the change of organization. To date, no subject agency has submitted written opposition to waiver of the protest proceedings.

Conclusion: The subject territory will be developed into 76 single family homes. Annexation will allow future inhabitants to receive a reliable source of water.

Recommended Action:

1. Adopt Resolution Making Determinations Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 2005-37 to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-00RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY
MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING AND ORDERING
"ANNEXATION NO. 2005-37 TO
LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40"

WHEREAS, an application for the proposed annexation of certain territory in the City of Lancaster to the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, has been filed with the Executive Officer of the Local Agency Formation Commission for Los Angeles County (the "Commission"), pursuant to Title 5, Division 3, commencing with section 56000, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of 20.19± acres of uninhabited territory in the City of Lancaster, and is assigned the following distinctive short form designation: "Annexation No. 2005-37 to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40;" and

WHEREAS, a description of the boundaries and map of the proposal are set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B", attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the principal reason for this annexation is to provide a reliable source of water to future inhabitants of the subject territory; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has reviewed the proposal and submitted to the Commission a report, including his recommendations therein; and

WHEREAS on June 10, 2009 at its regular meeting this Commission considered the proposal and the report of the Executive Officer, along with public comment on the proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 56663(a), the Commission hereby finds and determines that:

- a. All owners of land within the affected territory have given their written consent to the change of organization; and
- b. No subject agency has submitted written opposition to a waiver of notice and hearing requirements.

Based thereon, notice and hearing requirements are waived.

2. The Commission, acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to Annexation 2005-37 to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15096, certifies that it has independently considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the proposed project and the Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted by the City of Lancaster, as lead agency, and has determined that the document adequately addresses the environmental impacts of the proposed project. The Commission finds that it has complied with the requirements of CEQA with respect to the process for a responsible agency, and hereby adopts by reference the environmental findings, previously certified by the City of Lancaster, in connection with its approval of the project.

3. The Commission hereby approves the annexation subject to the following terms and conditions:

- a. The territory so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 may legally impose.
- b. The regular County assessment roll is utilized by the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40.
- c. The territory will be taxed for existing bonded indebtedness of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40.

4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 56663(c), the Commission hereby finds and determines that:
- a. The territory to be annexed is uninhabited;
 - b. All owners of land within the affected territory have given their written consent to the change of organization; and
 - c. No subject agency has submitted written opposition to a waiver of protest proceedings.

Based thereon, protest proceedings are waived.

5. The Commission hereby orders the uninhabited territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" annexed to the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40.
6. The Executive Officer is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the General Manager of the District, upon the District's payment of the applicable fees required by Government Code Section 54902.5 and prepare, execute and file a certificate of completion with the appropriate public agencies, pursuant to Government Code Section 57200, et seq.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10^h day of June 2009.

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**SANDOR L. WINGER,
Executive Officer**

Staff Report

Agenda Item No. 6a

Executive Officer Consideration for Meeting Schedule Revisions

At the LAFCO hearing on May 27, 2009 your Executive Officer was requested to review the commission's present policy of conducting meetings twice a month and determine if there are any alternates to this meeting schedule policy.

Background

Until fiscal year 2000, the commission met once a month, however, two significant events occurred which caused the commission to meet twice a month.

The first event to increase meetings to twice a month was the proposed Special Reorganization of the City of Los Angeles. During the period from January 2000 to January 2002 LAFCO conducted more than of 110 meetings and hearings regarding the secession issue. Of that, only 69 were regular commission meetings held twice a month. The rest were special offsite hearings, community meetings, sub-committee hearings and other special meetings.

The second significant event which caused the continuance of two meeting per month was caused by the new requirement of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 whereby all LAFCO's were now required to perform and approve extensive Sphere of Influence (SOI) and Municipal Service Reviews. It was determined that LAFCO for the County of Los Angeles was required to perform studies for all 190 agencies within its jurisdictional boundaries and only had four years to complete the requirement. The four year period was later extended for two years when the legislature recognized that most LAFCO's could not meet the original schedule.

Suggested Revision

A suggestion was made at the May 27, 2009 meeting that the commission consider reducing its meetings to one per month thus reducing costs of both the stipends and travel time, reducing staff time for hearing preparation, and allowing commissioners to have more time to attend to their everyday priorities.

Consideration

1. The near term requirement for meetings at two per month (from the present to January 2010) most likely will not be needed. During that time any and all activity, including that of the proposed East Los Angeles and Rowland Heights incorporations will be in its review stages only. Any direct commission involvement will most likely be limited and special meetings, if needed, can be scheduled.

2. From February 2010 through June 2010 the activity that will be required for the proposed incorporations may increase and commission involvement might need to be increased to two meetings per month. However, it must be clearly noted that the need for extensive community and commission involvement (meetings) will not even come close to that required during the Los Angeles special reorganization (secession) period.
3. It is expected that there will not be a need for no more than two, possibly, three public/community meetings and maybe another two to three commission meetings for each incorporation.
4. After June 2010 the incorporation activity and commission involvement will probably once again be reduced to a level of one meeting per month.
5. While the MSR and SOI activity will pick up in 2010 most of the activity previously accomplished by consultants will be absorbed by staff, and the requirement for commissioner involvement will be lessened because there will be a reduction in the amount of reviews.

Recommendation

1. That; the commission continue to require two scheduled meetings per month, January through October, and one meeting per month for the months of November and December.
2. That; at the conclusion of the first meeting held on each month (to be considered the primary monthly meeting date) the commission will make a decision as to whether or not a second meeting will be needed for the second meeting of that month.
3. That; the stipends be changed from \$150 per meeting to \$250 per month and compensated only if a commissioner attends at least one of the monthly meetings.
4. That; the commissioners be compensated a stipend for any special meetings requiring their attendance.
5. That; the commissioners be reimbursed for all reasonable travel expenses incurred for any regular and/or special meetings.