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Local Agency Formation Commission For The County Of Los Angeles

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MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY

FORMATION COMMISSION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY

April 13, 2011

Present:

Jerry Gladbach, Chairman
Richard Close
Donald L. Dear
Margaret Finlay
Gloria Molina
Henri F. Pellissier
Greig Smith
David Spence
Zev Yaroslavsky

Lori Brogin, Alternate
Lillian Kawasaki, Alternate
Don Knabe, Alternate
Judy Mitchell, Alternate

Paul A. Novak, Executive Officer
John Krattli, Legal Counsel

Absent:

Tom LaBonge, Alternate

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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m., in Room 381-B of the County Hall of Administration.

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Commissioner Jerry Gladbach dedicated the meeting in honor of former Commissioner Kenneth I. Chappell.

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The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Jerry Gladbach.

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The City of Calabasas Annexation No. 2009-09 was put on hold and will follow after the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

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The Executive Officer read an announcement, asking that persons who made a contribution of more than \$250 to any member of the Commission during the preceding 12 months to come forward and state for the record the Commissioner to whom such contributions were made and the item of their involvement (None).

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Hearing on Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21 Annexation No. 714.

The public hearing was opened to receive testimony. There being no testimony, the public hearing was closed.

On motion of Commissioner Pellissier, seconded by Commissioner Dear, unanimously carried, (Commissioners Molina and Yaroslavsky being absent), the Commission took the following action:

- Adopted Resolution No. 2011-19RMD Making Determinations Approving Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21 - Annexation No. 714.
- Set June 8, 2011 for Commission protest proceedings.

[Commissioner Molina in at 9:05 a.m.]

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Hearing on Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21 Annexation No. 715.

The public hearing was opened to receive testimony. There being no testimony, the public hearing was closed.

On motion of Commissioner Pellissier, seconded by Commissioner Knabe, unanimously carried, (Commissioner Yaroslavsky being absent), the Commission took the following action:

- Adopted Resolution No. 2011-20RMD Making Determinations Approving Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21 - Annexation No. 715.
- Set June 8, 2011 for Commission protest proceedings.

[Commissioner Yaroslavsky in at 9:09 a.m.]

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

The EO informed the commission of LAFCO's estimated accrued liability for post employment benefits and the need to plan accordingly to develop policies addressing what cost LAFCO will or will not assume for retirees. He further stated he was working with auditors to get a better understanding of what is required and what LAFCO's options are and will be returning to the commission within six months with recommendations.

On motion of Commissioner Pellissier, seconded by Commissioner Finlay, unanimously carried, the Commission took the following actions:

- Approved the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.
- Directed staff to forward the proposed budget to all independent special districts, cities and county for their comment.
- Set May 25, 2011 for hearing on adoption of the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

Commissioner Mitchell suggested that the EO work with a committee appointed by the chairman on other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB).

[Commissioner Molina out at 9:30 a.m.]

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Public Hearing on City of Calabasas Annexation No. 2009-09- Mont Calabasas.

Speakers in favor of the Annexation.

Tony Coroaalles - (City of Calabasas - City Manager)
Don Myers - (Mont Calabasas - Homeowner Association, President)
Tom Bartlett - (City of Calabasas - City Planner)
Pamela Lundguist - (Mont Calabasas - Resident)
Robert Romeo
Steven Rosemon - (Mont Calabasas - Resident, Real estate Attorney, Homeowners Association, Board of Directors)

Speakers opposing the Annexation:

Thomas E. Shuck- (Homeowners Association, Resident, Attorney) had concerns with low income housing and the protest procedures.

The Executive Officer indicated that LAFCO had received two letters in support of the Annexation.

LAFCO Staff Member Sera Wirth spoke about the protest procedures.

On motion of Commissioner Pellissier, seconded by Commissioner Finlay, unanimously carried, the Commission took the following action:

- Adopted Resolution No. 2011-18RMD Making Determinations Approving City of Calabasas Annexation No. 2009-09-- Mont Calabasas.
- Set June 8, 2011 for Commission protest proceedings.

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On motion of Commissioner Dear, seconded by Commissioner Pellissier, unanimously carried, (Commissioner Molina being absent) the Commission took the following actions under Consent Items:

- Approved Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14 – Annexation No. 330, Resolution No. 2011-21RMD.
- Approved Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14 – Annexation No. 366, Resolution No. 2011-22RMD.
- Approved Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14 – Annexation No. 404, Resolution No. 2011-23RMD.
- Approved Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14 – Annexation No. 407, Resolution No. 2011-24RMD.
- Approved Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 22 – Annexation No. 408, Resolution No. 2011-25RMD.
- Approved Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County – Annexation No. 1006, Resolution No. 2010-26RMD
- Approved Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County – Annexation No. 1038, Resolution No. 2010-27RMD
- Approved Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County – Annexation No. 1040, Resolution No. 2010-28RMD
- Approved Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County – Annexation No. 1044, Resolution No. 2010-29RMD
- Approved Minutes of March 9, 2011.
- Approved Operating Account and Check Register for the month of March 2011.
- Received and filed update on pending applications.

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Appointment of Public Member to the Commission.

Commissioner Gladbach gave a recommendation to re-appoint Commissioner Pellissier.

On motion of Commissioner Dear, seconded by Commissioner Finlay, unanimously carried, (Commissioner Molina being absent) the Commission re-appointed Commissioner Pellissier to a four year term ending in May 2015.

[Chairman Gladbach announced the passing of Former Commissioner Kenneth I Chappell and Commissioner Dear gave a summary of Kenneth I Chappell's life.]

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Process for Selection of Alternate Public Member.

The Executive Officer plans on posting a press release to notify City Clerks and/or City Managers of the appointment, as well as posting it to the LAFCO website.

On motion of Commissioner Finlay, seconded by Commissioner Dear, unanimously carried, (Commissioner Molina being absent) the deadline for LAFCO to accept application was set as May 31, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Delegation of Authority to Executive Officer to Enter into Legal Services Contract.

Consideration of this item was delayed until after Closed Session.

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The following item was called up for consideration:

East Los Angeles Incorporation Status Report

The Executive Officer reminded the Commission that a Schedule of the Proposed Incorporation of the City of East Los Angeles is included with the Agenda packet.

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The Executive Officer informed the Commission of the flyer that was attached to the agenda packet with information on the CALAFCO 2011 Annual Conference that will be held in Napa Valley, August 31- September 2, 2011.

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Commissioners' Report

No report(s).

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Executive Officer's Report

The Executive Officer stated he had been researching the policy of other LAFCO's in terms of fee waivers. He will submit a recommendation for consideration at the next LAFCO meeting.

CALAFCO has recommended that LAFCO's post commissioner and staff compensation information on their websites. The EO stated he will gather information and present it to the commission at a future meeting.

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There was no Public Comment.

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Future Meetings:

~~May 11, 2011~~ (Canceled due to Board of Supervisors Budget Hearing.)

May 25, 2011 (Special Meeting)

June 8, 2011

June 22, 2011 (Special Meeting)

July 13, 2011

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Future Agenda Items:

None.

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Pursuant to Government Code §54957, the Commission recessed to Closed Session at 10:10 a.m., for CS-1 Legal Counsel, Public Employment to retain Counsel for commission advice.

Present: Commissioners Brogin (Alt), Close, Dear, Finlay, Gladbach, Kawasaki, Mitchell (Alt), Pellissier, Smith, Spence, Yaroslavsky, Paul A. Novak (Executive Officer) and John Krattli, (Legal Counsel).

Absent: Knabe (Alt), LaBonge (Alt), and Molina.

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The Commission reconvened from Closed Session at 10:27 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Brogin (Alt), Close, Dear, Finlay, Gladbach, Kawasaki, Mitchell (Alt), Pellissier, Smith, Spence, Yaroslavsky, Paul A. Novak (Executive Officer) and John Krattli (Legal Counsel).

Absent: Knabe (Alt), LaBonge (Alt), and Molina.

John Krattli, Legal Counsel, reported the Commission has decided to retain outside counsel.

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Delegation of Authority to Executive Officer to Enter into Legal Services Contract.

On motion of Commissioner Yaroslavsky, seconded by Commissioner Dear, unanimously carried, (Commissioner Molina being absent), the Commission gave the Executive Officer Authority to enter into a Legal Services Contract with a cap of \$6,500.

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On motion of Commissioner Yaroslavsky, seconded by Commissioner Dear, unanimously carried, (Commissioner Molina being absent) the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. in memory of former Commissioner Kenneth I Chappell.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P. Novak", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul A. Novak
Executive Officer