

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY  
FORMATION COMMISSION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY

July 11, 2012

Present:

Richard Close  
Donald L. Dear, Acting Chair  
Margaret Finlay  
Tom LaBonge  
Gloria Molina  
David Spence  
Zev Yaroslavsky

Lori Brogin, Alternate  
Lillian Kawasaki, Alternate  
Gerard McCallum, Alternate

Paul A. Novak, AICP; Executive Officer  
Helen Parker, Legal Counsel

Absent:

Jerry Gladbach, Chair  
Henri F. Pellissier

Don Knabe, Alternate  
Paul Krekorian, Alternate  
Judy Mitchell, Alternate

1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Acting Chair Donald L. Dear.

3 DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION(S)

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 past twelve (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).

4 SWEARING-IN OF SPEAKER(S)

The Executive Officer swore in members of the audience who planned to testify (None).

5 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The following item was called up for consideration:

- a) Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County – Annexation No. 1031.

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

The Commission took the following action:

- Adopted Resolution No. 2012-31RMD Making Determinations Approved Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County – Annexation No. 1031.
- Set September 12, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., as the date for Commission protest proceedings.

MOTION: FINLAY

SECOND: LaBONGE

AYES: CLOSE, DEAR, FINLAY, LaBONGE, MOLINA, SPENCE,  
YAROSLAVSKY, McCALLUM (Alt.)

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: PELLISSIER, GLADBACH

MOTION PASSES: 8/0/0

6 CONSENT ITEMS

The Commission took the following actions under one motion:

- a) Approved and Ordered Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21 – Annexation No. 732, Resolution No. 2012-32RMD;
- b) Approved and Ordered Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 22 – Annexation No. 372, Resolution No. 2012-33RMD;
- c) Approved and Ordered Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 22 – Annexation No. 411, Resolution No. 2012-34RMD;
- d) Approved and Ordered Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County – Annexation No. 1013, Resolution No. 2012-35RMD;
- e) Approved and Ordered Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County – Annexation No. 1050, Resolution No. 2012-36RMD;
- f) Approved and Ordered Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County – Annexation No. 1052, Resolution No. 2012-37RMD;
- g) Approved Minutes of June 13, 2012;
- h) Approved Operating Account and Check Register for the month of June 2012; and
- i) Received and filed update on pending applications.

MOTION: FINLAY  
SECOND: SPENCE  
AYES: CLOSE, DEAR, FINLAY, LaBONGE, MOLINA, SPENCE,  
YAROSLAVSKY, McCALLUM (Alt.)  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: PELLISSIER, GLADBACH  
MOTION PASSES: 8/0/0

7 OTHER ITEMS

(None.)

8 COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commission Dear stated that Commissioner Gladbach was out sick with the flu and wished him well.

Commissioner Dear was pleased to receive, in the Agenda Package, a letter from the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee announcing the reappointment of Councilmember Judy Mitchell (City of Rolling Hills Estates) to a 4-year LAFCO term.

9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Executive Officer (E.O.) introduced the new GIS/Mapping Technician,

Michael Henderson, who started with LAFCO on June 18th.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT

(None.)

[Commissioner Kawasaki arrived at 9:08 a.m.]

11 FUTURE MEETINGS

August 8, 2012  
September 12, 2012  
October 10, 2012

12 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(None.)

13 ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Commissioner LaBonge interjected with a question before an adjournment motion was made. He commented that reports of newspapers suggested that a study of Los Angeles County and the 88 cities should be conducted regarding the future and current challenges some cities may be encountering. LaBonge noted that New Zealand amalgamated 19 cities around the Auckland area. He asked what is LAFCO doing to address these issues.

The E.O. responded to Commissioner LaBonge's question. The typical procedure would be to examine consolidation or disincorporation in the 5-year process of conducting a Municipal Service Review (MSR). LAFCO is looking into nine cities in the current MSR round. The Santa Clarita MSR has recently been completed, and MSRs are in process for the other eight cities which are primarily in the southeastern part of the County: Commerce, Bell, Cudahy, and a few others. He stated that CALAFCO recently sponsored a disincorporation and bankruptcy conference which three LAFCO staff members attended. A speaker at the conference stated it is highly unlikely that cities would disincorporate given some constraints involved. The E.O. stated there are provisions in the law and LAFCO procedures for consolidation and disincorporation if a city chooses to do so. Commissioner LaBonge thanked the Executive Officer for his comments.

Commissioner Dear asked if anyone had any questions or comments. No one came forward.

On motion of Commissioner Finlay, seconded by Commissioner Dear, unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Paul A. Novak, AICP  
Executive Officer

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