



Local Agency Formation Commission
for the [County of Los Angeles](#)

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REGULAR MEETING

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

May 11, 2016

Present:

Jerry Gladbach, Chair

Richard H. Close
Donald L. Dear
Margaret Finlay
David Spence

Michael D. Antonovich, Alternate
Lori Brogin-Falley, Alternate
Judith Mitchell, Alternate
Joe Ruzicka, Alternate
Greig Smith, Alternate

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

Absent:

Don Knabe
Sheila Kuehl
Gerard McCallum

Paul Krekorian, Alternate

1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in Room 374-A (Business License Commission Room) of the County Hall of Administration.

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Jerry Gladbach.

3 DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION(S)

4 SWEARING-IN OF SPEAKER(S)

Noting that there were no audience members present, the Executive Office (E.O.), indicated that he was skipping Items 3 and 4.

5 INFORMATION ITEM(S) – GOVERNMENT CODE §§ 56751 & 56857 NOTICE

None.

6 CONSENT ITEM(S) – OTHER

The Commission took the following actions under Consent Items:

- a. Approved Minutes of April 13, 2016.
- b. Approved Operating Account Check Register for the month of April 2016.
- c. Received and filed update on pending proposals.
- d. Adopted the Resolution Making Determinations, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 30 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 16; Resolution No. 2016-14RMD.
- e. Adopted the Resolution Making Determinations, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 746 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21; Resolution No. 2016-15RMD.

MOTION:	FINLAY
SECOND:	DEAR
AYES:	CLOSE, DEAR, FINLAY, SMITH (ALT. FOR McCALLUM), SPENCE, GLADBACH

NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: KNABE, KREKORIAN, KUEHL
MOTION PASSED: 6/0/0

7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The following item was called up for consideration:

- a. Out-of-Agency Service Agreement No. 2016-09 Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29 – Malibu (Ravenswood Ranch), Amendments to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29 – Malibu, and the West Basin Municipal Water District Spheres of Influence (SOIs).

The E.O. stated that the proposal was withdrawn, and asked the Commission to refer the proposal back to staff.

The Commission took the following action:

- Referred the item back to staff.

MOTION: DEAR
SECOND: FINLAY
AYES: CLOSE, DEAR, FINLAY, SMITH (ALT. FOR McCALLUM),
SPENCE, GLADBACH
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: KNABE, KREKORIAN, KUEHL
MOTION PASSED: 6/0/0

7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The following item was called up for consideration:

- b. Reorganization No. 2013-01 to the Newhall County Water District (Castaic High School), Amendments to the Newhall County Water District and the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36 – Val Verde Spheres of Influence (SOIs); Detachments from the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36 – Val Verde, and Annexation to the Newhall County Water District.

The E.O. summarized the staff report on Reorganization No. 2013-01 to the Newhall County Water District (Castaic High School), Amendments to the Newhall County Water District and

the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36 – Val Verde Spheres of Influence (SOIs); Detachments from the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36 – Val Verde, and Annexation to the Newhall County Water District.

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

The Commission took the following action:

- Adopted the Resolution Making Determinations, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Approving and Ordering Reorganization No. 2013-01 to the Newhall County Water District (Castaic High School), Amendments to the Newhall County Water District and the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36 – Val Verde, Spheres of Influence (SOIs); Detachments from the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36 – Val Verde and Annexation to the Newhall County Water District: Resolution No. 2016-16RMD.

MOTION:	SPENCE
SECOND:	SMITH (ALT. FOR McCALLUM)
AYES:	CLOSE, DEAR, FINLAY, SMITH (ALT. FOR McCALLUM), SPENCE, GLADBACH
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	KNABE, KREKORIAN, KUEHL
MOTION PASSED:	6/0/0

8 PROTEST HEARING(S)

None.

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- a. Hidden Creeks Estates – Status Report.

The E.O. stated the Commission staff report included a letter from Mr. Avrashow, the attorney representing the applicant (Forestar Real Estate Group). This reconfirmed the applicant's commitment not to request a vote from the Commission on its annexation application near Porter Ranch until September 2016.

The Commission took the following action:

- Received and filed.

MOTION: FINLAY
SECOND: SMITH (ALT. FOR McCALLUM)
AYES: CLOSE, DEAR, FINLAY, SMITH (ALT. FOR McCALLUM),
SPENCE, GLADBACH
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: KNABE, KREKORIAN, KUEHL
MOTION PASSED: 6/0/0

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- b. Appointment of the Alternate Public Member.

The E.O. summarized the staff report on the Appointment of the Alternate Public Member. The E.O. noted that while the agenda was correct, the staff report was incorrectly headed "Appointment of the Public Member" instead of "Appointment of the Alternate Public Member".

The Commission took the following action:

- Re-appointed Grieg Smith to the position of Alternate Public Member for the term which expires on May 4, 2020.

MOTION: CLOSE
SECOND: DEAR
AYES: CLOSE, DEAR, FINLAY, SPENCE, GLADBACH
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: ONE (SMITH)
ABSENT: KNABE, KREKORIAN, KUEHL
MOTION PASSED: 5/0/1

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- c. Legislative Update Request for Commission Opposition to SB 1318.

The E.O. stated that a CALAFCO committee is currently having conversations with Senator Wolk's office concerning proposed amendments to SB 1318. Given these discussions, the E.O. asked the Commission to postpone taking a position on SB 1318, and that he will report back to the Commission at next month's meeting.

The E.O. stated that AB 2910 (CALAFCO Omnibus Bill) has passed the Assembly, unanimously. The bill is now being considered in the Senate.

The Commission took the following action:

- Referred the item back to staff.

MOTION:	FINLAY
SECOND:	SPENCE
AYES:	CLOSE, DEAR, FINLAY, SMITH (ALT. FOR McCALLUM), SPENCE, GLADBACH
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	KNABE, KREKORIAN, KUEHL
MOTION PASSED:	6/0/0

10 COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

None.

[Supervisor Antonovich arrived at 9:13 a.m.]

11 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The E.O. stated that the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room (381-B) is not available at the November 9th meeting. The E.O. recommended that the Commission meeting be moved to the following Wednesday, on November 16th. The E.O. stated that Commissioners Gladbach, Ruzicka, and Finlay would not be able to attend the November 16th meeting.

Commissioner Dear suggested that the Commission meet on November 9th at 8:30 a.m. instead at the Commission's regular time at 9:00 a.m. The E.O. stated that he would verify the time, and report back to the Commission. The E.O. noted that the November 9th meeting will still be held in Room 374A (Business License Commission Room).

Chair Gladbach asked Legal Counsel if the Commission can legally change the meeting time. Legal Counsel, Helen Parker, stated that the Commission can hold the November 9th meeting as a Special Meeting, if the regular time of 9:00 a.m. is changed to 8:30 a.m.

The consensus of the Commission was to keep the November 9th date and change the meeting start time to 8:30 a.m.

The E.O. asked Supervisor Antonovich if he would be able to attend the meeting of November 9th at 8:30 a.m. Supervisor Antonovich stated it would not be a problem to move the meeting time from 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

The E.O. stated he attended a community meeting last night (Tuesday, May 10th), which was the first of three outreach meetings to receive input from the residents of the City of Baldwin Park concerning the potential annexation into the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District. There were about 25 people from the community who attended the meeting, all of whom were supportive of the annexation. The E.O. stated there will be a second meeting on Thursday, May 12th, which he will also attend, and a third meeting is scheduled on Saturday, May 14th.

The E.O. stated that the City of South Pasadena, at their first meeting in June, will be considering a staff recommendation to submit a proposal to annex the City of South Pasadena into the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

13 FUTURE MEETINGS

June 8, 2016 (will be held in room 374B)
July 13, 2016
August 10, 2016

14 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

15 ADJOURNMENT MOTION

On motion of Commissioner Finlay, seconded by Commissioner Dear, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P. Novak", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Paul A. Novak, AICP, Executive Officer

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-14RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING AND ORDERING
"ANNEXATION NO. 30 TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 16"**

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 16 (District) adopted a resolution of application to initiate proceedings, which was submitted to the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles (Commission), pursuant to, Division 3, Title 5, of the California Government Code (commencing with section 56000, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000), for annexation of territory herein described to the District, all within the unincorporated Los Angeles County (Altadena); and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of approximately 0.69± acres of uninhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: "Annexation No. 30 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 16"; 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 the proposed annexation is for the District to provide off-site sewage disposal to one proposed single-family home; and

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

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that the Proposal meets all of the criteria for the Commission to make a determination without notice and hearing and waive protest proceedings entirely, pursuant to Government Code Section 56662; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer set the item for consideration for May 11, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., at the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 381-B, located at 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2016, this Commission considered the 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 No. 30 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 16, finds that this annexation is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15319(b), because it is an annexation of small parcels of the minimum size for facilities exempted by Section 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. In addition, there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, nor other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposal records.
2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 56662(a), the Commission hereby finds and determines that:
 - a. The territory encompassed by the annexation is uninhabited; and
 - b. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 56658(b)(1) and 56662(c), the Executive Officer has given the required mailed notice to each affected agency of the application to initiate proceedings for the proposed annexation, and no affected

local agency has submitted a written demand for notice and hearing during the 10-day period following the notice; and

- c. The annexation was accompanied by satisfactory proof that all owners of land within the affected territory have given their written consent to the proposal.

Based thereon, pursuant to Government Code Section 56662 (a), the Commission may, and hereby does, make determinations on the proposal without notice and hearing, and the Commission may, and hereby does, waive protest proceedings entirely.

- 3. A description of the boundaries and map of the proposal, as approved by this Commission, are set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B", attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein.
- 4. The affected territory consists of 0.69± acres, is uninhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation:

"Annexation No. 30 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 16".

- 5. Annexation No. 30 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 16 is hereby approved, subject to the following terms and conditions:

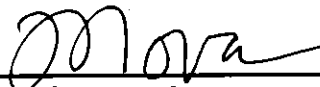
- a. The District agrees to defend, hold harmless and indemnify LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees to attack, set aside, void or annul the approval of LAFCO concerning this proposal or any action relating to or arising out of such approval.

- b. The effective date of the annexation shall be the date of recordation.
 - c. Payment of Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and State Board of Equalization fees.
 - d. The territory so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as may be legally imposed by the District.
 - e. The regular County assessment roll shall be utilized by the District.
 - f. The affected territory will be taxed for any existing general indebtedness, if any, of the District.
 - g. Annexation of the affected territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" to the District.
 - h. Except to the extent in conflict with "a" through "g", above, the general terms and conditions contained in Chapter 2 of Part 5, Division 3, Title 5 of the California Government Code (commencing with Government Code Section 57325) shall apply to this annexation.
6. The Commission hereby orders the uninhabited territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" annexed to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 16.
7. The Executive Officer is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to 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 11th day of May 2016.

MOTION: FINLAY
SECOND: DEAR
AYES: CLOSE, DEAR, FINLAY, SMITH (ALT. FOR McCALLUM), SPENCE, GLADBACH
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: KNABE, KREKORIAN, KUEHL
MOTION PASSED: 6/0/0

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Novak", is written over a horizontal line.

**Paul A. Novak, AICP
Executive Officer**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-15RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING AND ORDERING
"ANNEXATION NO. 746 TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 21"**

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21 (District) adopted a resolution of application to initiate proceedings, which was submitted to the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles (Commission), pursuant to, Division 3, Title 5, of the California Government Code (commencing with section 56000, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000), for annexation of territory herein described to the District, all within the City of Claremont; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of approximately 1.32± acres of uninhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: "Annexation No. 746 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21"; 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 the proposed annexation is for the District to provide off-site sewage disposal to one proposed single-family home; and

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

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that the Proposal meets all of the criteria for the Commission to make a determination without notice and hearing and waive protest proceedings entirely, pursuant to Government Code Section 56662; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer set the item for consideration for May 11, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., at the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 381-B, located at 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2016, this Commission considered the 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 No. 746 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21, finds that this annexation is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15319(b), because it is an annexation of small parcels of the minimum size for facilities exempted by Section 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. In addition, there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, nor other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposal records.
2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 56662(a), the Commission hereby finds and determines that:
 - a. The territory encompassed by the annexation is uninhabited; and
 - b. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 56658(b)(1) and 56662(c), the Executive Officer has given the required mailed notice to each affected agency of the application to initiate proceedings for the proposed annexation, and no affected

local agency has submitted a written demand for notice and hearing during the 10-day period following the notice; and

- c. The annexation was accompanied by satisfactory proof that all owners of land within the affected territory have given their written consent to the proposal.

Based thereon, pursuant to Government Code Section 56662 (a), the Commission may, and hereby does, make determinations on the proposal without notice and hearing, and the Commission may, and hereby does, waive protest proceedings entirely.

- 3. A description of the boundaries and map of the proposal, as approved by this Commission, are set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B", attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein.
- 4. The affected territory consists of 1.32± acres, is uninhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation:

"Annexation No. 746 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21".

- 5. Annexation No. 746 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21 is hereby approved, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - a. The District agrees to defend, hold harmless and indemnify LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees to attack, set aside, void or annul the approval of LAFCO concerning this proposal or any action relating to or arising out of such approval.

- b. The effective date of the annexation shall be the date of recordation.
 - c. Payment of Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and State Board of Equalization fees.
 - d. The territory so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as may be legally imposed by the District.
 - e. The regular County assessment roll shall be utilized by the District.
 - f. The affected territory will be taxed for any existing general indebtedness, if any, of the District.
 - g. Annexation of the affected territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" to the District.
 - h. Except to the extent in conflict with "a" through "g", above, the general terms and conditions contained in Chapter 2 of Part 5, Division 3, Title 5 of the California Government Code (commencing with Government Code Section 57325) shall apply to this annexation.
6. The Commission hereby orders the uninhabited territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" annexed to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21.
7. The Executive Officer is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to 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 11th day of May 2016.

MOTION: FINLAY
SECOND: DEAR
AYES: CLOSE, DEAR, FINLAY, SMITH (ALT. FOR McCALLUM), SPENCE, GLADBACH
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: KNABE, KREKORIAN, KUEHL
MOTION PASSED: 6/0/0

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Novak", is written over a horizontal line.

**Paul A. Novak, AICP
Executive Officer**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-16RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING AND ORDERING
"REORGANIZATION NO. 2013-01 TO THE NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
(CASTAIC HIGH SCHOOL),
AMENDMENTS TO THE NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 36 – VAL VERDE SPHERES OF INFLUENCE (SOIs); DETACHMENT
FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 36 – VAL VERDE, AND
ANNEXATION TO THE NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT"**

WHEREAS, the Newhall County Water District (District) adopted a resolution of application to initiate proceedings, which was submitted to the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles (Commission), pursuant to, Division 3, Title 5, of the California Government Code (commencing with section 56000, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000), for reorganization of territory herein described to the District, all within the unincorporated territory of Castaic; and

WHEREAS, the proposed reorganization consists of approximately 84.14± acres of uninhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: "Reorganization No. 2013-01 to the Newhall County Water District"; 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 the proposed reorganization is for the Newhall County Water District to provide water service to a proposed high school. Given the existing infrastructure of both water agencies, servicing the proposed high school from the Newhall County Water District would be less costly and less complex than serving the high school from Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36 – Val Verde; and

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

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that the Proposal meets all of the criteria for the Commission to make a determination without notice and hearing and waive protest proceedings entirely, pursuant to Government Code Section 56662; and

WHEREAS, even though a public hearing is not required for the Proposal, a public hearing is nevertheless required for the proposed SOI amendments, pursuant to Government Code Section 56427; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has given notice of the public hearing for the proposed Sphere of Influence Amendments pursuant to Government Code Sections 56150-56160, wherein the public hearing notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Los Angeles on April 8, 2016, which is at least 21 days prior to the public hearing, and said hearing notice was also mailed to all required recipients by first-class mail on or before the date of newspaper publication; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2016, this Commission considered the Proposal and the report of Executive Officer, and heard and received all oral and written testimony, objections, and evidence which were made, presented or filed, and all persons present were given an opportunity to hear and be heard with respect to the Sphere of Influence Amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. Acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to Reorganization No. 2013-01 to the Newhall County Water District, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act

(CEQA) Guideline Section 15096, the Commission considered the Final Environmental Impact Report prepared and certified by the William S. Hart Union High School District, as lead agency, on October 17, 2012 for the project; certifies that the Commission has independently reviewed and considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the project as shown in the Final Environmental Impact Report; adopts the Mitigation Monitoring Program finding that the Mitigation Monitoring Program is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during project implementation as applicable to the responsible agency; finds that there are no further feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures within the Commission's power that would substantially lessen or avoid any significant effect the project would have on the environment; and determines that the significant adverse effects of the project have either been reduced to an acceptable level or are outweighed by the specific considerations of the project, as outlined in the environmental findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations, which findings and statement are adopted and incorporated as applicable herein by reference.

2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 56662(a), the Commission hereby finds and determines that:

- a. The territory encompassed by the reorganization is uninhabited; and
- b. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 56658(b)(1) and 56662(c), the Executive Officer has given the required mailed notice to each affected agency of the application to initiate proceedings for the proposed reorganization, and no

- c. affected local agency has submitted a written demand for notice and hearing during the 10-day period following the notice; and
- d. The reorganization was accompanied by satisfactory proof that all owners of land within the affected territory have given their written consent to the proposal.

Based thereon, pursuant to Government Code Section 56662(a), the Commission may make determinations upon the proposed reorganization proposal without notice and hearing and may waive protest proceedings relative to the proposed reorganization.

However, with respect to the proposed SOI amendments, a public hearing is still required pursuant to Government Code Section 56427.

3. The Commission hereby amends the Spheres of Influence of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36 – Val Verde, and the Newhall County Water District so as to exclude the subject territory described in Exhibit "A" and "B" from Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36 – Val Verde, and include the subject territory described in Exhibit "A" and "B" within Newhall County Water District and makes the following determinations in accordance with Government Code Section 56425:

- a. Present and Planned Land Uses in the Area

The present land use is vacant. The future planned land use is a proposed high school.

b. Present and Probable Need for Public Facilities and Services in the Area

The affected territory is located within the unincorporated community of Castaic and receives general government services, including land use planning and regulation, law enforcement, fire protection, road maintenance and other services from the County and other special districts. The affected territory will require these services indefinitely.

c. Present Capacity of Public Facilities and Adequacy of Public Services that the Agency Provides or is Authorized to Provide

Newhall County Water District has adequate capacity and infrastructure to meet current demands. Newhall County Water District has planned improvements to upgrade its current system to meet future needs.

d. Existence of Any Social or Economic Communities of Interest

There are no significant social or economic communities of interest within the subject territory.

e. Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities

There are no Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs) within or adjacent to the affected territory.

f. Determination of the Services of the Existing District

The Commission has on file written statement of the functions and classes of service of the Newhall County Water District and can establish the nature, location and extent of its classes of service and that it provides water service within its boundary.

4. A description of the boundaries and map of the proposal, as approved by this Commission, are set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B", attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein.
5. The affected territory consists of 84.14± acres, is uninhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation:

"Reorganization No. 2013-01 to the Newhall County Water District".

6. Reorganization No. 2013-01 to the Newhall County Water District is hereby approved, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - a. The Newhall County Water District agrees to defend, hold harmless and indemnify LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees to attack, set aside, void or annul the approval of LAFCO concerning this proposal or any action relating to or arising out of such approval.
 - b. The effective date of the reorganization shall be the date of recordation.

- c. Payment of Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and State Board of Equalization fees.
 - d. The territory so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as may be legally imposed by the Newhall County Water District.
 - e. The regular County assessment roll shall be utilized by the Newhall County Water District.
 - f. The affected territory will be taxed for any existing general indebtedness, if any, of the Newhall County Water District.
 - g. Reorganization of the affected territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" to the Newhall County Water District.
 - h. Except to the extent in conflict with "a" through "g", above, the general terms and conditions contained in Chapter 2 of Part 5, Division 3, Title 5 of the California Government Code (commencing with Government Code Section 57325) shall apply to this reorganization.
7. The Commission hereby orders the uninhabited territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" detached from the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36 – Val Verde, and annexed to the Newhall County Water District.
8. The Executive Officer is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Newhall County Water District, upon the Newhall County Water 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 11th day of May 2016.

MOTION:

SECOND:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

MOTION PASSES: 0/0/0

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



**Paul A. Novak, AICP
Executive Officer**