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REGULAR MEETING

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

March 14, 2018

Present:

Jerry Gladbach, Chair

Kathryn Barger
Donald Dear
Margaret Finlay
Gerard McCallum

Judith Mitchell, Alternate
Joe Ruzicka, Alternate
Greig Smith, Alternate

Paul Novak, Executive Officer
Erik Conard, Legal Counsel

Absent:

Richard Close
Janice Hahn
Lori Brogin-Falley, Alternate
Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Alternate
Sheila Kuehl, Alternate

Vacant:

Voting Los Angeles City Member
Voting City Member

1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. in Room 381-B of the County Hall of Administration by Chair Jerry Gladbach.

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Jerry Gladbach.

3 DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION(S)

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

The EO read an announcement, asking if any Commissioner had received a campaign contribution that would require disclosure and recusal from any item on today's agenda.

Chair Gladbach stated that he did not receive a campaign contribution but indicated that he would recuse himself from Agenda Item 7.c.

4 SWEARING-IN OF SPEAKER(S)

The Executive Officer swore-in eight (8) members of the audience who planned to testify.

The EO thanked Commissioner Dear for attending today's meeting despite his broken ankle.

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

- a. Reorganization No. 2016-33 to the City of Los Angeles (Detachment from the City of Los Angeles).
- b. Reorganization No. 2016-33 to the City of Los Angeles (Annexation to the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County, and the West Basin Municipal Water District).

The Commission took the following action:

- Received and Filed.

MOTION: MITCHELL (ALT. FOR VOTING CITY MEMBER)
SECOND: DEAR
AYES: BARGER, DEAR, FINLAY, McCALLUM, MITCHELL
(ALT. FOR VOTING CITY MEMBER), SMITH, GLADBACH

NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: CLOSE, HAHN
MOTION PASSED: 7/0/0

6 CONSENT ITEM(S) – OTHER

The Commission took the following actions under Consent Items:

- a. Approved Minutes of February 14, 2018.
- b. Approved Operating Account Check Register for the month of February 2018.
- 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. 1085 to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County; Resolution No. 2018-05RMD.
- e. Adopted the Resolution Making Determinations, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 427 to the County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County; Resolution No. 2018-06RMD.

MOTION: FINLAY
SECOND: MITCHELL (ALT. FOR VOTING CITY MEMBER)
AYES: BARGER, DEAR, FINLAY, McCALLUM, MITCHELL
(ALT. FOR VOTING CITY MEMBER), SMITH, GLADBACH
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: CLOSE, HAHN
MOTION PASSED: 7/0/0

7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The following item was called for consideration:

- a. Annexation No. 426 to the County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County.

The EO noted that because staff was unable to locate the California Environmental Quality Act documentation in advance of the hearing, the recommendation is to continue the item to the Commission's next meeting.

The Commission took the following action:

- Continued Agenda Item 7.a., without prejudice, to the April 11, 2018 Commission Meeting.
MOTION: BARGER
SECOND: FINLAY
AYES: BARGER, DEAR, FINLAY, McCALLUM, MITCHELL
(ALT. FOR VOTING CITY MEMBER), SMITH, GLADBACH
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: CLOSE, HAHN
MOTION PASSED: 7/0/0

7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The following item was called for consideration:

- b. Annexation No. 1079 to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County.

The EO summarized the staff report on Annexation No. 1079 to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County.

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

The Commission took the following actions:

- Adopted the Resolution Making Determinations, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Approving Annexation No. 1079 to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County; Resolution No. 2018-07RMD.
- Pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, set May 9, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. or at the Commission's next available meeting date consistent with the protest provisions, in Room 381-B of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012, as the date, time, and place for Commission protest proceedings.

MOTION: BARGER
SECOND: DEAR
AYES: BARGER, DEAR, FINLAY, McCALLUM, MITCHELL
(ALT. FOR VOTING CITY MEMBER), SMITH, GLADBACH
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: CLOSE, HAHN

MOTION PASSED: 7/0/0

Chair Gladbach indicated that the Commission will move to Agenda Item 9.a.

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- a. Vector Control Update & Potential Fee Waiver or Reduction.

The EO summarized the staff report on the Vector Control Update & Potential Fee Waiver or Reduction.

The EO indicated that Mitchel Weinbaum (General Manager, Compton Creek Mosquito Abatement District) is present at today's meeting. Truc Dever (General Manager, Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District) submitted a letter requesting a fee waiver.

The Commission took the following action:

- Received and filed the Vector Control Update.

MOTION: DEAR
SECOND: McCALLUM
AYES: BARGER, DEAR, FINLAY, McCALLUM, MITCHELL
(ALT. FOR VOTING CITY MEMBER), SMITH, GLADBACH
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: CLOSE, HAHN
MOTION PASSED: 7/0/0

Mr. Weinbaum came before the Commission. He stated that the Compton Creek Mosquito Abatement District (District) has a limited budget. He noted that \$79,400 (total fees include LAFCO, County of Los Angeles Assessor, and State Board of Equalization), as indicated in yellow column of the Vector Control Boundary Adjustment Program chart (Chart), included in the Agenda package, is nearly twenty-five percent (25%) of the District's budget. Mr. Weinbaum asked the Commission to consider waiving the fees as a benefit to everyone in the County of Los Angeles.

Commissioner Finlay asked what does the District charge per parcel for vector control services. Mr. Weinbaum indicated that the District receives approximately \$3.00 in ad valorem taxes and approximately \$9.00 in a per parcel benefit assessment. The District receives approximately \$337,000 in total taxes per year.

Commissioner Finlay asked Mr. Weinbaum how many parcels are within the District boundaries. Mr. Weinbaum stated that there are 23,000 parcels within the District boundaries and indicated

that he is the only full-time employee of the District. During the summer months, the District hires a part-time temporary staff person to aid in spray applications for mosquitos.

Commissioner Barger stated that it's a priority for the entire County of Los Angeles to be within a vector control district.

Commissioner Dear asked the EO if the Commission waives the LAFCO fees entirely for the vector control districts, would it be a detriment to LAFCO's budget. The EO indicated that \$20,000 to \$40,000 in LAFCO fees is a relatively modest impact on LAFCO's budget of \$1.4 million.

Commissioner Dear indicated that he supports the 100% LAFCO fee waiver.

Commissioner McCallum indicated that he supports the 100% LAFCO fee waiver with a letter addressed to the vector control districts indicating this is an extreme case.

Chair Gladbach thanked the vector control districts and the EO for working together to identify and eliminate "service gaps" that are not within a vector control district located in the County of Los Angeles.

The EO indicated that Commissioner Hahn was not able to attend today's meeting, as she is attending a funeral. The EO stated that Commissioner Hahn voiced her support to waive LAFCO fees at the last month's meeting.

Mr. Weinbaum thanked the Commission for waiving the LAFCO fees entirely.

The Commission took the following action:

- Found that the payments of fees associated with future proposals from vector control districts (limited to those future proposals specifically identified in the "Vector Control District Adjustment Program" chart) would be detrimental to the public interest, consistent with LAFCO's adopted Fee Waiver Policy and Government Code Section 56383(d); and
- With respect to future proposals from vector control districts, directed the Executive Officer to collect fees pursuant to the "LAFCO Fee Waiver 100%" tabulation, as shown in blue in the Vector Control Boundary Adjustment Program chart and waive the requirement that said waiver request(s) be filed in writing; and
- Directed the Executive Officer to draft a letter to the vector control districts indicating this is an extreme case for supporting the waiver entirely.

MOTION: McCALLUM
SECOND: DEAR
AYES: BARGER, DEAR, FINLAY, McCALLUM, MITCHELL

(ALT. FOR VOTING CITY MEMBER), SMITH, GLADBACH
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: CLOSE, HAHN
MOTION PASSED: 7/0/0

Chair Gladbach indicated that the Commission will move to Agenda Item 7.c.

As indicated earlier, Chair Gladbach recused himself from Agenda Item 7.c.

First Vice-Chair Dear conducted the meeting for Agenda Item 7.c.

7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The following item was called for consideration:

- c. Application for Conditions No. 2018-01 for the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (“SCV Water” or “Agency”) – Draft Written Report.

The EO summarized the staff report on the Application for Conditions No. 2018-01 for the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (“SCV” Water” or “Agency”) – Draft Written Report.

The EO indicated that after the agenda posted, staff received additional correspondence from: Matthew Stone (General Manger, SCV Water) on March 8th; Stacy Fortner on March 8th; Ed and Joan Dunn on March 11th; and Dean Wallraff (Advocates for the Environment) on March 11th. The EO noted that the Commissioners received the mentioned correspondences by e-mail and were provided hard copies at today’s meeting. In addition, staff received an e-mail yesterday (March 13th) from the Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment (SCOPE) with an attached letter dated March 12th. Commissioners were provided a hard copy of the correspondence at today’s meeting.

The public hearing was opened to receive testimony.

Carmillis “Cam” Noltemeyer came before the Commission. Ms. Noltemeyer indicated that she is speaking as a former Valencia Water Company (VWC) ratepayer. She provided LAFCO staff copies of handouts for each of the Commissioners. Ms. Noltemeyer believes that there are several errors in the debt service for the former Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) and VWC. She stated that the Facility Capacity Fees and Interfund Loans should be added to CLWA’s debt. Those interfund loans are from the one-percent (1%) property tax revenue and no further loans should be allowed. Ratepayers are opposed to rate increases. She believes that CLWA was hiding the acquisition loan of VWC through “back room” meetings. Ms. Noltemeyer indicated that it appears litigation is the only solution for former VWC ratepayers.

Mr. Stone came before the Commission. Mr. Stone stated that he submitted written comments regarding the Proposed Conditions. Mr. Stone indicated that he is requesting to extend the

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) deadline of twelve (12) months from the effective date, as indicated in Condition No. 6, to January 1, 2021.

Mr. Stone responded to the SCOPE letter, dated March 12th, requesting a condition be added to the Proposed Conditions that all water wells levels and production of each water well be listed on the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency website. Mr. Stone indicated that water well levels are detailed in annual water reports and through groundwater management agencies.

[Commissioner Barger left at 9:55 a.m.]

Tom Bunn (Co-Counsel, SCV Water) came before the Commission. Mr. Bunn indicated that during last month's meeting, a question was asked about LAFCO's authority concerning water supply. A "Memorandum to LAFCO Commissioners" dated February 20, 2018, indicated that LAFCO does not have authority over water supply. Mr. Bunn responded to SCOPE's letter dated March 12th, requesting a condition be added to the Proposed Conditions to annex the Mission tract and other areas shown in white on a map included in the said letter of March 12th. Mr. Bunn stated that those areas are already within the boundaries of the new agency (SCV Water) as established by the State Legislature, and that no annexation is required.

Mr. Bunn referred to correspondence received (one is a letter dated March 12th, submitted by SCOPE, and the second is an e-mail dated March 11th from Ed and Joan Dunn) relative to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) concerns. Mr. Bunn believes these communications create the incorrect assumption that LAFCO is approving the consolidation. LAFCO is not approving the consolidation. The consolidation, which has already occurred, was accomplished through an action of the Legislature, and as a legislative act, it is not subject to CEQA. Mr. Bunn indicated that if Commissioners have questions about CEQA, Charity Schiller (SCV Water) is available to answer questions.

Maria Gutzeit (Vice President, SCV Water) came before the Commission. She thanked the Commission for facilitating this historic consolidation that unifies and modernizes water management in the Santa Clarita Valley. Ms. Gutzeit stated that this consolidation will save customers \$13 million over 10 years and will reduce "water wars" in the Santa Clarita Valley.

First Vice-Chair Dear asked if Joe Byrne (Co-Counsel, SCV Water), and both Charity Schiller and Steve Cole of SCV Water would like to come before the Commission. They said "no". First Vice-Chair Dear thanked them for being available.

The EO swore-in one (1) additional member of the audience who planned to testify.

Lynne Plambeck (Board Member, SCV Water) came before the Commission. Ms. Plambeck stated that she was speaking on behalf of herself, personally, not as a Board Member of SCV Water or as a SCOPE representative. Ms. Plambeck stated that she strongly opposed the consolidation of the Castaic Lake Water Agency and the Newhall County Water District (NCWD) into a new successor agency (SCV Water).

Ms. Plambeck stated that the areas shown in white (map was included in the letter dated March 12th from SCOPE) have been completely avoided. She stated that she understands how this consolidation can be better for water management resources in the Santa Clarita Valley, but believes the consolidation allows for huge developments to be approved without adequate review. The areas shown in white on the map are automatically within the boundaries of SCV Water and benefit a large developer within the Santa Clarita Valley. Ms. Plambeck is requesting a review of the 524 service connections outside the Sphere of Influence boundaries of SCV Water, as identified in Condition No. 7. Ms. Plambeck requested a revision to Condition No. 19, noting that ten (10) days is not adequate time for noticing rate increases.

There being no further testimony, the public hearing was closed.

Staff gave copies of the "LAFCO Reply to Applicant-Requested changes in the Proposed Conditions" to the Commission, and copies were made available to the audience. The EO indicated that the Applicant submitted a letter requesting thirteen (13) changes to the Proposed Conditions. The EO noted that he had no objections to eleven (11) of the thirteen (13) requested changes. Condition No. 6 indicates that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) be entered with LAFCO for the preparation of a Municipal Service Review (MSR) within one (1) year of the effective date of these conditions. The Applicant is requesting a MOU be entered with LAFCO by January 1, 2021. The EO stated that cooperating with LAFCO relative to the preparation of a MSR is not a great imposition to the new agency. In Condition No. 8, the Applicant requested to add "pursuant to the requirements of the California Public Records Act". The EO stated that irrespective of the Public Records Act requirements, staff believes that all board-member compensation and expense reimbursement should be disclosed.

The EO stated that he agrees to include a revision to Condition No.19, as requested by Ms. Plambeck.

The EO requested that the Commission review the requested corrections by the Applicant and other requests made by the public.

Commissioner Mitchell expressed support for increasing the time from "ten (10) days" to "thirty (30) days" in Condition No.19.

Commissioner Mitchell asked the EO to comment regarding the interfund loans. The EO indicated that he does not have detailed information and would request that the Applicant give testimony regarding interfund loans.

Mr. Stone stated that the concept of a interfund loan is a debt service issued for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). There is more than one source of funding (a portion of the one-percent (1%) property tax revenue, and Facility Capacity Fees charged to developers) to pay off CIP debt service. When the two revenue sources, previously mentioned, do not cover the debt service, the difference is made up and tracked by an interfund loan. Later, fees are increased to pay back the interfund loan. For tracking purposes, it is noted as a interfund loan. The debt is to the Agency. Commissioner Mitchell asked if interfund loans are included in audited budgets.

Mr. Stone said “yes”.

Commissioner Mitchell noted that the handouts provided by Ms. Noltemeyer indicated that VWC has nearly \$90 million in debt due to a interfund loan. Mr. Stone stated that the acquisition of VWC involved the former CLWA which purchased the stock of VWC, and VWC is now dissolved into the new agency (SCV Water). It is tracked as a loan that VWC pays back through divisional accounting. Mr. Stone stated that there is an implication that this is secretive, but the interfund loan is disclosed as public information. Commissioner Mitchell asked when did this acquisition of VWC occur. Mr. Stone stated that the acquisition occurred in 2012. Each retail division has separate accounting for its legacy debt: VWC, Santa Clarita Water Division, and NCWD. Commissioner Mitchell asked if the legacy debts are separate liabilities. Mr. Stone said “yes”.

Mr. Stone requested that the wording be revised and remove “upon request” in Condition No. 18. SCV Water has no issues regarding providing board-member compensation and expenses but for the Commission to include language regarding a timing requirement. The EO indicated that he will revise the language in Condition No. 18, accordingly. Commissioner Mitchell stated that she agrees to this change as document requests can be voluminous.

Commissioner Mitchell asked the EO if there are any other requested corrections to the Proposed Conditions. The EO said “yes”. In Condition No. 6, the EO stated that the Applicant requested that the Agency enter into a MOU for the preparation of a MSR within 12 months of these conditions of the Commission action (presuming it’s at next month’s meeting) be revised to reflect “by January 1, 2021”. The EO stated that he recommends that the Commission retain the condition as staff proposed. Commissioner Mitchell expressed her support to keep the recommendation as staff proposed.

The EO requested direction from the Commission regarding the first recommendation proposed by SCOPE in its letter dated March 12th. Commissioner Mitchell expressed her support for an additional condition to require well water levels and capacity be listed on the Agency’s website.

Commissioner Mitchell stated that no action is needed regarding the second recommendation requested in the SCOPE letter dated March 12th, as the territory is already within the new Agency’s boundaries, and it is already defined by SB 634.

Commissioner McCallum agreed that the EO should add a condition pertaining to well water levels and capacity.

The Commission took the following actions:

- Received and filed the Written Report/Staff Report, including Attachments “A” through “G”;
- Directed the Executive Officer to retain the language (no revisions) to Condition No. 6 of the “LAFCO Reply to Applicant-Requested changes in the Proposed Conditions”;

- Directed the Executive Officer to revise the Proposed Conditions as noted in, “LAFCO Reply to Applicant-Requested changes in the Proposed Conditions”, as follows:
 - Condition No. 2;
 - Condition No. 3;
 - Condition No. 4;
 - Condition No. 5;
 - Condition No. 9;
 - Condition No. 16.D.;
 - Condition No. 16.E.;
 - Condition No. 16.K.;
 - Condition No. 16.P.;
 - Condition No. 16.R.;

- Directed the Executive Officer to revise Condition No. 18 (revision of the timing language);

- Directed the Executive Officer to revise Condition No. 19 (revision from “ten (10) days” to “thirty (30) days”; and

- Directed the Executive Officer to add a condition (Condition No. 16.S.) regarding well water levels and capacity to be listed on the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency website.

MOTION: MITCHELL (ALT. FOR VOTING CITY MEMBER)
SECOND: McCALLUM
AYES: FINLAY, McCALLUM, MITCHELL (ALT. FOR VOTING CITY MEMBER), RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH), SMITH, DEAR (FIRST VICE-CHAIR)
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: BARGER, CLOSE, HAHN
MOTION PASSED: 6/0/0

Chair Gladbach returned at 10:27 a.m.

Chair Gladbach conducted the remainder of the meeting.

8 PROTEST HEARING(S)

None.

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

b. LAFCO Legal Services Update.

The EO summarized the staff report on the LAFCO Legal Services Update.

Thomas Faughnan (Senior Assistant County Counsel) stated that he was a LAFCO advisor between 1999-2011 and continues to supervise LAFCO's legal services in the Office of County Counsel. As the Commission was informed at last month's meeting, both Helen Parker (retiring after 37 years with County Counsel) and Erik Conard (who is leaving County Counsel for employment in the private sector) will no longer advise LAFCO. The Commission was introduced to Lillian Salinger (County Counsel) who will be a new member of LAFCO's legal team. Mr. Faughnan also introduced Carole Suzuki (County Counsel) who will also be a member of LAFCO's legal team. Mr. Faughnan stated that he looks forward to working with LAFCO staff and LAFCO's new legal team: Ms. Salinger and Ms. Suzuki. Mr. Faughnan noted that he will be LAFCO's legal advisor at LAFCO's next meeting in April.

Chair Gladbach welcomed Ms. Salinger and Ms. Suzuki to LAFCO's legal team.

Chair Gladbach thanked Ms. Parker for her years of service as LAFCO's legal advisor, he wished her well in retirement.

Chair Gladbach thanked Mr. Conard for his years of service, and he wished Mr. Conard well in his new employment in the private sector.

10 LEGISLATION

The following item was called up for consideration:

a. Legislative Update.

The EO stated that the written staff report on the Legislative Update identified existing and potential bills which may impact LAFCO. The EO was available to answer any questions the Commission may have. The Commission did not have any questions.

The Commission took the following action:

- Received and filed the Legislative Report.

MOTION: FINLAY
SECOND: DEAR
AYES: DEAR, FINLAY, McCALLUM, MITCHELL (ALT. FOR VOTING CITY MEMBER), SMITH, GLADBACH

NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: BARGER, CLOSE, HAHN
MOTION PASSED: 6/0/0

11 MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

None.

12 COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

None.

13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

None.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

15 FUTURE MEETINGS

April 11, 2018

May 9, 2018

June 13, 2018

July 11, 2018

16 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

17 ADJOURNMENT MOTION

In honor of North Wood, Patricia Wood's (LAFCO Administrative Clerk) husband who recently passed away, on motion of Commissioner Dear, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Novak, AICP
Executive Officer

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-05RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING AND ORDERING
"ANNEXATION NO. 1085 TO THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT
OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY "**

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation 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 annexation of territory herein described to the District, all within the City of Santa Clarita; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of approximately 0.22± acres of uninhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: "Annexation No. 1085 to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County"; 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 for one existing 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 March 14, 2018 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 March 14, 2018, 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. 1085 to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, finds that this annexation is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15319(a), because it consists of areas containing existing structures developed to the density allowed by the current zoning. 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 0.22± acres, is uninhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation: "Annexation No. 1085 to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County".
5. Annexation No. 1085 to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County 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 Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County.
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 14th day of March 2018.

MOTION: FINLAY
SECOND: MITCHELL (ALT. FOR VOTING CITY MEMBER)
AYES: BARGER, DEAR, FINLAY, McCALLUM, MITCHELL
(ALT. FOR VOTING CITY MEMBER), SMITH, GLADBACH
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: CLOSE, HAHN
MOTION PASSED: 7/0/0

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



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-06RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING AND ORDERING
"ANNEXATION NO. 427 TO THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 14
OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY"**

WHEREAS, the County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County (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; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of approximately 1.189± acres of uninhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: "Annexation No. 427 to the County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County"; 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 existing Club and Lodge Hall, and one existing 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 March 14, 2018 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 March 14, 2018, 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. 427 to the County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County, finds that this annexation is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15319(a), because it consists of areas containing existing structures developed to the density allowed by the current zoning. 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 1.189± acres, is uninhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation:

"Annexation No. 427 to the County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County".
- 5. Annexation No. 427 to the County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County 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. 14.

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 14th day of March 2018.

MOTION: FINLAY
SECOND: MITCHELL (ALT. FOR VOTING CITY MEMBER)
AYES: BARGER, DEAR, FINLAY, McCALLUM, MITCHELL
(ALT. FOR VOTING CITY MEMBER), SMITH, GLADBACH
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: CLOSE, HAHN
MOTION PASSED: 7/0/0

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



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-07RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING
"ANNEXATION NO. 1079 TO THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT
OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY"**

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation 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 annexation of territory herein described to the District, all within the City of Santa Clarita; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of approximately 180.21± acres of uninhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: "Annexation No. 1079 to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County"; 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 for approximately 1,100 proposed residential units, and one 950,000 square feet of proposed mixed-use commercial development; and

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

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has given notice of the public hearing pursuant to Government Code Sections 56150-56160, 57025, and 57026, wherein the public hearing notice

was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Los Angeles on February 8, 2018, 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 March 14, 2018, after being duly and properly noticed, this proposal came on for hearing, at which time this Commission 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 this proposal and the report of the Executive Officer; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, the Commission set the protest hearing for May 9, 2018 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. Acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to Annexation No. 1079 to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guideline Section 15096, the Commission considered the Final Environmental Impact Report prepared and certified by the City of Santa Clarita, as lead agency, on April 26, 2011 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 and Reporting Program, finding that the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting 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. 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.

3. The affected territory consists of 180.21± acres, is uninhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation:

"Annexation No. 1079 to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County".

4. Annexation No. 1079 to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County 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.
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 - 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.
5. Pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, the Commission hereby sets the protest hearing for May 9, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. and directs the Executive Officer to give notice thereof pursuant to Government Code Sections 57025 and 57026.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of March 2018.

MOTION: BARGER
SECOND: DEAR
AYES: BARGER, DEAR, FINLAY, McCALLUM, MITCHELL
(ALT. FOR VOTING CITY MEMBER), SMITH, GLADBACH
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: CLOSE, HAHN
MOTION PASSED: 7/0/0

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