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#### REGULAR MEETING

# MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

#### FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

April 11, 2018

#### Present:

Donald Dear, First Vice-Chair

Kathryn Barger Richard Close Margaret Finlay Janice Hahn Gerard McCallum

Lori Brogin-Falley, Alternate Judith Mitchell, Alternate Joe Ruzicka, Alternate Greig Smith, Alternate

Paul Novak, Executive Officer Thomas Faughnan, Legal Counsel

#### Absent:

Jerry Gladbach, Chair

Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Alternate Sheila Kuehl, Alternate

### Vacant:

Voting Los Angeles City Member Voting City Member

#### 1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. in Room 381-B of the County Hall of Administration by First Vice-Chair Donald Dear. Chair Gladbach was not at today's meeting.

#### 2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by First Vice-Chair Donald Dear.

# 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 to 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 (None).

## 4 SWEARING-IN OF SPEAKER(S)

The Executive Officer swore in two (2) members of the audience who planned to testify.

[Commissioner Brogin-Falley arrived at 9:02 a.m.]

- 5 INFORMATION ITEM(S) GOVERNMENT CODE §§ 56751 & 56857 NOTICE
  - a. Annexation No. 2018-02 to the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.

The Commission took the following action:

Received and Filed.

MOTION: Barger SECOND: Finlay APPROVED: 7-0-0 AYES: Barger, Close, Finlay, Mitchell (Alt. for Voting City Member),

Ruzicka (Alt. for Gladbach), Smith (Alt. for McCallum), Dear

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Hahn, McCallum, Gladbach

[Commissioner McCallum arrived at 9:04 a.m.]

# 6 CONSENT ITEM(S) – OTHER

The following item was called for consideration:

a. Approve Minutes of March 14, 2018 (Special Meeting) and Minutes of March 14, 2018 (Regular Meeting).

The EO noted that staff makes every effort to ensure that the minutes of the meetings are accurately reflected. The EO indicated that the representatives of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) requested minor edits (remove language in portions of two sentences) of the regular meeting minutes of March 14<sup>th</sup> to accurately reflect the testimony given by Mr. Bunn and Mr. Stone, respectively. The Commission was provided a strikethrough/yellow highlighted version of the proposed changes. The EO stated that draft minutes are prepared for the Commission and for the public to make comments or provide edits not consistent with testimony.

The Commission took the following actions under Consent Items:

- a. Approved Minutes of March 14, 2018 (Special Meeting) and <u>Revised Minutes of March 14, 2018 (Regular Meeting)</u>.
- b. Approved Operating Account Check Register for the month of March 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. 31 to the County Sanitation District No. 16 of Los Angeles County; Resolution No. 2018-08RMD.
- e. Adopted the Resolution Making Determinations, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 753 to the County Sanitation District No. 21 of Los Angeles County; Resolution No. 2018-09RMD.

MOTION: Barger SECOND: Finlay APPROVED: 7-0-0

AYES: Barger, Close, Finlay, McCallum, Mitchell (Alt. for Voting City Member),

Ruzicka (Alt. for Gladbach), Dear

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Hahn, Gladbach

## 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 summarized the staff report on Annexation No. 426 to the County Sanitation District No. 14 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. 426 to the County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County; Resolution No. 2018-10RMD.
- Pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, set June 13, 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: Finlay SECOND: McCallum APPROVED: 7-0-0

AYES: Barger, Close, Finlay, McCallum, Mitchell (Alt. for Voting City Member).

Ruzicka (Alt. for Gladbach), Dear

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Hahn, Gladbach

First Vice-Chair Dear indicated that a member of the audience wanted to testify on Agenda Item 6.a.

6 CONSENT ITEM(S) – RECONSIDER MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2018 (REGULAR MEETING)

The following item was called for reconsideration:

a. Reconsider Approved Minutes of March 14, 2018 (Regular Meeting).

The Executive Officer swore in three (3) additional members of the audience who planned to testify.

Carmillis "Cam" Noltemeyer came before the Commission. Ms. Noltemeyer indicated that she was speaking as a former Valencia Water Company (VWC) ratepayer. She provided copies of handouts to each of the Commissioners requesting that the Minutes of the March 14<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting be revised to correct testimony offered by Mr. Stone at the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding interfund loans (on page 9, last paragraph of the Minutes of March 14<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting). These handouts included a copy of the staff report at the May 17, 2016 Special

Meeting of the Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) Board of Directors held jointly with the Finance and Administration Committee (May 17, 2016 CLWA Special Meeting) and a copy of the staff report of the May 24, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Castaic Lake Water Agency. She noted that in the Facility Capacity Fees and Interfund Loan section of the staff report of May 17, 2016 CLWA Special Meeting indicated that one percent property tax revenues are paying a significant portion of the future users' debt service that should be funded by Facility Capacity Fees. Ms. Noltemeyer also indicated that the May 17, 2016 CLWA Special Meeting document stated that the Interfund Loan is projected to be \$88 million. She requested that the minutes be corrected to reflect the correct information regarding the interfund loan. Ms. Noltemeyer stated that the interfund loan is to subsidize the developers. She stated the previous CLWA is borrowing landowner money (a portion of one percent of property taxes) to subsidize the developers. Ms. Noltemeyer indicated that the \$88 million interfund loan is paid back by the landowners, not the developers. Ms. Noltemeyer requested that Commission have the Minutes of March 14<sup>th</sup> of the Regular Meeting be corrected.

First Vice-Chair Dear asked Thomas Faughnan (Legal Counsel) if the Commission can amend the minutes to include Ms. Noltemeyer's testimony. Legal Counsel stated that a motion can be made to reconsider the approval of the minutes. Legal Counsel noted that the minutes are intended to reflect the actual testimony at the meeting regardless of whether or not there were inaccuracies or information that was not fully disclosed.

After discussion, it was determined that Ms. Noltemeyer's testimony would not be reflected by revision to the March 14<sup>th</sup> minutes but would rather be in the record of testimony for the April 11<sup>th</sup> hearing.

Commissioner Mitchell asked if the documents that Ms. Noltemeyer submitted at the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting are part of the record. The EO indicated that those documents are part of the record as of last the Commission Meeting. Ms. Noltemeyer submitted those documents to the EO and staff provided copies to the Commission. The EO stated that he agrees with Legal Counsel's approach – the minutes should accurately reflect the testimony. The EO stated that Ms. Noltemeyer's documents submitted at the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting are included in the official record.

The EO noted that he will send a draft of today's meeting minutes to Ms. Noltemeyer for her review and input.

No additional action was made by the Commission to amend the Minutes of March 14<sup>th</sup> (Regular Meeting) beyond what was originally proposed by the EO.

## 7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The following item was called for consideration:

b. Application for Conditions No. 2018-01 for the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – Final Report.

The EO summarized the staff report on the Application for Conditions No. 2018-01 for the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – Final Report.

The EO noted that after the agenda posted, staff received additional correspondence both from Dean Wallraff (Attorney at Law, Executive Director, Advocates for the Environment) and from Matthew Stone (General Manager, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency). Electronic copies were mailed to each of the Commissioners and staff provided hard copies at today's meeting.

[Commissioner Hahn arrived at 9:19 a.m.]

The EO noted that staff gave a hard copy of the "LAFCO Reply to Communications from Dean Wallraff (Advocates for the Environment) and Matthew G. Stone (General Manager of the SCV Water Agency" to each of the Commissioners. The EO indicated that LAFCO staff agrees and recommends modifying Condition No. 16.S., which clarifies what can be posted on the SCV Water website relative to groundwater levels. The EO stated that because this correspondence was submitted after the agenda was posted, the Attachment "A" – Conditions to the staff report does not address this issue. Should the Commission modify Condition No. 16.S. or any other condition, the motion would need to direct staff accordingly.

The public hearing was opened to receive testimony.

First Vice-Chair Dear asked if the new proposed Condition 16.S. includes the location of water wells (given security concerns) on the SCV Water website. The EO indicated that the Applicant could address this concern during public testimony.

The Executive Officer swore in two (2) additional members of the audience who planned to testify.

Carmillis "Cam" Noltemeyer came before the Commission to testify on Agenda Item 7.b. Ms. Noltemeyer indicated that she is speaking as a former VWC ratepayer. Ms. Noltemeyer requested that the Commission review the former VWC rates compared to SCV Water rates. She stated that the previous VWC Board of Directors were all appointed, not elected; that previous VWC ratepayers had no representation, and still do not have representation on the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Board of Directors; and that the former VWC ratepayers were being burdened by the costs of the former Castaic Lake Water Agency who bought the stock of the Valencia Water Company. Ms. Noltemeyer stated that the dividends from the VWC ratepayers were paid to the former CLWA. She stated that former VWC ratepayers have little recourse but to take legal action. She also indicated that the newly formed Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency is raising water rates of the former VWC ratepayers for the next three years. Ms. Noltemeyer stated that she hopes that LAFCO will look into the consolidation, and she believes that the consolidation is not for the benefit of the former VWC ratepayers.

Lynne Plambeck (Board Member, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency) came before the Commission. Ms. Plambeck stated that she was not speaking as a Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Board Member but speaking on behalf of the public. Ms. Plambeck voiced her concern

regarding the amended language for Condition No. 16.S. She indicated that it is beneficial that all water well information be available to the public for review on a monthly basis, and not annually. She stated that the former Newhall County Water District has always reported well water levels in graphic form on a monthly basis. Ms. Plambeck stated that there is public concern about how much water is being pumped out of the ground.

Commissioner Barger asked why water wells would be updated annually rather than monthly. The EO clarified that Condition No. 16.S. requires that all water wells operated by SCV Water shall be listed on the website and updated monthly, including groundwater elevation levels and production volumes for each well. Newly proposed language to be included in Condition No. 16.S. submitted by Advocates of the Environment seeks to require graphs of historic water levels and production for each operating well back to 1993.

Gary Martin (Board Member Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency) came before the Commission. Mr. Martin indicated that he was a former Board Member of the Castaic Lake Water Agency. Mr. Martin stated that he was speaking on behalf of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Board of Directors. He thanked the Commission for their role in processing the conditions, as required by SB 634. He stated that the entire staff and legal counsel of SCV Water will work to comply with all of the conditions. Mr. Martin stated that he was a former VWC ratepayer for the last 40 years and VWC provided great service. Mr. Martin indicated that he is looking forward to continued service under the new agency (SCV Water). Mr. Martin stated that he fully supports the consolidation and the conditions imposed by the Commission.

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

The Commission took the following action:

• Closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Barger SECOND: Hahn APPROVED: 8-0-0

AYES: Barger, Close, Finlay, Hahn, McCallum, Mitchell (Alt. for Voting City Member),

Ruzicka (Alt. for Gladbach), Dear

NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Gladbach

The EO asked if the Commission would like any additional changes to the conditions, and if so, to please provide direction.

Commissioner Mitchell indicated that she agrees to modifying the language in Condition 16.S.

Commissioner Close stated that he was not at last month's meeting, but he listened to the audio of last month's meeting. He asked Legal Counsel if he can vote on today's item (Agenda Item 7.b.). Legal Counsel said "yes".

Commissioner Close asked Legal Counsel to review the concerns raised in correspondence and public testimony regarding the Commission's compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Legal Counsel indicated that there were requests that the consolidation be considered a project pursuant to CEQA. Legal Counsel advised that Commission's imposition of conditions of approval is not a project under CEQA or is otherwise exempt from CEQA.

# The Commission took the following actions:

- Approved the Final Written Report/Staff Report;
- Modified the language in Condition No. 16.S.;
- Approved the conditions, as specified in Attachment "A" Conditions, including language modified in Condition No. 16.S;
- Found that the SCV Water application for conditions is not a project under State CEQA Guidelines or, in the alternative, is exempt from the provisions of CEQA for each of the independent reasons stated on Page 6 of the Final Written Report/Staff Report;
- Consistent with Section 3 of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Act (Act), the boundaries of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency are confirmed and determined as set forth in Condition No. 1;
- Consistent with Section 29(e) of the Act, "certify the functions or classes of services that were being exercised by the Castaic Lake Water Agency and the Newhall County Water District on December 31, 2017" as set forth in Condition No. 3:
- Revised Condition No. 22 to reflect that the effective date of these conditions is April 11, 2018; and
- Notify the Applicant, and all identified interested parties, in writing, of today's action, and enclose a copy of the conditions.

MOTION: Barger SECOND: Finlay APPROVED: 8-0-0

AYES: Barger, Close, Finlay, Hahn, McCallum, Mitchell (Alt. for Voting City Member),

Ruzicka (Alt. for Gladbach), Dear

NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Gladbach

## 7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The following item was called for consideration:

c. Proposed Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19.

Adriana Romo, Deputy Executive Officer (DEO), summarized the staff report on the Proposed Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19. Cindy Byerrum (LAFCO's Certified Public Accountant) was available to answer any questions posed by the Commission.

Commissioner Mitchell asked if there will be increased assessments for the cities. First Vice-Chair Dear asked if there will be increased assessments for the special districts. The DEO said "no".

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

The Commission took the following actions:

- Approved the attached Proposed Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019;
- Pursuant to Government Code Section 56381, directed staff to forward the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 to the County of Los Angeles, as well as the 88 cities and 53 independent special districts in Los Angeles County for their comment; and
- Set May 9, 2018, for hearing on adoption of the Recommended Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

MOTION: Finlay SECOND: McCallum APPROVED: 8-0-0

AYES: Barger, Close, Finlay, Hahn, McCallum, Mitchell (Alt. for Voting City Member),

Ruzicka (Alt. for Gladbach), Dear

NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Gladbach

#### 8 PROTEST HEARING(S)

None.

9 OTHER ITEMS

None.

#### 10 LEGISLATION

The following item was called up for consideration:

a. Legislative Update.

The EO summarized the staff report on the Legislative Update.

Commissioner Barger asked about funding impacts from AB 2491 and AB 2268 prior to taking any position. The EO suggested that the Commission not take a support position on AB 2491 and AB 2268 until more information is provided to the Commission at next month's meeting.

The Commission took the following actions:

- Took "support" positions on AB 3254 (Assembly Local Government Committee) and AB 2258 (Caballero), and directed staff to communicate the positions in letters to members of the State Legislature and the Governor; and
- Received and filed the Legislative Report.

MOTION: McCallum SECOND: Finlay APPROVED: 8-0-0

AYES: Barger, Close, Finlay, Hahn, McCallum, Mitchell (Alt. for Voting City Member).

Ruzicka (Alt. for Gladbach), Dear

NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Gladbach

### 11 MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

None.

#### 12 COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Close asked the EO to provide an update about potential formation of a city of Venice. The EO stated that he and staff member Doug Dorado met with the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) two years ago to discuss the potential incorporation of Venice as a new city and to secede from the City of Los Angeles. The VNC has scheduled a forum on April 19<sup>th</sup>. The EO indicated that he will be on a panel to discuss options about how a new city can be formed. The EO stated that he will report back to the Commission at next month's meeting regarding the outcome of the April 19<sup>th</sup> VNC forum.

#### 13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The EO indicated that the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District

(SGVMVCD) will submit an application within the next two or three weeks to annex service gaps within the City of Azusa into the SGVMVCD.

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District Board of Directors will discuss service gaps at their meeting tomorrow.

The Compton Creek Mosquito Abatement District Board of Directors will discuss service gaps at their meeting in May. The EO stated that he will report back to the Commission at next month's meeting regarding status of the vector control districts filing proposals with LAFCO.

The EO noted that, included in the agenda package, is a Memorandum of the recent results of special district representatives re-elected to the Commission. Chair Gladbach and Commissioner Ruzicka were both re-elected as special district voting members.

The EO noted the City Selection Committee plans to meet in May to make appointments to fill a vacancy formerly held by Councilmember David Spence as well as the seat currently held by Councilmember Finlay, which expired in May 2017. The law allows a Commissioner to hold over in-place, as a LAFCO Commissioner, until the Commissioner is re-appointed or replaced.

The EO stated that staff of Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson's Office, indicated that Councilmember Wesson is considering appointing a new city representative (or representatives) to the Commission.

The EO indicated that he made a presentation about LAFCO on March 19<sup>th</sup> to various elected officials. Attendees included city officials from the Cities of Claremont, Duarte, Glendora, La Verne, Rosemead, Sierra Madre, and representatives of the Three Valleys Municipal Water District.

The EO stated that on May 31<sup>st</sup> he will be speaking at the Leadership Breakfast hosted by the Three Valleys Municipal Water District at the Sheraton Fairplex Hotel and Conference Center located in Pomona.

The EO thanked the Commissioners for submitting their California Fair Political Practices Commission Form 700.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

15 FUTURE MEETINGS

May 9, 2018 June 13, 2018 July 11, 2018 August 8, 2018

## 16 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

# 17 ADJOURNMENT MOTION

On motion of First Vice-Chair Dear, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Novak, AICP Executive Officer

L: minutes 2018\04-11-18

# RESOLUTION NO. 2018-08RMD RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING AND ORDERING "ANNEXATION NO. 31 TO THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 16 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY"

WHEREAS, the County Sanitation District No. 16 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 area of Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of approximately 0.51± acres of uninhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation:

"Annexation No. 31 to the County Sanitation District No. 16 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 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 April 11, 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 April 11, 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. 31 to the County Sanitation District No. 16 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 0.51± acres, is uninhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation:
  - " Annexation No. 31 to the County Sanitation District No. 16 of Los Angeles County".
- 5. Annexation No. 31 to the County Sanitation District No. 16 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.
- 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.

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# PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of April 2018.

MOTION:

Barger

SECOND: Finlay

APPROVED: 7-0-0

AYES:

Barger, Close, Finlay, McCallum, Mitchell (Alt. for Voting City Member),

Ruzicka (Alt. for Gladbach), Dear

NOES:

None.

ABSTAIN:

None.

ABSENT:

Hahn, Gladbach

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Paul A. Novak, AICP

**Executive Officer** 

# RESOLUTION NO. 2018-09RMD RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING AND ORDERING "ANNEXATION NO. 753 TO THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 21 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY"

WHEREAS, the County Sanitation District No. 21 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 0.42± acres of uninhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation:

"Annexation No. 753 to the County Sanitation District No. 21 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 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 April 11, 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 April 11, 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. 753 to the County Sanitation District No. 21 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.

- 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 0.42± acres, is uninhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation:
  - " Annexation No. 753 to the County Sanitation District No. 21 of Los Angeles County ".
- 5. Annexation No. 753 to the County Sanitation District No. 21 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 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.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of April 2018.

MOTION: Barger SECOND: Finlay APPROVED: 7-0-0

AYES: Barger, Close, Finlay, McCallum, Mitchell (Alt. for Voting City Member),

Ruzicka (Alt. for Gladbach), Dear

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Hahn, Gladbach

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Paul A. Novak, AICP Executive Officer

# RESOLUTION NO. 2018-10RMD RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING "ANNEXATION NO. 426 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 City of Lancaster; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of approximately 237.25± acres of uninhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation:

"Annexation No. 426 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 753 proposed single-family homes; 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 9,

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, Annexation No. 426 to the County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County was continued without prejudice to April 11, 2018, not exceeding 70 days from the date specified in the original notice, pursuant to Government Code Section 56666.

WHEREAS, on April 11, 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 June 13, 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:

Acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to Annexation No. 426 to the County
 Sanitation District No. 14 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 Lancaster, as lead agency, on December 19, 2016 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.

- 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 237.25± acres, is uninhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation:

<sup>&</sup>quot;Annexation No. 426 to the County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County".

- 4. Annexation No. 426 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.
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- 5. Pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, the Commission hereby sets the protest hearing for June 13, 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 11th day of April 2018.

MOTION: Finlay SECOND: McCallum APPROVED: 7-0-0

AYES: Barger, Close, Finlay, McCallum, Mitchell (Alt. for Voting City Member).

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NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

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