



Local Agency Formation Commission  
for the County of Los Angeles

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(Cities in L.A. County)

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REGULAR MEETING

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

May 9, 2018

Present:

Donald Dear, First Vice-Chair

Kathryn Barger  
Richard Close  
Margaret Finlay  
Janice Hahn  
Gerard McCallum  
John Mirisch

Lori Brogin-Falley, 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  
Judith Mitchell, Alternate

Vacant:

Voting Los Angeles 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.

## 2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

## RE-APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER FINLAY

First Vice-Chair Dear announced that the City Selection Committee re-appointed Councilmember Finlay as a LAFCO Voting Member to a new term (which will conclude in May of 2021).

## WELCOMING OF A NEW COMMISSIONER

First Vice-Chair Dear introduced new Commissioner John Mirisch as a LAFCO Voting Member representing cities in Los Angeles County. Mr. Mirisch is the Vice-Mayor of the City of Beverly Hills.

## 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.

## 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 11, 2018.

- b. Approved Operating Account Check Register for the month of April 2018.
- c. Received and filed update on pending proposals.

MOTION: Finlay                      SECOND: Hahn                      APPROVED: 8-0-0  
AYES: Barger, Close, Finlay, Hahn, Mirisch, McCallum, Ruzicka (Alt. for Gladbach),  
Dear  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Gladbach

[Commissioner Brogin-Falley arrived at 9:06 a.m.]

## 7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The following item was called for consideration:

- a. Recommended Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19.

Adriana Romo, Deputy Executive Officer (DEO), summarized the staff report on the Recommended Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19.

Commissioner Close asked how consultants are funded. The EO indicated that consultants are usually funded through a specified service account. If budget revisions are needed, it would be presented to the Commission for approval.

Commissioner Hahn asked if increased legal services are reflected in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019. The EO said "yes".

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 Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019; and
- Directed the Executive Officer to transmit the adopted Final Budget to local agencies and other parties as required by law.

MOTION: Finlay                      SECOND: McCallum                      APPROVED: 8-0-0  
AYES: Barger, Close, Finlay, Hahn, Mirisch, McCallum, Ruzicka (Alt. for Gladbach),  
Dear  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Gladbach

## 8 PROTEST HEARING(S)

The following item was called for consideration:

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

The EO stated that this is the Commission protest hearing pursuant to Government Code Section 57000 *et seq.* and that no written protest(s) have been received in advance of the hearing.

The protest hearing was opened to receive testimony and/or written protest(s). There being no testimony or written protest(s) submitted, the protest hearing was closed.

The Commission took the following action:

- Adopted the Resolution Making Determinations Ordering Annexation No. 1079 to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County; Resolution No. 2018-02PR.

MOTION: Finlay                      SECOND: Ruzicka                      APPROVED: 8-0-0  
AYES: Barger, Close, Finlay, Hahn, Mirisch, McCallum, Ruzicka (Alt. for Gladbach),  
Dear  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Gladbach

## 9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- a. Selection of Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund Administrator.

The DEO summarized the staff report on the Selection of Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund Administrator and announced that Paul Kaymark (LAFCO's Certified Public Accountant) was available to answer any questions posed by the Commission.

The DEO indicated that a hard copy of the revised staff recommendation was given to each of the Commissioners to formalize the selection process.

Commissioner Mirisch asked if LAFCO has considered transitioning to another defined contribution system for post-employment healthcare benefits. The EO stated "no". The EO stated that he will report back to the Commission on this issue at a future meeting.

Commissioner McCallum asked how many LAFCO employees are there. The EO stated that there are seven current employees and three retirees.

The Commission took the following actions:

- Selected the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) – California Employers' Retirement Benefit Trust Fund (CERBT) Division as its OPEB Trust Fund Administrator;
- Authorized staff to initiate negotiations with CalPERS – CERBT Division;
- Authorized the Commission's Presiding Officer to execute the required agreement and relevant membership forms; and
- Delegated authority to the Executive Officer and Deputy Executive Officer to request OPEB disbursements.

MOTION: McCallum      SECOND: Finlay      APPROVED: 8-0-0  
AYES:      Barger, Close, Finlay, Hahn, Mirisch, McCallum, Ruzicka (Alt. for Gladbach),  
            Dear  
NOES:      None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT:    Gladbach

## 9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

### b. Sativa County Water District Update.

The EO summarized the staff report on the Sativa County Water District (District) Update.

The Commission was presented with two recorded televised local news reports.

The EO noted that the State of California Water Resource Control Boards (Water Boards) and the County of Los Angeles Public Health Department conducted water sampling within the District. The reports found no evidence of violations of primary drinking water standards. The sampling identified high levels of manganese and turbidity (cloudiness/discoloration).

Commissioner Hahn requested that the EO provide a comprehensive report defining LAFCO's role and available options. Lillian Salinger (Legal Counsel) suggested that the EO report back to the Commission at next month's meeting.

Commissioner Mirisch requested that LAFCO's staff work closely with the Office of Los

Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas.

The public hearing was opened to receive testimony.

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

Maria Garza (General Manger, Sativa County Water District) came before the Commission. Ms. Garza reported that the District is making progress with capital improvements to the District's water system.

Commissioner Barger asked how the District will finance infrastructure repair and replacement at current budget levels. Ms. Garza indicated that once water meters are installed, it will help the District financially. Ms. Garza indicated that the representatives of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California are assisting the District with grant funding applications.

Commissioner Mirisch asked what percentage of water is local. Ms. Garza stated that the District receives 100% local groundwater.

Stephen Frieder (Attorney, Sativa County Water District) came before the Commission. Mr. Frieder indicated that the District is focusing on providing customers with good reliable water.

The Executive Officer swore in one (1) additional members of the audience who planned to testify.

Mark Ravis (Attorney at Law) came before the Commission. Mr. Ravis noted that several residents who live within the District retained him as their attorney. Mr. Ravis stated that residents within the District are paying for water that they cannot use. Mr. Ravis indicated that residents have lost confidence in the Board of Directors of the District.

[Commissioner Brogin-Falley left at 10:26 a.m.]

Anita Aviles (Deputy City Attorney, City of Compton) came before the Commission. Ms. Aviles indicated that the representatives of the City of Compton (City) are interested in detaching the area (indicated in blue on the map of Sativa County Water District) that is within the City and within the boundaries of the District. Ms. Aviles noted that if the District is dissolved, the City could potentially provide water services to those areas located in the City of Compton.

Commissioner Mirisch asked if the City of Compton is interested in annexing the entire unincorporated territory into the City. Ms. Aviles indicated that she is not sure what the City Council's position is.

Chris Wilson (Director, Office of Assemblymember Mike Gipson) came before the Commission. Mr. Wilson indicated that Assemblymember Gipson is in communication with the District to identify short-term and long-term solutions.

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

The Commission took the following actions:

- Received and filed the Update; and
- Directed the Executive Officer to report back to Commission at next month's meeting.

MOTION: Hahn                      SECOND: Mirisch                      APPROVED: 8-0-0  
AYES: Barger, Close, Finlay, Hahn, Mirisch, McCallum, Ruzicka (Alt. for Gladbach),  
Dear  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Gladbach

## 10 LEGISLATION

The following item was called up for consideration:

- a. Legislative Update.

The EO noted that the staff report on the Legislative Update was incorrect on the LAFCO website. The hard copy of the staff report distributed to the Commission is correct.

The EO summarized the staff report on the Legislative Update.

The Commission took the following actions:

- Took "support" positions on AB 2491 (Cooley) and AB 2268 (Reyes), 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: Mirisch                      SECOND: Barger                      APPROVED: 8-0-0  
AYES: Barger, Close, Finlay, Hahn, Mirisch, McCallum, Ruzicka (Alt. for Gladbach),  
Dear  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Gladbach

## 10 LEGISLATION

The following item was called up for consideration:

### b. Proposed Legislation on Special District Governance.

The EO summarized the staff report on the Proposed Legislation on Special District Governance.

The Commission took the following action:

- Authorized the Executive Officer to work with representatives of other LAFCOs and CALAFCO to draft legislation enabling LAFCOs to determine the governance of special districts.

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

AYES:                      Barger, Close, Finlay, Hahn, Mirisch, McCallum, Ruzicka (Alt. for Gladbach),  
Dear

NOES:                      None.

ABSTAIN:                      None.

ABSENT:                      Gladbach

## 11 MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

None.

## 12 COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

None.

## 13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The EO indicated that the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (SGVMVCD) will file an application with LAFCO this week to annex service gaps within the City of Azusa into the SGVMVCD.

The EO stated that the Compton Creek Mosquito Abatement District Board of Directors will meet today to approve and move forward with filing a proposal with LAFCO.

The EO indicated that he will report back to Commissioner Hahn's office regarding the status of the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District filing an application with LAFCO.

The EO stated that staff of Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson's Office communicated that Council President Wesson is considering appointing a new City of Los Angeles representative to the Commission.



14 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

15 FUTURE MEETINGS

June 13, 2018  
July 11, 2018  
August 8, 2018  
September 12, 2018

16 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

17 ADJOURNMENT MOTION

On motion of First Vice-Chair Dear, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Paul Novak, AICP  
Executive Officer

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-02PR  
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION  
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
MAKING DETERMINATIONS ORDERING  
"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, on March 14, 2018, the Commission approved Annexation No. 1079 to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County; 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; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has given notice of the protest hearing pursuant to Government Code Sections 56150-56160, 56660-56661, 57025, and 57026, wherein the protest hearing notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Los Angeles on April 9, 2018, which is at least 21 days prior to the protest 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, at the time and place fixed in the notice, the hearing was held, and any and all oral or written protests, objections, and evidence were received and considered; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, acting as the conducting authority, has the ministerial duty of tabulating the value of protests filed and not withdrawn and either terminating these proceedings if a majority protest exists or ordering the annexation directly; and the Commission has received a report and recommendations on adoption of a conforming resolution from its Executive Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Commission finds that the number of property owners is 5, and the total assessed value of land within the affected territory is \$10,529,199.


2. The Commission finds that the number of written protests filed in opposition to Annexation No. 1079 to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County and not withdrawn is 0, which, even if valid, represents owners of land who own less than 50 percent of the assessed value of land within the affected territory.
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 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"
5. 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.
  - 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018.

MOTION: Finlay                      SECOND: Ruzicka                      APPROVED: 8-0-0  
AYES: Barger, Close, Finlay, Hahn, Mirisch, McCallum, Ruzicka (Alt. for Gladbach),  
Dear  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Gladbach

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



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