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#### **REGULAR MEETING**

# MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

### FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

August 8, 2018

#### Present:

Jerry Gladbach, Chair

Richard Close Donald Dear Mitch Englander Margaret Finlay Janice Hahn John Mirisch

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

Paul Novak, Executive Officer Carole Suzuki, Legal Counsel

#### Absent:

Kathryn Barger Gerard McCallum

Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Alternate Sheila Kuehl, Alternate Greig Smith, Alternate

#### 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 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 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 EO swore-in members of the audience who planned to testify (None).

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 July 11, 2018.
- b. Approved Operating Account Check Register for the month of July 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. 2018-02 to the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 – Antelope Valley; Resolution No. 2018-12RMD.

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

AYES: Close, Dear, Englander, Finlay, Hahn, Mirisch, Gladbach

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

Barger, McCallum ABSENT:

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

#### 7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The following item was called for consideration:

a. Establishment No. 2018-05 of the Sphere of Influence for the Wrightwood Community Services District (Los Angeles County Portion).

Doug Dorado (Government Analyst, LAFCO) summarized the staff report on Establishment No. 2018-05 of the Sphere of Influence for the Wrightwood Community Services District (Los Angeles County Portion).

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 Establishment No. 2018-05 of the Sphere of Influence for the Wrightwood Community Services District (Los Angeles County Portion) conterminous to the current district boundary, Resolution No. 2018-13RMD; and
- Directed the Executive Officer to add the words "Established Sphere of Influence (Los Angeles Portion) August 8, 2018" to the official LAFCO SOI map for the Wrightwood Community Services District.

MOTION:

Dear

SECOND: Finlay

APPROVED: 7-0-0

AYES:

Close, Dear, Englander, Finlay, Hahn, Mirisch, Gladbach

NOES:

None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT:

Barger, McCallum

## 8 PROTEST HEARING(S)

None.

#### 9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

a. Outside Employment Request of Executive Officer.

The EO summarized the staff report on Outside Employment Request of Executive Officer.

The Commission took the following action:

 Authorized the Executive Officer to accept outside employment from the City of Pasadena Fire Department to serve as a Hearing Officer, subject to all requirements and limitations set forth in the Employment Agreement between the Commission and the Executive Officer.

MOTION: Close SECOND: Dear APPROVED: 7-0-0

AYES: Close, Dear, Englander, Finlay, Hahn, Mirisch, Gladbach

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Barger, McCallum

### 9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

b. Sativa County Water District Status Report.

The EO summarized the status report on the Sativa County Water District.

The EO indicated that the Commissioners received hard copies of the following documents (which became available after posting of the Agenda): a motion dated August 3, 2018 from Supervisors Mark Riley-Thomas and Janice Hahn in support of amendments to AB 1577, a letter dated July 23, 2018 from the State Water Resources Control Board to Interim General Manager Thomas Martin (Sativa County Water District) to Paul Novak (Executive Officer, LAFCO), and a letter dated August 1, 2018 from the State of California Public Utilities Commission to Paul Novak (Executive Officer, LAFCO).

The EO indicated that he had a conversation with the Compton City Manager last week, who confirmed that the City of Compton is not interested in providing water service to the 53 homes that are within the City of Compton's boundaries and within the Sativa County Water District boundaries ("District" or "Sativa") at this time.

The EO noted that at next month's meeting, the Commissioners will know the outcome concerning AB 1577, as the 2017-2018 legislative session ends on August 31, 2018.

The EO stated that representatives of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works were available to answer questions. The Commission had no questions.

Commissioner Close asked if representatives of the District were in the audience. There were no members of the District in the audience.

Commissioner Mirisch asked if there have been continued discussions regarding the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) providing water service to the Sativa residents. The EO indicated that the DWP water connection is two miles away from the Sativa area. Commissioner Englander stated that he has had discussions with DWP, and several significant challenges have been identified.

Commissioner Finlay asked how many investor-owned utilities are interested in taking over water service. The EO stated that there are four investor-owned utilities interested in providing water service.

Commissioner Finlay asked if the residents of the District have contacted LAFCO regarding the proposed dissolution of the District. The EO indicated that the residents of the District have primarily been in contact with Assembly Gipson's Office and Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas' Office. LAFCO is hearing favorable reports from those offices mentioned.

Commissioner Hahn asked if DWP would provide service to the Sativa residents, would it require a LAFCO action. The EO stated "yes".

Commissioners Hahn and Mirisch requested that all private and investor-owned utilities within Los Angeles County be mapped. The EO indicated that he will contact representatives at the UCLA Luskin Institute to give a presentation at a future Commission meeting concerning the number of water systems within Los Angeles County.

The Commission opened the item to provide an opportunity for public testimony. There being no public testimony, the item was closed.

The Commission took the following action:

• Received and filed the Sativa County Water District Status Report.

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

AYES: Close, Dear, Englander, Finlay, Hahn, Mirisch, Gladbach

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Barger, McCallum

#### 10 LEGISLATION

The following item was called up for consideration:

a. Legislative Update.

The EO indicated that a revised staff report on the Legislative Update was provided to each of the Commissioners.

The Commission took the following action:

Received and filed the Legislative Report (Amended).

MOTION:

Finlay

SECOND: Englander

APPROVED: 7-0-0

**AYES**:

Close, Dear, Englander, Finlay, Hahn, Mirisch, Gladbach

NOES:

None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT:

Barger, McCallum

# 11 MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

None.

### 12 COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

None.

#### 13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The EO indicated that Commissioner Close was reappointed as a San Fernando Valley Voting Member (term expires in May of 2022).

## 14 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

# 15 FUTURE MEETINGS

September 12, 2018

October 10, 2018

November 14, 2018

December 12, 2018

# 16 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

# 17 ADJOURNMENT MOTION

On motion of Commissioner Finlay, seconded by Commissioner Englander, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Novak, AICP Executive Officer

# RESOLUTION NO. 2018-12RMD RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING AND ORDERING "ANNEXATION NO. 2018-02 TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY 40-151 (04-211)"

WHEREAS, When Life Hands You Lemons, LP submitted a petition for proceedings, 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 Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, all within the City of Lancaster (City); and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of approximately 15.00 ± acres of uninhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: "

Annexation No. 2018-02 to the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley 40-151 (04-211)"; 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 potable water service; 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 August 8, 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 August 8, 2018, this Commission considered the proposal and the report of the Executive Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. Acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to Annexation No. 2018-02 to the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley 40-151 (04-211), pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) the Commission considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared and adopted by the City of Lancaster, as lead agency, on January 12, 2018 and Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted on April 23, 2018, together with any comments received during the public review process; 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 Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and adopts the Mitigation Monitoring Plan for the project, finding that the Mitigation Monitoring Plan is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the

mitigation measures during project implementation as applicable to the responsible agency.

- 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. The affected territory consists of 15.00± acres, is uninhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation:
  - "Annexation No. 2018-02 to the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley 40-151 (04-211)".
- 4. Annexation No. 2018-02 to the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley 40-151 (04-211) is hereby approved, subject to the following terms and conditions:
  - a. When Life Hands You Lemons, LP 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.
- 5. The Commission hereby orders the uninhabited territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" annexed to the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.
- 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

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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 08<sup>th</sup> day of August 2018.

MOTION:

Hahn

SECOND:

Finlay

APPROVED:

7-0-0

AYES:

Close, Dear, Englander, Finlay, Hahn, Mirisch, Gladbach

NOES:

None.

ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Barger, McCallum

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Paul A. Novak, AICP

**Executive Officer** 

# RESOLUTION NO. 2018-13RMD RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING "ESTABLISHMENT NO. 2018-05 OF THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR THE WRIGHTWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT (LOS ANGELELS PORTION)"

WHEREAS, 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), provides that a Local Agency Formation (LAFCO) shall determine a

Sphere of Influence (SOI) for any newly formed district within one year of the effective date of
the formation (Government Code Section 56426.5(b)); and

WHEREAS, the SOI is the primary planning tool for LAFCO and defines the probable physical boundaries and service area of a local agency as determined by LAFCO; and

WHEREAS, the proposed SOI establishment consists of inhabited territory and assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: "Establishment No. 2018-05 of the Sphere of Influence for the Wrightwood Community Services District (Los Angeles portion)"; and

WHEREAS, a map of the proposal is set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, Section 56430 requires that in order to prepare and to update Spheres of Influence, the Commission shall conduct a Municipal Service Review (MSR) prior to or in conjunction with action to update or adopt a Sphere of Influence; and

WHEREAS, the Local Agency Formation Commission for San Bernardino County as principal county, has deferred the Municipal Service Review until June 2019 for Wrightwood

Community Services District while moving forward to establish the SOI for the San Bernardino portion; and

WHEREAS, the Local Agency Formation Commission for San Bernardino County adopted a coterminous SOI for the San Bernardino portion of the Wrightwood Community Service District on July 18, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles supports the principal county's decision to defer the MSR while moving forward to establish the SOI for the Wrightwood Community Services District; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has submitted to the Commission recommendations relative to the establishment of the SOI for the Wrightwood Community Services District (Los Angeles portion); and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has recommended that the MSR determinations required by Section 56430 be deferred until June 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer set August 8, 2018, as the hearing date on this SOI establishment, and gave notice of public hearing pursuant to Government Code Section 56427, wherein the public hearing notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Los Angeles on July 6, 2018, and mailed to all required recipients by first-class mail at least 21 days prior to the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, on August 8, 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- 1. The Commission, finds that the Establishment No. 2018-05 of the Sphere of Influence for the Wrightwood Community Services District (Los Angeles portion), is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the recommended establishment of the Sphere of Influence of the Wrightwood Community Service District will have a significant effect on the environment pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). In the alternative, this recommendation is not a project for the purposes of CEQA because it is an organizational activity of government with no direct or indirect effects on the physical environment and therefore is excluded from the definition of a project, pursuant to Section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines.
- 2. The Commission hereby establishes the Sphere of Influence for the Wrightwood Community Services District (Los Angeles portion) as coterminous and makes the following determinations in accordance with Government Code Section 56425(e):
  - a. Present and Planned Land Uses in the Area

The present land use is residential, commercial, and vacant land. There are no proposed/future land use changes due to this proposed SOI establishment.

b. Present and Probable Need for Public Facilities and Services in the Area
 The affected territory is located within the County of Los Angeles unincorporated
 community of Wrightwood. The Wrightwood Community Services District

currently provides street lighting, solid waste and recycling, parks and recreation, and wastewater services.

The affected territory includes residential, commercial, and vacant land which requires organized governmental services. The affected territory will require governmental facilities and services indefinitely.

c. Present Capacity of Public Facilities and Adequacy of Public Services that the

Agency Provides or is Authorized to Provide

The Wrightwood Community Services District is expected to continue providing those services it has been authorized to provide at formation. No expansion of services will result from this proposed establishment of the Sphere of Influence.

d. Existence of Any Social or Economic Communities of Interest

The proposal will have no adverse effect with respect to the fair treatment of people of all races and incomes, or the location of public facilities or services.

e. <u>Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities</u>

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

3. The Commission has on file a written statement of the functions and classes of service of the Wrightwood Community Services District and is required to establish the nature, location and extent of any functions or classes of service and that it provides accordance with Government Code Sections 56425(i). The Wrightwood Community Services District provides the following functions and classes of services pursuant to Government Code Section 61100: Street lighting – Acquire, construct, improve, maintain, and operate streetlighting and landscaping on public property, public right-of-way, and public easements;

Solid Waste and Recycling – Collect, transfer, and dispose of solid waste and refuse and provide solid waste handling services, including, but not limited to, source reduction, recycling, composting activities, pursuant to Division 30 (commencing with Section 40000), and consistent with Section 41821.2 of the Public Resources Code;

<u>Parks and Recreation</u> — Acquire, construct, improve, maintain, and operate recreation facilities, including, by not limited to, parks and open space, in the same manner as the recreation and park district forms pursuant to the Recreation and Park District Law (commencing with Section 5780) of the Public Resources Code; and

<u>Wastewater</u> – Collect, treat, or dispose of sewage, wastewater, recycled water, and storm water, in the same manner as sanitary district, is a latent power). Planning and engineering for the potential development of a regional wastewater treatment system should such be required by Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board in the same manner as a sanitary district, formed pursuant to Sanitary District Act of 1923 Division 6 (commencing with Section 6400) of the Health and Safety Code.

4. The affected territory is inhabited and is assigned the following short form designation: "Establishment No. 2018-05 of the Sphere of Influence for the Wrightwood Community Services District (Los Angeles portion)" Resolution No. 2018-13RMD

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5. A map of the Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Wrightwood County

Services District, as approved by this Commission, are set forth in Exhibit "A", attached

hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

6. The Executive Officer is hereby directed to add the words "Established Sphere of Influence

(Los Angeles portion)" to the official LAFCO SOI map for the Wrightwood Community

Services District.

7. The Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to mail copies of this resolution

to the Wrightwood Community Services District and the Local Agency Formation

Commission for San Bernardino County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 08<sup>th</sup> day of August 2018.

MOTION:

Dear

SECOND:

Finlay

APPROVED:

7-0-0

AYES:

Close, Dear, Englander, Finlay, Hahn, Mirisch, Gladbach

NOES: ABSTAIN: None.

None.

ABSENT:

Barger, McCallum

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Paul A. Novak, AICP

**Executive Officer**