



Local Agency Formation Commission
for the County of Los Angeles

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REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

March 13, 2019

Present:

Jerry Gladbach, Chair

Kathryn Barger
Richard Close
Donald Dear
Margaret Finlay
Janice Hahn
Gerard McCallum
John Mirisch
Greig Smith

Lori Brogin-Falley, Alternate
Judith Mitchell, Alternate

Paul Novak, Executive Officer
Lillian Salinger, Legal Counsel

Absent:

Sheila Kuehl, Alternate
Joe Ruzicka, Alternate
David Ryu, Alternate

Vacant:

Alternate General Public Member

1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 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 two (2) members of the audience who planned to testify.

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

None.

6 CONSENT ITEM(S)

The Commission took the following actions under Consent Items:

- a. Approved Minutes of February 13, 2019.
- b. Approved Operating Account Check Register for the month February 2019.
- c. Received and filed update on pending proposals.

MOTION: Barger SECOND: Finlay APPROVED: 9-0-0
AYES: Barger, Close, Dear, Finlay, Hahn, McCallum, Mirisch, Smith, Gladbach
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

None.

8 PROTEST HEARING(S)

None.

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- a. Presentation by Gregory Pierce (Associate Director of Research, Luskin Center for Innovation and Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Urban Planning, UCLA) concerning his work analyzing the performance of retail water service providers in Los Angeles County.

The EO summarized the staff report concerning the presentation by Gregory Pierce.

Dr. Gregory Pierce summarized his presentation on the governance and geography of drinking water systems, an overview of new framework at the State level for assessing drinking water systems performance stemming from the Human Right to Water (legislation was passed in 2012), and a comparison of water systems under LAFCO purview compared to other water systems located in Los Angeles County.

Commissioner Mirisch indicated he would like to see a comparison between public water systems verses investor-owned water systems. Mr. Pierce indicated that the data within this presentation is from four years ago. Data is currently being updated to reflect each separate water system to track performance comparisons.

[Commissioner Smith left at 9:30 a.m.]

Adán Ortega (Executive Director, California Association of Mutual Water Companies; Board Member representing the City of Fullerton, Metropolitan Water District) came before the Commission. Mr. Ortega indicated that a representative from the County of Los Angeles would benefit by serving on a committee established by the State Water Resources Control Board to address water resiliency plans of smaller systems located within Los Angeles County.

The Commission took the following actions:

- Received and filed the presentation from Dr. Pierce, “Drinking Water Systems Performance in LA County LAFCO Purview”;

- Directed the Executive Officer to provide a status report on Technical, Managerial, and Financial (TMF) Assessment of the thirty-two (32) water districts under LAFCO purview; and
- Directed the Executive Officer to provide a status report regarding the State Water Resources Control Board assessment of at-risk smaller water systems.

MOTION: Hahn SECOND: Dear APPROVED: 8-0-0
AYES: Barger, Close, Dear, Finlay, Hahn, McCallum, Mirisch, Gladbach
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Smith

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- b. Request for Proposals (RFPs) for:
 - i. Municipal Service Review of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency;
 - ii. Municipal Service Review of the Cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, and Westlake Village; and
 - iii. Municipal Service Review of the Cities of La Mirada and Whittier.

The Executive Officer summarized the staff report on Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Municipal Service Reviews (MSRs) for the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency; the Cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, and Westlake Village; and the Cities of La Mirada and Whittier.

The Commission took the following action:

- Directed staff to issue RFPs for MSRs for the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency; the Cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, and Westlake Village; and the Cities of La Mirada and Whittier; which are in substantial conformance with the attached RFPs, and subject to approval as to form and legality by Counsel.

MOTION: Dear SECOND: McCallum APPROVED: 8-0-0
AYES: Barger, Close, Dear, Finlay, Hahn, McCallum, Mirisch, Gladbach
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Smith

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- c. FY 2018-19 Mid-Year Budget Status Report (Continued from 2/13/2019 Meeting).

Adriana Romo (Deputy Executive Officer) summarized the staff report on FY 2018-19 Mid-Year Budget Status Report.

The Commission took the following action:

- Received and filed the mid-year budget status report for Fiscal Year 2018-19.

MOTION: Barger SECOND: Finlay APPROVED: 8-0-0
AYES: Barger, Close, Dear, Finlay, Hahn, McCallum, Mirisch, Gladbach
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Smith

[Commissioner Barger left at 10:10 a.m.]

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- d. Alternate Public Member (Continued from 2/13/2019 Meeting).

The Executive Officer summarized the staff report on Alternate Public Member.

The Commission took the following action:

- Directed the Executive Officer to initiate a public outreach and recruitment process to fill the vacancy for Alternate Public Member.

MOTION: Dear SECOND: Finlay APPROVED: 7-0-0
AYES: Close, Dear, Finlay, Hahn, McCallum, Mirisch, Gladbach
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Barger, Smith

10 LEGISLATION

- a. Legislative Update (continued from 2/13/2019).

The Executive Officer summarized the staff report on the Legislative Update.

The Commission took the following actions:

- Took “support” positions on AB 213 and AB 1253, and directed staff to communicate the positions in letters to members of the State Legislative and the Governor; and
- Received and filed the Legislative Update.

MOTION: Mirisch SECOND: Finlay APPROVED: 7-0-0
AYES: Close, Dear, Finlay, Hahn, McCallum, Mirisch, Gladbach
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Barger, Smith

11 MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated March 12, 2019 from the City of Calabasas requesting the Commission to reconsider the resolution for the disapproval of Annexation No. 2014-04 to the City of Calabasas.

Letters sent to California State Assemblymember Mike Gipson and California State Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, respectively, requesting legislation to protect the ratepayers of the Sativa County Water District from excessive rate increases in the future.

12 COMMISSIONERS’ REPORT

None.

13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

None.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

15 FUTURE MEETINGS

April 10, 2019
May 8, 2019
June 12, 2019
July 10, 2019

16 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

17 ADJOURNMENT MOTION

On motion of Commissioner Hahn, seconded by Commissioner Dear, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Novak", written in a cursive style.

Paul Novak, AICP
Executive Officer