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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

July 10, 2019

Present:

Jerry Gladbach, Chair

Kathryn Barger
Richard Close
Donald Dear
Margaret Finlay
John Mirisch

Lori Brogin-Falley, Alternate
Joe Ruzicka, Alternate
David Ryu, Alternate

Paul Novak, Executive Officer
Lillian Salinger, Legal Counsel

Absent:

Janice Hahn
Gerard McCallum
Greig Smith

Judith Mitchell, Alternate
Sheila Kuehl, 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 five (5) member 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 June 12, 2019.
- b. Approved Operating Account Check Register for the month of June 2019.
- c. Received and filed update on pending proposals.

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

7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

None.

8 PROTEST HEARING(S)

None.

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- a. Sativa Water System Status Report.

Adriana Romo (Deputy Executive Officer) summarized the staff report concerning the Sativa Water System Status Report.

Supervisor Barger asked if brown water issues may be regional in nature. Dan Lafferty (Deputy Director, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works) indicated that brown water issues are generally related to systems that are not properly maintained.

Chair Gladbach asked when it is anticipated for the audit to be completed. Mr. Lafferty indicated that the audit will be completed within the next two weeks, and that a copy will be provided to LAFCO.

Commissioner Close asked about the status of any investigations of Sativa by the District Attorney (DA). Mr. Lafferty indicated that he could not comment, other than to say that County staff has provided information to the DA; further, when the audit is finalized, a copy will be provided to the DA.

Arnold Sachs (resident, City of Los Angeles) indicated that lease revenue bonds should have been issued to fix Sativa's infrastructure problems, rather than transferring Sativa to an investor-owned utility (IOU). Mr. Sachs stated that Metropolitan Water District representatives should upgrade water system infrastructure within Los Angeles County rather than purchasing expensive water from Northern California.

Commissioner Finlay asked how customers of Sativa are receiving newsletters. Mr. Lafferty stated that newsletters are mailed to the customers of Sativa and posted online.

The Commission took the following action:

- Received and filed, "Sativa Water System Quarterly Report ending June 2019" submitted by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works on June 19, 2019.

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

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- b. Appointment of LAFCO Representative to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Evaluation Committee for the Sativa Request for Proposals.

The EO summarized the staff report concerning the Appointment of LAFCO Representative to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Evaluation Committee for the Sativa Requests for Proposals.

The Commission took the following action:

- Nominated Commissioner Margaret Finlay to serve as LAFCO's representative on the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Evaluation Committee for the Sativa Request for Proposals.

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

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- c. Proposed Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update of the Consolidated Fire Protection District of the County of Los Angeles.

The EO summarized the staff report concerning the Proposed Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update of the Consolidated Fire Protection District of the County of Los Angeles.

The Commission took the following actions:

- Directed staff to perform a Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update for the Consolidated Fire Protection District of the County of Los Angeles;

- Re-allocated \$75,000 within the existing “Municipal Service Reviews” budget item to the consulting costs associated with the preparation of the Consolidated Fire Protection District of the County of Los Angeles Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update; and
- Subsequent to the issuance of a Request for Proposals, directed staff to return to the Commission with a recommendation to award a contract to a consultant to prepare the Consolidated Fire Protection District of the County of Los Angeles Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update.

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

10 LEGISLATION

a. Legislative Update.

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

The Commission took the following action:

- Received and filed the Legislative Update.

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

11 MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Letter of July 1, 2019 from the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee, Twila P. Kerr, Deputy Secretary, reappointing Mayor Judy Mitchell, City of Rolling Hills Estate, to a 4-year term ending May 5, 2023 (as a LAFCO Alternate City Member).

12 COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Chair Gladbach indicated that the Ad Hoc Committee will meet today to select finalists for interviews for the Alternate Public Member position.

13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The EO requested that the Commission schedule a meeting to interview candidates for the Alternate Public Member.

Chair Gladbach requested that the EO reach out to the Commissioners regarding their availability.

The EO announced that Patricia Wood (Administrative Clerk) retired as of July 3, 2019.

The EO indicated that Commissioner Smith's last LAFCO meeting is expected to be the August 14th Meeting.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT

Stan Raddon (resident, City of Arcadia) and Scott Yenser (SEER Corporation) spoke about the importance of the restoration of Baldwin Lake (within the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanical Gardens).

15 FUTURE MEETINGS

August 14, 2019
September 11, 2019
October 9, 2019
November 13, 2019

16 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

17 ADJOURNMENT MOTION

On motion of Chair Gladbach, the meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Novak, AICP
Executive Officer