

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY
FORMATION COMMISSION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY

September 9, 2009

Present:

Jerry Gladbach, Chairman
Donald L. Dear
Margaret Finlay
Carol Herrera
Gloria Molina
Greig Smith
Zev Yaroslavsky

Robert Apodaca, Alternate
Richard Close, Alternate
Don Knabe, Alternate
Judy Mitchell, Alternate

June D. Savala, Deputy Executive Officer
John Krattli, Legal Counsel

Absent:

James DiGiuseppe
Henri F. Pellissier

Kenneth Chappell, Alternate
Tom La Bonge, Alternate

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The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m., in Room 381-B of the County Hall of Administration.

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The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Gladbach.

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Persons who made a contribution of more than \$250 to any member of the Commission during the preceding 12 months were asked to come forward and state for the record the Commissioner to whom such contributions were made and the item of their involvement (None).]

[Commissioner Knabe in at 9:04 a.m.]

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Hearing on Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14 - Annexation No. 373.

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

On motion of Commissioner Dear, seconded by Commissioner Finlay, unanimously carried (Commissioner DiGiuseppe, Molina, Pellissier and Yaroslavsky being absent), the Commission took the following action:

Adopted Resolution No. 2009-43 RMD, Making Determinations Approving Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14 - Annexation No. 373.

[Commissioner Molina in at 9:06 a.m.]

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Hearing on Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 15 - Annexation No. 290.

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

Minute Order No. 5 (continued)

On motion of Commissioner Herrera, seconded by Commissioner Dear, unanimously carried (Commissioner DiGiuseppe, Pellissier and Yaroslavsky being absent), the Commission took the following action:

Adopted Resolution No. 2009-44 RMD, Making Determinations Approving Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 15 - Annexation No. 290.

[Commissioner Yaroslavsky in at 9:08 a.m.]

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Hearing on Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County - Annexation No. 1022.

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

On motion of Commissioner Finlay, seconded by Commissioner Herrera, unanimously carried (Commissioner DiGiuseppe and Pellissier being absent), the Commission took the following action:

Adopted Resolution No. 2009-45 RMD, Making Determinations Approving Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County - Annexation No. 1022.

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Hearing on the Sphere of Influence Amendment No. 2007-11 Amending the Sphere of Influence of Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40.

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

On motion of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Finlay, unanimously carried (Commissioner DiGiuseppe and Pellissier being absent), the Commission took the following action:

Adopted Resolution No. 2009-46 RMD, Making Determinations Approving Sphere of Influence Amendment No. 2007-11 Amending the Sphere of Influence of Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40.

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Hearing on City of Diamond Bar - Annexation No. 2007-20 (Crestline).

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

On motion of Commissioner Herrera, seconded by Commissioner Dear, unanimously carried (Commissioner DiGiuseppe and Pellissier being absent), the Commission took the following action:

Adopted Resolution No. 2009-47 RMD, Making Determinations Approving City of Diamond Bar – Annexation No. 2007-20 (Crestline).

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The following was received and filed, as an informational only item:

Government Code § 56857 Notice:

- Annexation 2009-12 to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40

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On motion of Commissioner Finlay, seconded by Commissioner Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried (Commissioner DiGiuseppe and Pellissier being absent), the Commission took the following actions under Consent Items A– C & E–H:

- Approved Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 – Annexation No. 2006-08, Resolution No. 2009-48RMD.
- Approved Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 – Annexation No. 2007-08, Resolution No. 2009-49RMD.
- Approved Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 16 – Annexation No. 27, Resolution No. 2009-50RMD.
- Approved Minutes of August 12, 2009.
- Approved Operating Account and Check Register for the month of August 2009.
- Received and filed update on pending applications.
- Adoption of revisions to Commission Rules to reflect Commission action of July 8, 2009 regarding regular meetings, per diem, and travel reimbursement.

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A speaker from the audience approached the Commission with concerns regarding Consent Item D – County Sanitation District No. 22 - Annexation 394. As a result, Consent Item D was held from consideration to allow staff the opportunity to address the speaker's concerns.

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East Los Angeles Incorporation Report:

The Deputy Executive Office reported that on September 8, 2009, the East Los Angeles Resident's Association (ELARA) filed a letter requesting a 59 day extension, to November 20, 2009, to submit funding for the CFA.

Commissioner Molina asked if it was permissible for LAFCO to advance ELARA the necessary funding for the CFA, pending a decision by the Legislature on AB 711 (Calderon), which would appropriate \$112,000 to LAFCO to loan to ELARA. Legal Counsel responded that LAFCO could, at its discretion, advance the funds to ELARA, if it has the budgetary resources. Legal Counsel further noted that a decision to advance funds would be a policy decision.

Commissioner Molina further recommended that staff contact the consultant, Economic & Planning Systems Inc. to determine if the firm would be agreeable to extending the CFA contract pricing an additional 59 days to November 20, 2009.

Benjamin Cardenas, President of the East Los Angeles Resident Association, spoke in support of the 59-day extension.

After discussion, the Commission agreed that should staff be unable to obtain a pricing extension from the consultant the Chairman would call a special meeting of the Commission to explore its options.

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The Deputy Executive Officer reported that the collection of signatures for the Rowland Heights Incorporation effort continues to progress.

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 22 – Annexation 394

Minute Order No. 14 (continued)

Staff informed the Commission that the speaker for whom this item was held for was no longer available to address the commission.

Therefore, on motion of Commissioner Herrera, seconded by Commissioner Dear, unanimously carried (Commissioner DiGiuseppe and Pellissier being absent), the Commission continued Consent Item D – County Sanitation District No. 22 - Annexation 394 to the meeting of October 14, 2009 for further consideration.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cesar J. Salgado, resident of East Los Angeles, addressed the Commission in support of the East Los Angeles incorporation effort.

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There was no new business to be placed on any future agenda.

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The next meetings will be:

October 14, 2009

November 11, 2009 (**Meeting cancelled due to Veteran's Day Holiday**)

November 18, 2009 (**Special Meeting**)

December 9, 2009

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On motion of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Herrera, unanimously carried (Commissioner DiGiuseppe and Pellissier being absent), the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

June D. Savala
Deputy Executive Officer