



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

August 10, 2016

Present:

Jerry Gladbach, Chair

Donald L. Dear
Richard H. Close
Margaret Finlay
Don Knabe
Gerard McCallum

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

Paul A. Novak, AICP; Executive Officer
Helen Parker, Legal Counsel

Absent:

Sheila Kuehl
David Spence

Michael D. Antonovich, Alternate
Paul Krekorian, Alternate
Greig Smith, Alternate

1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in Room 381-B of the County Hall of Administration.

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Jerry Gladbach.

3 DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION(S)

The Executive Officer (E.O.) 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).

4 SWEARING-IN OF SPEAKER(S)

The Executive Officer swore in four (4) members of the audience who planned to testify.

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

None.

[Commissioner McCallum arrived at 9:02 a.m.]

6 CONSENT ITEM(S) – OTHER

The Commission took the following actions under Consent Items:

- a. Approved Minutes of July 13, 2016.
- b. Approved Operating Account Check Register for the month of July 2016.
- c. Received and filed update on pending proposals.

MOTION:	KNABE
SECOND:	FINLAY
AYES:	CLOSE, DEAR, FINLAY, KNABE, McCALLUM, MITCHELL (ALT. FOR SPENCE), GLADBACH
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE

ABSENT: KREKORIAN, KUEHL
MOTION PASSES: 7/0/0

7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The following item was called up for consideration:

- a. Annexation No. 2016-07 to the City of Santa Clarita (West Creek).

The E.O. summarized the staff report on Annexation No. 2016-07 to the City of Santa Clarita (West Creek).

The E.O. stated that after the posting of the Agenda, the City of Santa Clarita sent an email requesting that the effective date of this annexation be November 15, 2016. The E.O. stated he had no objections to the request. The E.O. noted that he provided the Commission a copy of the email from the City of Santa Clarita requesting the change of the effective date, and a strikethrough revision of the resolution.

The public hearing was opened to receive testimony.

Jason Crawford, Planning and Economic Development Manager for the City of Santa Clarita, requested that the protest hearing for this annexation be changed from September 14th to October 12th to allow time for the County to process a proposed development project currently located within the annexation territory.

Vasanthi Okuma, with Fountainhead Development, stated that the County is currently in the process of approving a commercial development at the southwest corner of Cooper Hill Drive and Rio Norte Drive (said project that Mr. Crawford mentioned earlier). Ms. Okuma also requested that the protest hearing be changed from September 14th to October 12th to allow time for the County to approve the final project.

The E.O. stated that staff had no objection to change the protest hearing to October 12th.

There being no testimony, the public hearing was closed.

The E.O. clarified that that this annexation will now have a protest hearing of October 12, 2016 with an effective date of November 15, 2016.

The Commission took the following action:

- Adopted the Resolution Making Determinations, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Approving Annexation No. 2016-07 to the City of Santa Clarita (West Creek); Resolution No. 2016-38RMD.
- Pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, set October 12, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., as the date and time for Commission protest proceedings.

MOTION: FINLAY
SECOND: McCALLUM
AYES: CLOSE, DEAR, FINLAY, KNABE, McCALLUM, MITCHELL
(ALT. FOR SPENCE), GLADBACH
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: KREKORIAN, KUEHL
MOTION PASSES: 7/0/0

8 PROTEST HEARING(S)

None.

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- a. Appointment of Voting Representative – CALAFCO Annual Conference.

The E.O. summarized the staff report of Appointment of Voting Representative – CALAFCO Annual Conference.

The Commission took the following action:

- Designated First Vice-Chair Don Dear and Second Vice-Chair Gerard McCallum as the voting Member and Alternate, respectively, for the CALAFCO 2016 Annual Conference in Santa Barbara.

MOTION: FINLAY
SECOND: CLOSE
AYES: CLOSE, DEAR, FINLAY, KNABE, MITCHELL (ALT. FOR
SPENCE, McCALLUM, GLADBACH
NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: KREKORIAN, KUEHL
MOTION PASSES: 7/0/0

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- b. Contract with Davis Farr Certified Public Accountants.

The E.O. summarized the staff report on Award of Contract for Financial Audit Services Fiscal Years 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, and 2018-2019.

The E.O. stated there was an error on the second recommendation of the staff report. It should read as "Davis Farr, LLC", not "Vasquez & Company, LLP."

The Commission took the following action:

- Awarded contract for auditing services to Davis Farr, LLP, at a total cost of \$29,400, to perform an audit of the Commission's financial statements for fiscal years ending June 30, 2016; 2017; 2018; and 2019.
- Authorized the Executive Officer to finalize negotiations with Davis Farr, LLO, and execute the contract, subject to approval as to form by County Counsel.

MOTION: KNABE
SECOND: DEAR
AYES: CLOSE, DEAR, FINLAY, KNABE, MITCHELL (ALT. FOR
SPENCE), McCALLUM, GLADBACH
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: KREKORIAN, KUEHL
MOTION PASSES: 7/0/0

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- c. Legislative Update.

The E.O. noted that Senator Lara will include amendments to SB 1374, as suggested by CALAFCO and Los Angeles LAFCO. The E.O. thanked Supervisor Knabe for volunteering to

send a letter to Senator Lara addressing LAFCOs concerns.

The Commission had no questions for the E.O concerning the Legislative Update.

The staff recommendation was to receive and file the Legislative Update. No motion was made by the Commission.

10 COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

None.

11 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

None.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

13 FUTURE MEETINGS

August 10, 2016
September 14, 2016
October 12, 2016
November 9, 2016 (8:30 a.m.)
~~November 16, 2016~~

Commissioner Finlay stated that the November meeting will be on November 9th not on November 16th as indicated on the Agenda. The E.O. stated the Agenda had a typo. The E.O. confirmed that November 9th meeting will have a start time at 8:30 a.m. and not the regular time at 9:00 a.m.

14 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

15 ADJOURNMENT MOTION

On motion of Commissioner Finlay, seconded by Commissioner Dear, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Novak", is positioned above the printed name.

Paul A. Novak, AICP, Executive Officer

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-38RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING
"ANNEXATION NO. 2016-07 TO THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA (WEST CREEK)"**

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clarita (City) 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 City and Santa Clarita Streetlight Maintenance District No. 1; detachment of said territory from County Road District No. 5; withdrawal from County Lighting Maintenance District 1687 and County Public Library System, and exclusion from County Lighting District LLA-1, Unincorporated Zone, all within the County of Los Angeles (County); and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of approximately 1,018.39± acres of inhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation:

"Annexation No. 2016-07 to the City of Santa Clarita (West Creek)"; 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 to the City is that a majority of the landowners within the affected territory desire the services provided by the City and local government representation; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has reviewed the proposal and submitted to the Commission a written report, including his recommendations therein; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has given notice of the public hearing pursuant to Government Code Sections 56150-56160, 57025, and 57026, wherein the public hearing notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Los Angeles on July 21, 2016, which is at least 21 days prior to the public 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, on August 10, 2016, 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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, the Commission set the protest hearing for October 12, 2016 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. Acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to Annexation No. 2016-07 to the City of Santa Clarita (West Creek), pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Commission considered the Negative Declaration prepared by the City of Santa Clarita, as lead agency, on April 26, 2016, together with any comments received during the public review process; and certifies that the Commission has independently reviewed and considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the proposed project as shown in the Negative Declaration.
2. 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.
3. The affected territory consists of 1,018.39± acres, is inhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation:

"Annexation No. 2016-07 to the City of Santa Clarita (West Creek)".
4. Annexation No. 2016-07 to the City of Santa Clarita (West Creek) is hereby approved, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- a. The City 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 November 15, 2016.
- 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 City.
- e. The regular County assessment roll shall be utilized by the City.
- f. The affected territory will be taxed for any existing general indebtedness, if any, of the City.
- g. Annexation of the affected territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" to the City and Santa Clarita Streetlight Maintenance District No. 1.
- h. Detachment of the affected territory from County Road District No. 5.
- i. Withdrawal of affected territory from County Lighting Maintenance District 1687 and the County Public Library System.
- j. Exclusion of affected territory from County Lighting District LLA-1, Unincorporated Zone.

- k. Upon the effective date of the annexation, all right, title, and interest of the County, including but not limited to, the underlying fee title or easement where owned by the County, in any and all sidewalks, trails, landscaped areas, street lights, property acquired and held for future road purposes, open space, signals, storm drains, storm drain catch basins, local sanitary sewer lines, sewer pump stations and force mains, water quality treatment basins and/or structures, and water quality treatment systems serving roadways and bridges shall vest in the City.
- l. Upon the effective date of the annexation, the City shall be the owner of, and responsible for, the operation, maintenance, and repair of all of the following property owned by the County: public roads, adjacent slopes appurtenant to the roads, street lights, traffic signals, mitigation sites that have not been accepted by regulatory agencies but exist or are located in public right-of-way and were constructed or installed as part of a road construction project within the annexed area, storm drains and storm drain catch basins within street right-of-way and appurtenant slopes, medians and adjacent property.

- m. Upon the effective date of the annexation, the City shall do the following: (1) assume ownership and maintenance responsibilities for all drainage devices, storm drains and culverts, storm drain catch basins, appurtenant facilities (except regional Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) facilities for which LACFCD has a recorded fee or easement interest and which have been accepted into the LACFCD system), site drainage, and all master plan storm drain facilities that are within the annexation area and are currently owned, operated and maintained by the County ; (2) accept and adopt the County of Los Angeles Master Plan of Drainage (MPD), if any, which is in effect for the annexation area. Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Department (LACDPW) should be contacted to provide any MPD which may be in effect for the annexation area. Deviations from the MPD shall be submitted to the Chief Engineer of LACFCD/Director of LACDPW for review to ensure that such deviations will not result in diversions between watersheds and/or will not result in adverse impacts to LACFCD's flood control facilities; (3) administer flood zoning and Federal Emergency Management Agency floodplain regulations within the annexation area; (4) coordinate development within the annexation area that is adjacent to any existing flood control facilities for which LACFCD has a recorded easement or fee interest, by submitting maps and proposals to the Chief Engineer of LACFCD/Director of LACDPW, for review and comment.

- n. Except to the extent in conflict with "a" through "m", 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. Pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, the Commission hereby sets the protest hearing for October 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. and directs the Executive Officer to give notice thereof pursuant to Government Code Sections 57025 and 57026.
6. The Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to mail copies of this resolution as provided in Government Code Section 56882.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of August 2016.

MOTION: FINLAY
SECOND: McCALLUM
AYES: CLOSE, DEAR, FINLAY, KNABE, MITCHELL (ALT. FOR SPENCE), McCALLUM, GLADBACH
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: KREKORIAN, KUEHL
MOTION PASSES: 7/0/0

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



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