



Local Agency Formation Commission
for the County of Los Angeles

Commission

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- Jerry Gladbach
- Donald Dear
- Gerard McCallum
- Kathryn Barger
- Richard Close
- Margaret Finlay
- Janice Hahn
- David Ryu
- David Spence

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- Lori Brogin-Falley
- Marqueece
Harris-Dawson
- Sheila Kuehl
- Judith Mitchell
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- Greig Smith

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REGULAR MEETING

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

January 11, 2017

Present:

Donald Dear, First Vice-Chair

- Kathryn Barger
- Richard Close
- Margaret Finlay
- Janice Hahn
- David Ryu
- David Spence

- Lori Brogin-Falley, Alternate
- Joe Ruzicka, Alternate
- Greig Smith, Alternate

Paul Novak, AICP; Executive Officer
Erik Conard, Legal Counsel

Absent:

Jerry Gladbach, Chair
Gerard McCallum

- Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Alternate
- Sheila Kuehl, Alternate
- Judith Mitchell, Alternate

1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. in Room 381-B of the County Hall of Administration by First Vice-Chair Donald Dear.

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by First Vice-Chair Donald Dear.

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 rise and state for the record the Commissioner to whom such campaign contributions were made and the item of their involvement (None).

The E.O. 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.

Supervisor Barger disclosed the following campaign contributions and recused herself from Agenda Items 6.d., 6.e., and 9.c.:

- 6.d. – \$1,500 from the Conservation Station (which may be related to this item), received on September 18, 2016.
- 6.e. – Two contributions from Lance Williams, \$1,500 on September 18, 2016, and \$1,500 on May 2, 2016.
- 9.c. – Two \$1,500 contributions from Forestar (USA) Real Estate Group, Inc. on October 24, 2016.

4 SWEARING-IN OF SPEAKER(S)

The Executive Officer 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 E.O. stated that Item 6.b. reflects the Operating Account Check Register only for the month of November 2016. The Operating Account Check Register for the months of December 2016 and January 2017 will be on next month's Agenda.

The Commission took the following actions under Consent Items:

- a. Approved Minutes of November 9, 2016.
- b. Approved Operating Account Check Register for the month of November 2016.
- 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. 1082 to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County; Resolution No. 2017-01RMD.
- e. Adopted the Resolution Making Determinations, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 1083 to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County; Resolution No. 2017-02RMD.

MOTION: FINLAY
SECOND: RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH)
AYES: BARGER*, CLOSE, FINLAY, HAHN, RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH), SMITH (ALT. FOR McCALLUM), SPENCE, DEAR (FIRST VICE-CHAIR)
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: BARGER*
ABSENT: McCALLUM, RYU, GLADBACH
MOTION PASSES: 8/0/0 (Items 6.a., 6.b., and 6.c.)
7/0/1 (Items 6.d. and 6.e.)

*Supervisor Barger recused herself from voting in Items 6.d. and 6.e.

WELCOMING OF TWO (2) NEW COMMISSIONERS

First Vice-Chair Donald L. Dear introduced and congratulated Supervisors Barger and Hahn as newly elected Supervisors and as new LAFCO Commissioners.

7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The following item was called for consideration:

- a. Annexation No. 1080 to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County.

The E.O. summarized the staff report on Annexation No. 1080 to the Santa Clarita Valley

Sanitation District of Los Angeles County.

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

The Commission took the following action:

- Adopted the Resolution Making Determinations, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Approving Annexation No. 1080 to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County; Resolution No. 2017-03RMD.
- Pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, set March 8, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., as the date and time for Commission protest proceedings.

MOTION: RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH)
SECOND: SPENCE
AYES: BARGER, CLOSE, FINLAY, HAHN, RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH), SMITH (ALT. FOR McCALLUM), SPENCE, DEAR (FIRST VICE-CHAIR)
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: McCALLUM, RYU, GLADBACH
MOTION PASSES: 8/0/0

7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The following item was called for consideration:

- b. Annexation No. 421 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14, Amendment to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14 Sphere of Influence.

The E.O. summarized the staff report on Annexation No. 421 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14, Amendment to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14 Sphere of Influence.

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

The Commission took the following action:

- Adopted the Resolution Making Determinations, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 421 to the Los

Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14, Amendment to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14; Resolution No. 2017-04RMD.

MOTION: RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH)
SECOND: FINLAY
AYES: BARGER, CLOSE, FINLAY, HAHN, RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH), SMITH (ALT. FOR McCALLUM), SPENCE, DEAR (FIRST VICE-CHAIR)
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: McCALLUM, RYU, GLADBACH
MOTION PASSES: 8/0/0

7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The following item was called for consideration:

- c. Annexation No. 100 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20, Amendment to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20 Sphere of Influence.

The E.O. summarized the staff report on Annexation No. 100 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20, Amendment to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20 Sphere of Influence.

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

The Commission took the following action:

- Adopted the Resolution Making Determinations, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 100 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20, Amendment to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20 Sphere of Influence; Resolution No. 2017-05RMD.

MOTION: RUZIKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH)
SECOND: FINLAY
AYES: BARGER, CLOSE, FINLAY, HAHN, RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH), SMITH (ALT. FOR McCALLUM), SPENCE, DEAR (FIRST VICE-CHAIR)
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: McCALLUM, RYU, GLADBACH

MOTION PASSES: 8/0/0

8 PROTEST HEARING(S)

None.

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

a. Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Audit.

The E.O. summarized the staff report on Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Audit.

Jennifer Farr, Principal with Davis Farr LLP Certified Public Accountants (Davis Farr), gave a brief presentation about the audit findings. Ms. Farr stated that Davis Farr, on November 23, 2016, issued an Unmodified Audit Opinion, which is the highest level of opinion an entity can receive. Ms. Farr referenced a letter that was addressed to the Commissioners that identified the auditor's findings. This letter stated that there were no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses, no issues of non-compliance with laws and regulations, and no material errors in the accounting records were detected.

Ms. Farr stated that during the audit process, different audit areas were reviewed, such as internal controls, cash receipts, cash disbursements, payroll, and investments transactions. More time was spent to review the net pension liability and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liabilities. The net pension liability with LACERA increased over \$700,000 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 from the prior Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Ms. Farr noted that a random sample of forty (40) transactions were utilized for the audit. Ms. Farr indicated that she had no issues to report, as expenditures were approved in accordance with policies, and documentation existed for the valid business purposes of LAFCO.

Ms. Farr stated that this is the first year that Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 72 requires that new disclosures of fair value measurements be shown on the financial statements. A footnote will now appear which was not shown on previous statements. Ms. Farr stated that comparable financial statements now appear on the financial statements to compare the current fiscal year and prior fiscal year.

Ms. Farr stated LAFCO staff was well-prepared for the audit and it was a pleasure working with them. In conclusion, Ms. Farr stated it was a clean audit and the accounting records were in excellent condition. Ms. Farr said she was available to answer any questions regarding the audit process or financial statements.

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Commissioner Close asked if there is a strategy to address pension liabilities, as \$700,000 represents more than 50% of the gross revenue of the total budget. The E.O. stated that pension liabilities are the responsibility of Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association (LACERA). The E.O. stated he is more concerned about OPEB liabilities, as this type of liability requires a pre-funding plan, and is a LAFCO responsibility. Ms. Farr stated that LAFCO is 86% funded for net pension liabilities which is a very large percentage for local government, and is largely due to LACERA's funding policies.

[Commissioner Ryu arrived at 9:25 a.m.]

Commissioner Close asked the E.O. to clarify what OPEB is. The E.O. stated OPEB is a change in the Federal standards relative to accounting. It requires that agencies document the cost of non-pension liabilities in retirement. Every three years there is an analysis of current retirees, current employees, life expectancies, and obligations to pre-fund those pensions. The E.O. stated that OPEB liabilities will be on the Agenda within the next couple of months with a recommendation from an outside agency that allows LAFCO to withdraw money from the reserve account to be set aside to pay for OPEB obligations only. Of the outstanding obligation of \$700,000, \$200,000 is already allocated to that obligation. The last several budgets approved by the Commission included increased assessments charged to member agencies (County, cities, and special districts) to defray the increased costs of insurance, pension liability, and OPEB liabilities.

Supervisor Barger asked the EO about the status of Workers Compensation insurance and disability insurance. The E.O. replied that he would report back on those issues at the Commission's February meeting.

Supervisor Barger asked if LAFCO is under new OPEB requirements mirrored by the County. The E.O. said "yes". Supervisor Barger stated the manner the County was funding retirement and health benefits was not sustainable. Newly hired employees will no longer have a "rich" retirement benefit when retired which will help "zero-down" liability costs. The E.O. stated that contributions in Plan "G" (for newer employees) are higher and the benefit retirement package is lower than in Plans "D" and "E" (for longer-serving employees).

Commissioner Smith asked Supervisor Barger when will those liabilities "catch up" and be sustainable. Supervisor Barger said it is projected to be sustainable by 2030 or later. Commissioner Smith asked the E.O. if LAFCO is on the same track of the projected sustainability as the County. The E.O. stated LAFCO is on the same track as the County, and works closely with the County Chief Executive Officer and LACERA.

The Commission took the following action:

- Received and filed the Independent Auditor's Report, audited financial statements, and

associated documents for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 ending June 30, 2016.

MOTION: FINLAY
SECOND: SPENCE
AYES: BARGER, CLOSE, FINLAY, HAHN, RUZICKA (ALT. FOR
GLADBACH), RYU, SMITH (ALT. FOR McCALLUM),
SPENCE, DEAR (FIRST VICE-CHAIR)
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: McCALLUM, GLADBACH
MOTION PASSES: 9/0/0

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- b. Draft Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update for the City of Commerce.

This item was continued from the meeting of the November 9, 2016.

The E.O. summarized the staff report on the Draft Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update for the City of Commerce.

Commissioner Close asked the E.O. to briefly discuss what a Municipal Service Review is. The E.O. stated that a Municipal Service Review (MSR) is a "status report" on how a city or special district is providing service, financial status, cooperation with other agencies, and accountability. The byproduct of a MSR is a Sphere of Influence (SOI) Update. A city or special district cannot annex new territory unless it's within the city or special district SOI.

Supervisor Hahn asked if LAFCO is the only agency that performs Municipal Service Reviews. The E.O. answered "yes".

Supervisor Hahn asked if the City of Commerce has sunset provisions regarding sales tax. The E.O. stated that he does not know if the City of Commerce has a sales tax sunset provision.

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

The Commission took the following action:

- Found that the adoption of the Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update for the City of Commerce 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 studies, periodic update, and recommended confirmation of the current Coterminal Sphere of Influence 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 purposes of CEQA because it is an organizational activity of government with no direct nor 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;
- Adopted the January 11, 2017 City of Commerce Municipal Service Review;
- Adopted the Resolution Making Determination, Approving the Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update for the City of Commerce; Resolution No. 2017-06RMD;
- Adopted the recommended determinations required for a Municipal Service Review as contained in both the staff report and the MSR pursuant to Government Code Section 56430;
- Adopted the recommended determinations required for the Update of the Sphere of Influence as contained in both the staff report and the MSR pursuant to Government Code Section 56425;
- Directed the Executive Officer to add the words “SOI Reconfirmed on January 11, 2017,” to the official LAFCO maps for the City of Commerce; and
- Directed the Executive Officer to mail copies of this resolution as provide in Section 56882 of the Government Code.

MOTION: RUZIKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH)
SECOND: FINLAY
AYES: BARGER, CLOSE, FINLAY, HAHN, RUZICKA (ALT. FOR
GLADBACH), RYU, SMITH (ALT. FOR McCALLUM),
SPENCE, DEAR (FIRST VICE-CHAIR)
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: McCALLUM, GLADBACH
MOTION PASSES: 9/0/0

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- c. Hidden Creeks Estates – Status Report.

The E.O. summarized the staff report on Hidden Creeks Estates.

[Commissioner Finlay left at 9:42 a.m.]

The Commission took the following action:

- Received and Filed.

MOTION: RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH)
SECOND: SMITH (ALT. FOR McCALLUM)
AYES: CLOSE, HAHN, RYU, SMITH (ALT. FOR
McCALLUM), SPENCE, DEAR (FIRST VICE-CHAIR)
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: BARGER*
ABSENT: McCALLUM, FINLAY, GLADBACH
MOTION PASSES: 7/0/1

*Supervisor Barger recused herself from voting on Item 9.c.

10 COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

None.

11 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The E.O. stated that all Commissioners received a copy of the CALAFCO Quarterly Report.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

13 FUTURE MEETINGS

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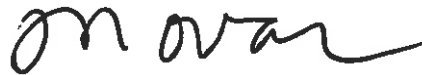
14 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

15 ADJOURNMENT MOTION

On motion of First Vice-Chair Donald Dear, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Paul Novak, AICP, Executive Officer

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-01RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING AND ORDERING
"ANNEXATION NO. 1082 TO THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT
OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY"**

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District (District) 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 District, all within the City of Santa Clarita; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of approximately 3.995± acres of uninhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: "Annexation No. 1082 to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County"; 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 off-site sewage disposal for one existing industrial building; 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 January 11, 2017 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 January 11, 2017, 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. 1082 to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) the Commission considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared and adopted by the City of Santa Clarita, as lead agency, on May 13, 2014, 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 adopts the mitigation monitoring program for the project, finding that the mitigation monitoring program 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. 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.
4. The affected territory consists of 3.995± acres, is uninhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation:
"Annexation No. 1082 to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County".

5. Annexation No. 1082 to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County is hereby approved, subject to the following terms and conditions:
- a. The District 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.

6. The Commission hereby orders the uninhabited territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" annexed to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County.
7. 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 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 11th day of January 2017.

MOTION: FINLAY
SECOND: RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH)
AYES: CLOSE, FINLAY, HAHN, RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH),
SMITH (ALT. FOR McCALLUM), SPENCE, DEAR (FIRST VICE-CHAIR)
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: BARGER
ABSENT: McCALLUM, RYU, GLADBACH
MOTION PASSES: 7/0/1

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



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING AND ORDERING
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WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of approximately 82.233± acres of uninhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: "Annexation No. 1083 to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County"; 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 off-site sewage disposal for 29 proposed single-family homes; 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 January 11, 2017 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 January 11, 2017, 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. 1083 to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) the Commission considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared and adopted by the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, as lead agency, on December 17, 2008, 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 adopts the mitigation monitoring program for the project, finding that the mitigation monitoring program 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
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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. 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.
4. The affected territory consists of 82.233± acres, is uninhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation:
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5. Annexation No. 1083 to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County

is hereby approved, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- a. The District 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.
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- 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.

6. The Commission hereby orders the uninhabited territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" annexed to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County.
7. 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 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 11th day of January 2017.

MOTION: FINLAY
SECOND: RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH)
AYES: CLOSE, FINLAY, HAHN, RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH),
SMITH (ALT. FOR McCALLUM), SPENCE, DEAR (FIRST VICE-CHAIR)
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: BARGER
ABSENT: McCALLUM, RYU, GLADBACH
MOTION PASSES: 7/0/1

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



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

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"ANNEXATION NO. 1080 TO SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT
OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY"**

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District (District) 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 District, all within the City of Santa Clarita; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of approximately 2.559± acres of uninhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: "Annexation No. 1080 to Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County"; 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 off-site sewage disposal for one existing single-family home and three proposed single-family homes; 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 November 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 January 11, 2017, 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 March 8, 2017 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. The Commission, acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to Annexation No. 1080 to Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, finds that this annexation is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15319(a) and 15319(b).

The annexation consists of areas containing existing structures developed to the density allowed by the current zoning for the existing single-family home. The annexation also consists of small parcels of the minimum size for facilities exempted by Section 15303(a), New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures for the three proposed single-family homes. In addition, there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, nor other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposal records.

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 2.559± acres, is uninhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation:

"Annexation No. 1080 to Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County".
4. Annexation No. 1080 to Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County is hereby approved, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - a. The District 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. Pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, the Commission hereby sets the protest hearing for March 8, 2017 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 11th day of January 2017.

MOTION: RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH)
SECOND: SPENCE
AYES: BARGER, CLOSE, FINLAY, HAHN, RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH),
SMITH (ALT. FOR McCALLUM), SPENCE, DEAR (FIRST VICE-CHAIR)
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: McCALLUM, RYU, GLADBACH
MOTION PASSES: 8/0/0

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



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-04RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING AND ORDERING
"ANNEXATION NO. 421 TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 14
AMENDMENT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 14
SPHERE OF INFLUENCE (SOI)"**

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14 (District) 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 District, all within the City of Palmdale; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of approximately 58.32± acres of uninhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: "Annexation No. 421 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14"; 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 off-site sewage disposal to 99 proposed single-family homes; 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, even though a public hearing is not required for the Proposal, a public hearing is nevertheless required for the proposed SOI amendment(s), pursuant to Government Code Section 56427; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has given notice of the public hearing for the proposed Sphere of Influence Amendment pursuant to Government Code Sections 56150-56160, wherein the public hearing notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Los Angeles on December 1, 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 January 11, 2017, this Commission considered the Proposal and the report of Executive Officer, and 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 the Sphere of Influence Amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. Acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to Annexation No. 421 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) the Commission considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared and adopted by the City of Palmdale, as lead agency, on July 9, 2015, 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 adopts the mitigation monitoring program for the project, finding that the mitigation

monitoring program 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 make determinations upon the proposed annexation proposal without notice and hearing and may waive protest proceedings relative to the proposed annexation.

However, with respect to the proposed SOI amendment(s), a public hearing is still required pursuant to Government Code Section 56427.

3. The Commission hereby amends the Sphere of Influence of Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14 and makes the following determinations in accordance with Government Code Section 56425:

a. Present and Planned Land Uses in the Area

The present land use is vacant residential. The territory is being developed to include 99 single-family homes.

b. Present and Probable Need for Public Facilities and Services in the Area

The affected territory is located within the City of Palmdale. Although the affected territory is not currently serviced by the District, the area was included in the future service area that might be served by the District. The District's future wastewater management needs were addressed in the Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant 2020 Facilities Plan.

c. Present Capacity of Public Facilities and Adequacy of Public Services that the Agency Provides or is Authorized to Provide

The current permitted capacity of the LWRP is 18 mgd. On June 16, 2004, the Board of Directors of District No. 14 approved the Lancaster Water Reclamation Plan 2020 Facilities Plan and certified the associated EIR. The 2020 Plan addresses the sewerage needs of the LWRP service area through the year 2020 and the services planned to meet those needs. The 2020 plan allows the capacity of the LWRP to increase to 26 mgd by 2020.

d. Existence of Any Social or Economic Communities of Interest

The owner of real property within the affected territory has requested, in writing, that the District provide off-site sewage disposal service. Property-owners of adjacent areas did not request such service, and/or were contacted by

Sanitation District staff and were not interested in securing such service or did not respond. The proposal promotes environmental justice, in that there is fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the location of public facilities and the provision of public services.

e. Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities

There are no Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs) within or adjacent to the affected territory. There are DUCs within the SOI for the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14. The proposed SOI Amendment is relatively modest and is located a couple miles south of the closest DUC.

f. Determination of the Services of the Existing District

The Commission has on file written statement of the functions and classes of service of the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14 and can establish the nature, location and extent of its classes of service and that it provides water service within its boundary.

4. 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.

5. The affected territory consists of 58.32± acres, is uninhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation:

" Annexation No. 421 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14".

6. Annexation No. 421 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14 is hereby approved, subject to the following terms and conditions:


- a. The District 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.
7. The Commission hereby orders the uninhabited territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" annexed to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14.
8. 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 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 11th day of January 2017.

MOTION: RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH)
SECOND: FINLAY
AYES: BARGER, CLOSE, FINLAY, HAHN, RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH),
SMITH (ALT. FOR McCALLUM), SPENCE, DEAR (FIRST VICE-CHAIR)
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: McCALLUM, RYU, GLADBACH
MOTION PASSES: 8/0/0

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