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for the County of Los Angeles

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MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
LIVE VIRTUAL MEETING

October 13, 2021

Present:

Jerry Gladbach, Chair

Kathryn Barger

Richard Close

Donald Dear

Margaret Finlay

Gerard McCallum

John Mirisch

Holly Mitchell

Lori Brogin-Falley, Alternate

Michael Davitt, Alternate

David Lesser, Alternate

Mel Matthews, Alternate

Paul Novak, Executive Officer

Carole Suzuki, Legal Counsel

Absent:

Janice Hahn, Alternate

Vacant:

City of Los Angeles, Member

City of Los Angeles, Alternate Member

1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. as a live virtual Commission meeting, with public comment accepted via e-mail, computer, or phone through the conclusion of public testimony.

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Gladbach.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Commission presented Doug Dorado and Amber De La Torre a Certificate of Recognition for 20 (twenty) years of service at LAFCO. The Commission congratulated and thanked Mr. Dorado and Ms. De La Torre for their dedicated service.

3 DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION(S)

The Executive Officer (EO) read an announcement, asking if any Commissioners had received a campaign contribution that would require disclosure or any other issue requiring recusal from any item on today's agenda (None).

ANNOUNCEMENT

The EO noted that today's meeting was conducted pursuant to the provisions of Government Code §54953 relative to virtual meetings, as well as the County of Los Angeles "Best Practices to Prevent COVID-19". LAFCO's legal counsel reviewed the provisions and has confirmed that the conduct of the meeting is consistent with State law as modified by the Governor and County orders.

The EO noted that all public hearing notices, and the agenda, clearly stated that interested persons were afforded the opportunity to submit written opposition or comments by e-mail, or via United States mail. For any communications received after the agenda was posted, staff has forwarded copies via e-mail to the Commission (None). LAFCO staff continued to monitor e-mail and comments received during the meeting and prior to the conclusion of each hearing item were read to the Commission (None).

4 SWEARING-IN OF SPEAKER(S)

None.

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

- a. Annexation No. 2021-08 to the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.

The EO summarized the staff report concerning this item.

The Commission took the following action:

- Received and filed.

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

6 CONSENT ITEM(S)

The Commission took the following actions under Consent Items:

- a. Approved Minutes of September 8, 2021.
- b. Approved Operating Account Check Register for the month of September 2021.
- c. Received and filed update on Pending Proposals.

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

7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The following item was called up for consideration:

- a. Annexation No. 2018-06 to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District and Amendment to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District Sphere of Influence.

This item was continued from the September 8, 2021 Commission meeting.

The EO summarized the staff report on this item.

The public hearing was opened to receive all testimony on the annexation and SOI amendment. There being no testimony and no written opposition, nor e-mails, submitted prior to the close of the public hearing, 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. 2018-06 to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District and Amendment to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District; Resolution No. 2021-19RMD.

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

8 PROTEST HEARING(S)

None.

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called for consideration:

- a. Resolution Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Commission pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and Making Required Findings.

The EO summarized the staff report concerning this item.

The Commission took the following actions:

- Adopted “Resolution of the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Legislative Body of the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles for the Period of October 13, 2021 to November 10, 2021, Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act;” and
- Directed staff to agendize and notice the November 10, 2021 Meeting in a virtual format, as provided in the Resolution No. 2021-20RMD.

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

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called for consideration:

- b. Potential Cancellation of the December 8, 2021 Commission Meeting.

The EO summarized the staff report concerning this item.

The Commission took the following actions:

- Canceled the December 8, 2021 Commission Meeting; and
- Directed the Executive Officer to send notice via the LAFCO e-mail alert notification system and post the associated notice on the LAFCO website.

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

10 LEGISLATION

The following item was called up for consideration:

- a. Legislative Update.

The EO summarized the staff report on this item.

The EO noted that, after the posting of the Agenda, the Governor signed SB 268 (Archuleta) and AB 850 (Gallagher) into law.

The Commission took the following action:

- Received and filed the Legislative Update.

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

11 MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

None.

12 COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Chair Gladbach indicated that he attended the CALAFCO Membership Committee meeting on October 7, 2021. At that meeting, Mike Kelley (Imperial LAFCO) and Jo MacKenzie (San Diego LAFCO) were both re-elected to the CALAFCO Board. Several Commissioners congratulated Chair Gladbach for being presented with CALAFCO's Lifetime Achievement Award.

13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

- a. Written Update
- b. Verbal Update

The EO indicated that a written report was provided in the Agenda package.

The EO noted that, at next month's meeting, staff will ask the Commission for direction concerning whether the January 12, 2022 meeting will be an in-person or virtual format.

The Commission took the following action:

- Received and filed the Written Update and Verbal Update from the Executive Officer.

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

14 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

15 FUTURE MEETINGS

November 10, 2021
 December 8, 2021 (Canceled)
 January 12, 2022

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16 ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Chair Gladbach adjourned the live virtual meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Novak".

Paul Novak, AICP
Executive Officer

notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Los Angeles on August 18, 2021, which is at least 21 days prior to the public hearing, and said hearing notice as also mailed to all required recipients by first-class mail on or before the date of newspaper publication; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Government Code § 56663, mailed notice pursuant to Government Code § 56157 has been given to landowners and registered voters within the affected territory; and the mailed notice discloses that: 1) the potential for the extension or continuation of any previously authorized charge, fee, assessment, or tax by the City and/or District in the affected territory, and 2) unless written opposition to the proposal is received before the conclusion of the Commission proceeding on the proposal, the Commission intends to waive protest proceedings; and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2021, 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, the Commission, acting as the conducting authority, has the ministerial duty of accepting any written opposition to the proposal and either, waive protest proceedings entirely, pursuant to Government Code § 56663, if no written opposition was received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Commission, with respect to Annexation No. 2018-06 to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, finds that the annexation is categorically exempt

from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines § 15319(a) because the annexation area consists of existing structures developed to the density allowed by the current zoning. In addition, the Commission finds the annexation is categorically exempt pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines § 15320 (Changes in Organization of Local Agencies). There are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code 65962.5, or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the foregoing exemptions inapplicable. In addition and in the alternative, the Commission finds that the proposal is exempt from CEQA under the common sense exemption because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3).

2. The Commission hereby amends the Sphere of Influence of San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District and makes the following determinations in accordance with Government Code § 56425(e):

- (1) Present and Planned Land Uses in the Area:

- The affected territory consists of single-family residential and open space. There are no proposed/future land use changes due to this proposal.

- (2) Present and Probable Need for Public Facilities and Services in the Area:

- The affected territory is located within the City of Azusa. General government services, including animal control, fire and emergency medical, flood control, library, mosquito and vector control, park and recreation, planning, police, road

maintenance, solid waste, street lighting, water, wastewater, and other services are provided by the City of Azusa, the County and other special districts.

The affected territory includes open space and single-family homes which requires organized governmental services. The affected territory will require governmental facilities and services indefinitely.

The present cost and adequacy of government services and controls in the area are acceptable. The probable effect of the proposed action and of alternative courses of action on the cost and adequacy of services and controls in the affected territory and adjacent areas would be for the affected territory to not receive vector control services, leading to increased risk of vector-borne diseases, which could adversely impact property values and quality of life.

(3) Present Capacity of Public Facilities and Adequacy of Public Services that the Agency Provides or is Authorized to Provide:

The District currently provides vector control services to over 186,000 acres or 291 square miles of land throughout Los Angeles County. The annexation would add 77.55 acres to the service area. The District indicated that it has the ability to provide vector control service to the affected territory once the annexation is complete.

(4) Existence of Any Social or Economic Communities of Interest:

The proposal makes no representations on exclusions of peoples of any race, culture, income and/or national origins with respect to the location of public facilities and public services, to ensure a healthy environment for all people such

that the effects of the pollution are not disproportionately borne by any particular populations or communities.

(5) Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities:

There are no Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs) within or adjacent to the affected territory according to data obtained and extracted from the Census Bureau of the United States Department of Commerce 2014-2018 American Community Survey (ACS).

(6) Determination of the Services of the Existing District:

The Commission has a written statement of the functions and classes of service of the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District specifying the nature, location and extent of its classes of service that it provides within its boundary on file. The Commission's written statement remain unchanged by this amendment.

3. The Commission finds the number of written opposition filed by landowners and registered voters is 0.
4. Mailed notice has been provided pursuant to Government Code § 56663 on August 30, 2021.
5. 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.

6. The affected territory consists of 77.55± acres, is inhabited and is assigned the following short form designation: "Annexation No. 2018-06 to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District".
7. Annexation No. 2018-06 to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District 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 of the Certificate of Completion with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.
 - c. Recordation of the Certificate of Completion shall not occur prior to the conclusion of the 30-day reconsideration period provided under Government Code § 56895.
 - d. All fees due to LAFCO, the County of Los Angeles (including, but not limited to, fees owed to the County Assessor and/or the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk), and the State of California Board of Equalization; shall be paid by the Applicant, in full, prior to LAFCO's filing the Certificate of Completion. Failure to pay any and all fees due to LAFCO, the County of Los Angeles, and the State Board of Equalization, within one year of the Commission approval of this change of

organization/reorganization, will result in the change of organization/reorganization being terminated pursuant to Government Code §57001 unless, prior to expiration of that year, the Commission authorizes an extension of time for that completion.

- e. 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.
- f. The regular County assessment roll shall be utilized by the District.
- g. The affected territory will be taxed for any existing general indebtedness, if any, of the District.
- h. Annexation of the affected territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" to the District.
- i. The map and geographic description of the affected territory shall comply with all requirements of LAFCO, the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, and the State of California Board of Equalization. If LAFCO, the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, and/or the State of California Board of Equalization require changes, the map and geographic description shall be revised and all associated costs shall be the responsibility of the applicant.
- j. Except to the extent in conflict with "a" through "i", 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 § 57325) shall apply to this annexation

8. Pursuant to Government Code § 56663, the Commission finds that all the following have occurred: 1) mailed notice pursuant to Government Code § 56157 has been given to landowners and registered voters within the affected territory; 2) the mailed notice discloses the potential for the extension or continuation of any previously authorized charge, fee, assessment, or tax by the City and/or District in the affected territory; 3) the mailed notice discloses that unless written opposition to the proposal is received before the conclusion of the Commission proceeding on the proposal, the Commission intends to waive protest proceedings; and 4) no written opposition to the proposal from landowners or registered voters before the conclusion of the Resolution No. 2020-00RMD Page 6 of 6 proceeding/hearing. Therefore, pursuant to Government Code § 56663, the Commission hereby waives protest proceedings.
9. The Commission hereby orders the inhabited territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" annexed to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District.
10. The Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to mail copies of this resolution as provided in Government Code § 56882.
11. 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 § 54902.5 and prepare, execute and file a certificate of completion with the appropriate public agencies, pursuant to Government Code § 57200, *et seq.*
12. Pursuant to Government Code § 56883, the Executive Officer may make non-substantive corrections to this resolution to address any technical defect, error, irregularity, or omission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of October 2021.

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

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



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-20RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE
MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 13, 2021 TO NOVEMBER 10,
2021, PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT**

WHEREAS, the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles (“LAFCO” or “Commission”) is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the Commission are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the Commission conduct its business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code Section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions and requirements; and

WHEREAS, a required condition of Government Code Section 54953(e) is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code Section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558; and

WHEREAS, it is further a required condition of Government Code Section 54953(e) that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body holds a meeting to determine by majority vote that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, because such conditions now exist in Los Angeles County and throughout the state, a State of Emergency has been proclaimed by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 4, 2020, addressing the threats to public health and safety associated with the COVID-19 pandemic in California, and prescribing certain measures to protect the health and safety of all state residents, and said State of Emergency remains in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Industrial Relations has issued regulations, at Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations Section 3205(c)(5)(D), making recommendations for physical (social) distancing in the workplace as a measure to decrease the spread of COVID-19, given that particles containing the virus can travel more than six feet, especially indoors; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Public Health Officer has issued guidance for the business community, "Best Practices to Prevent Covid-19 – Guidance for Businesses and Employers," which recommends that employers implement policies and practices that support physical distancing of at least six feet, including practices such as limiting indoor occupancy, using visual distancing cues, offering telework options to staff, offering flexible work hours, and altering physical work space to increase distance between workstations and customers; and

WHEREAS, an in-person meeting of the Commission would present imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees, given the continued presence of COVID-19, as well as the inability to maintain adequate social distancing amongst commissioners, staff, legal counsel, and the general public in an indoor setting; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the foregoing, the Commission does hereby find that it shall conduct its meetings without complying with Government Code Section 54953(b)(3), as authorized by Government Code Section 54953(e), and that the Commission shall comply with

the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in

Government Code Section 54953(e)(2).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are hereby incorporated into this Resolution by reference.
2. The Commission hereby determines that there is an active, proclaimed state of emergency throughout the State of California due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; that state and local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees as the result of the COVID-19 emergency.
3. The Commission is hereby authorized to conduct its open and public meetings by teleconference in compliance with the provisions of Government Code Section 54953(e).
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of either November 11, 2021 (thirty days from today), or such time as the Commission adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the legislative body of the Commission may continue to teleconference without compliance with Government Code Section 54953(b)(3).

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5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of either November 11, 2021 (thirty days from today), or such time as the Commission adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code § 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the legislative body of the Commission may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of § 54953.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of October, 2021.

MOTION: Mitchell
SECOND: Barger
AYES: Barger, Close, Dear, Finlay, McCallum, Mirisch, Mitchell, Gladbach
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.
MOTION PASSES: 8/0/0

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