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

May 10, 2023

Present:

Donald Dear, Chair

Margaret Finlay (virtual)
John Lee
Robert Lewis (virtual)
Gerard McCallum
Holly Mitchell
Francine Oschin (virtual)

Anthony Bell, Alternate
Michael Davitt, Alternate
Mel Matthews, Alternate (virtual)

Paul Novak, Executive Officer
Tiffiani Shin, Legal Counsel

Absent:

Kathryn Barger
John Mirisch

Hilda Solis, Alternate

Vacant:

City of Los Angeles, Alternate Member
Alternate General Public Member

1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:53 a.m. as both an in-person and virtual meeting.

The following item was called up for consideration:

- a. Commissioners request to participate remotely pursuant to Government Code § 54953(f)(2): Commissioners Robert Lewis and Francine Oschin request to participate remotely for the May 10, 2023 Meeting (today).

The Commission took the following action:

- Approved Commissioners Lewis' and Oschin's request to participate at today's meeting (May 10, 2023), remotely.

MOTION: McCallum SECOND: Mitchell APPROVED: 5-0-0
AYES: Davitt (Alt. for Mirisch), Lee, McCallum, Mitchell, Dear
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Barger, Finlay, Mirisch

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Dear.

3 DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION(S)

The 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).

4 SWEARING-IN OF SPEAKER(S)

No speakers provided testimony.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT

(None).

The Commission moved to Agenda Item No. 9.a.

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- a. Interview Finalists for New Alternate Public Member.

Adriana Romo, Deputy Executive Officer (DEO), summarized the staff report on this item.

The Commission interviewed four (4) of the six (6) candidates for Alternate Public Member.

The Commission took the following actions:

- Interviewed four (4) of the six (6) finalists for Alternate Public Member vacancy; and
- Continued the interviews to the June 14, 2023 meeting to allow the remaining two (2) of the six (6) finalists for Alternate Public Member to be interviewed; and
- Directed staff to agendize the appointment of the new Alternate Public Member at the June 14, 2023 meeting.

MOTION: Mitchell SECOND: McCallum APPROVED: 7-0-0
AYES: Davitt (Alt. for Mirisch), Lee, Lewis, McCallum, Mitchell, Oschin, Dear
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Barger, Finlay, Mirisch

[Commissioner Finlay arrived at 9:15 a.m.]

The Commission moved to Agenda Item Nos. 6.a. through 6.i. (Consent Items).

6 CONSENT ITEM(S)

The Commission took the following actions under Consent Item(s):

- a. Approved Minutes of April 12, 2023.
- b. Approved Operating Account Check Register for the month of April 2023.
- c. Received and filed update on Pending Proposals.

- d. Information Item(s) – Government Code §§ 56751 & 56857.
 - i. Reorganization No. 2023-02 to the City of Monrovia (Amendments to the City of Arcadia and City of Monrovia Spheres of Influence; Detachment from the City of Arcadia; and Annexation to the City of Monrovia).
- e. Miscellaneous Communications.
(None).
- f. Adopted the Resolution Making Determinations, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 433 to the County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County; Resolution No. 2023-04RMD.
- g. Adopted the Resolution Making Determinations, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 766 to the County Sanitation District No. 21 of Los Angeles County; Resolution No. 2023-05RMD.
- h. Legislative Update.
- i. Executive Officer Written Report.

MOTION: McCallum SECOND: Mitchell APPROVED: 7-0-0
AYES: Finlay, Lee, Lewis, McCallum, Mitchell, Oschin, Dear
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Barger, Mirisch

7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

(None).

8 PROTEST HEARING(S)

(None).

10 REQUESTED POSITION(S) ON LEGISLATION

(None).

11 COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Chair Dear indicated that Executive Officer Paul Novak's 3-year performance evaluation will be on a future agenda as a Closed Session Item for discussion. Chair Dear noted that completed performance evaluation surveys are due no later than Monday, June 5, 2023.

12 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The EO thanked Doug Dorado (Senior Government Analyst), Taylor Morris (GIS Technician), and Alisha O'Brien (Government Analyst) for speaking at the 2023 CALAFCO Workshop in Murphy's.

[Commissioner Mitchell left at 9:32 a.m.]

13 PUBLIC COMMENT

(None).

14 FUTURE MEETINGS

June 14, 2023
July 12, 2023
August 9, 2023

15 ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Commissioner Dear adjourned the in-person and virtual meeting at 9:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Paul Novak, AICP
Executive Officer

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-04RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING AND ORDERING
"ANNEXATION NO. 433 TO THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 14
OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY"**

WHEREAS, the County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County (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 or LAFCO), pursuant to, Division 3, Title 5, of the California Government Code (commencing with § 56000, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000), for annexation to the District of territory herein described, all within the City of Palmdale (City); and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of approximately 81± acres of uninhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: "Annexation No. 433 to the County Sanitation District No. 14 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 service for one (1) proposed office 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 proposed annexation ("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 § 56662; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer set the item for consideration for May 10, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 374-A, located at 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2023 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. 433 to the County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines § 15096, the Commission has considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared and adopted by the City of Palmdale, as lead agency, on January 9, 2020, 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, as applicable, for the project, finding that the mitigation monitoring program is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during project implementation.
2. Pursuant to Government Code § 56662(a), the Commission hereby finds and determines that:
 - a. The territory encompassed by the annexation is uninhabited; and
 - b. Pursuant to Government Code §§ 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 § 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 81± acres, is uninhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation:

"Annexation No. 433 to the County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County".

- 5. Annexation No. 433 to the County Sanitation District No. 14 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 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 set forth 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.

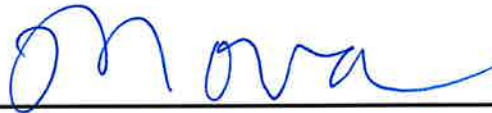
- i. The map and geographic description of the affected territory shall comply with all requirements of LAFCO, the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, and the State of California Board of Equalization. If LAFCO, the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, and/or the State 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.
6. The Commission hereby orders the uninhabited territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" annexed to the County Sanitation District No. 14 of Los Angeles County.
7. The Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to mail copies of this resolution as provided in Government Code § 56882.
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 § 54902.5 and prepare, execute and file a certificate of completion with the appropriate public agencies, pursuant to Government Code § 57200, *et seq.*

9. 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 10th day of May 2023.

MOTION: McCallum SECOND: Mitchell APPROVED: 7-0-0
AYES: Finlay, Lee, Lewis, McCallum, Mitchell, Oschin, Dear
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Barger, Mirisch

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



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING AND ORDERING
"ANNEXATION NO. 766 TO THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 21
OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY"**

WHEREAS, the County Sanitation District No. 21 of Los Angeles County (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 § 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 Walnut (City); and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of approximately 2.75± acres of uninhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: "Annexation No. 766 to the County Sanitation District No. 21 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 service for twenty (20) 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 proposed annexation ("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 § 56662; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer set the item for consideration for May 10, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 374-A, located at 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2023 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. 766 to the County Sanitation District No. 21 of Los Angeles County, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines § 15096, the Commission has considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared and adopted by the City of Walnut, as lead agency, on April 12, 2017, 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 as applicable for the project, finding that the mitigation monitoring program is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during project implementation.
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NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
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