

LASSEN COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
Board of Supervisors Chambers 707 Nevada Street Susanville, CA 96130

REGULAR MEETING
December 8, 2014 - 3:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Chairperson Eid.

Roll call of members present: Jim Chapman, Brian R. Wilson and Todd Eid. Absent: De Boer and Wosick.

Staff Present: John Benoit, Executive Officer and Gwenna MacDonald, Clerk.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman to approve the agenda as submitted; Commissioner Wilson provided a second and the motion carried. Ayes: Chapman, Wilson and Eid. Absent: De Boer and Wosick.

Correspondence

Mr. Benoit distributed copies of *The Sphere*, a CalLAFCO publication.

Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Wilson to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2014 and October 6, 2014 meetings; Commissioner Chapman provided a second and the motion carried. Ayes: Wilson, Chapman and Eid. Absent: De Boer and Wosick.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

6 Southern Cascades Community Services District Application

Mr. Benoit explained that LAFCO Application 2014-0001 for the formation of the Southern Cascades Community Services District is nearing the end of its one year filing term, and the proponents of the District are still active in seeking funding and investigating options after the ballot measure failed to pass in the June 2014 election. The District has requested an extension to February 10, 2017 in order to allow sufficient time for the proponents to complete the application process.

Dan Bouse, Big Valley working group, stated that the group was still active and were meeting on a weekly basis and working in the community and were planning on going through the special election process in May. He referred to the loss on the June 2014 ballot as a wake-up call, as the election failed to pass by only 44 votes. The group is very hopeful and dedicated to working with the community to educate them regarding the value of establishing the special district.

Motion by Commissioner Wilson to approve the application extension as requested; Commissioner Chapman provided a second and the motion carried. Ayes: Wilson, Chapman and Eid. Absent: De Boer and Wosick.

7 RCD Consolidation – Surprise Valley and Central Modoc

Mr. Benoit reported that he received a courtesy call from Modoc LAFCO that a proposed resolution for the dissolution of the Central Modoc Resource Conservation District and Surprise Valley Resource Conservation District for the purpose of forming a single Modoc Resource Conservation District was being considered by the Modoc LAFCO, which is the lead agency for the dissolution and formation. He referred to the existing and proposed district boundary maps, noting that a portion of the southern edge of the District drops into Lassen County. There was a general discussion regarding the proposed consolidation, and Mr. Benoit noted that it was information only item and did not require a vote by the Commission.

8 Discussion of October Calafco Conference

Mr. Benoit reviewed highlights of the October Calafco Conference, including presentations regarding water conservation legislation, the history of LAFCO and issues related to cyber security. He added that all presentations are available to view online.

9 Payment of Claims: October 2014 and November 2014

Motion by Commissioner Wilson to approve claims for October 2014 and November 2014 in the amount of \$6,475.01; Commissioner Chapman provided a second and the motion carried. Ayes: Wilson, Chapman and Eid. Absent: De Boer and Wosick.

IO Executive Officers Report

Mr. Benoit reported that he attended the Meyers Healthcare District Annexation meeting scheduled on October 7, 2014 in Adin, at which time he shared the concerns of Lassen LAFCO. He came away from the meeting with the observation that the annexation process has been totally misrepresented to the District and they had no knowledge of anything regarding the establishment of Sphere of Influence requirements, an election to vote for the establishment of a special tax, and they have opted to go back to the drawing board and start at the beginning. He encouraged them to retain an attorney in order to prepare an acceptable application that meets all of the requirements of the annexation process.

Mr. Benoit explained that the Fall River Mills Fire Protection District was working to adopt a Sphere of Influence which would include the McArthur, Northwest Lassen and Shasta Fire Protection Districts, that the Susanville MSR was on track to be considered in February, and that he was working on a service review for the Lassen County RCD. He would be continuing to work with the Herlong PUD and was going to be meeting with Pat Williams, General Manager, to develop a strategy for timelines, tax sharing, and annexation versus consolidation.

Pat Williams, General Manager, Herlong PUD, stated that the application for consolidation was in progress, and that they were working through the CEQA process and that a draft application had been submitted to both Boards and at this time it appeared that they were leaning towards an annexation.

Mr. Benoit added that the dissolution of CSA #2 pertains to the Johnstonville well which had been serving the Caltrans yard. The property has been transferred to the City of Susanville, so there is no further need for a Community Service Area.

II Commissioner Reports No business.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Wilson to adjourn until February 9, 2015; motion carried. Ayes: Chapman, Wilson and Eid. Absent: De Boer and Wosick. The meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Todd Eid, Chairperson

Gwenne MacDonald, Recording Secretary

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