

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

REGULAR MEETING
February 8, 2016 - 3:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson Eid.

Roll call of members present: Jim Chapman, Jeff Hemphill, Brian Wilson, Kathie Garnier and Chairperson Todd Eid.

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

Motion by Commissioner Hemphill to approve the agenda as submitted; Commissioner Garnier provided a second and the motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Hemphill, Garnier, Chapman, Wilson and Eid.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Hemphill, to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2015 meeting; motion carried with Commissioner Garnier abstaining. Ayes: Chapman, Hemphill, Wilson and Eid. Abstain: Garnier.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

6. LAFCO Initiation of West Patton Village CSD and Herlong Public Utility District Mr. Benoit provided a summary of the proposed consolidation of the West Patton Village CSD and Herlong Public Utility District. LAFCO considered and discussed assisting in the negotiation process and at the December 2015 meeting, it was the consensus of the Board that the respective agencies continue discussion to allow the Boards to come to an agreement regarding the consolidation. It was recommended that the item be kept on the agenda for follow up to address any additional concerns and to obtain a status update regarding progress. The representatives present at the meeting were from West Patton Village, and Mr. Benoit indicated that Mr. Williams, General Manager for HPUD, was not available to attend the meeting. The recommendation for consolidation of the Districts has been adopted by the Commission as part of the Municipal Service Review, but it needs the support of the people in order to be successful. The protest threshold for a LAFCO initiated consolidation is low, and he stated that he would like to go before both Boards to speak regarding the process and hopefully bring about the cooperation needed to move forward.

Chairperson Eid asked those in attendance if the Boards had gotten together and reached any sort of agreement.

Eula Johnson, President/Board member, West Patton Village responded that she would be meeting with Supervisor Tom Hammond and Pat Williams as soon as Pat returned and discuss many of the issues that have come up, particularly the sewer system.

Mr. Benoit added that it is important that the topic remains relevant to all of those involved. Commissioner Chapman suggested keeping it as a regular agenda item to prompt frequent updates from the Districts, adding that it was important for Mr. Benoit to assist in providing the frame work for the

process since there is currently a lot of frustration for everyone involved. He stated that it was important to make the process work for the residents of the community.

Commissioner Wilson asked what the filing deadline was to have a measure on the ballot in November.

Commissioner Chapman responded that the deadline is August 5th, so they need to be well underway with the process by June if they hope to move forward.

Mr. Benoit stated that he is encouraging both Boards to pass a joint resolution of consolidation to initiate the process.

There was a general discussion regarding the condition of the West Patton Village sewer system and the responsibility of the agency that is giving up the system to address issues prior to handing it over to the newly formed District. WPV has cleaned the lines in preparation of doing a video test, and if the lines have to be replaced, it will be very expensive. Commissioner Chapman discussed the ramifications of ignoring the situation to the point that the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Board becomes involved, and cautioned those present in taking steps to remedy the situation prior to that happening. It is a health and safety situation and should be dealt with prior to the consolidation of the districts.

It was the consensus of the Commission to keep the issue at the forefront of LAFCO discussion and provide for a regular update on the agenda.

7. Sphere of Influence Update – City of Susanville Mr. Benoit provided sphere of influence maps depicting the Susanville city limit boundary and existing 10-year and 20-year sphere as adopted in 2007. For reference, he provided a sphere of influence map for the Susanville Sanitary District and proposed that the City sphere mirror the existing service boundaries and sphere established by the Sanitary District in 2013. Mr. Benoit requested that the discussion and consideration occur with the City Council so that a resolution and recommendation be made to be reviewed by LAFCO to make a determination. To propose a sphere of probable growth for the future is a discussion that should be initiated by the City in order to avoid developing suggested maps and boundaries that the City Council would not support.

The Commission discussed the changes over the years that have affected the areas of probable growth to the north of the City and options for expansion that are also inhibited by agricultural land to the east. The payment for expansion was also discussed and the burden to existing rate payers as the City grows to expand and serve more residents and territory, and the resulting impacts to the City as a whole.

It was determined that Mr. Benoit would be working with City staff to develop a proposed updated sphere.

8. Payment of Claims: December 2015 and January 2016

Motion by Commissioner Hemphill, second by Commissioner Garnier, to authorize payment of claims for December 2015 and January 2016 in the amount of \$6,137.43; motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Hemphill, Garnier, Chapman, Wilson and Eid.

9. LAFCO Annual Work Plan / Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Mr. Benoit reviewed the Service Review and Sphere Status update report, noting that there were a few Districts that were no longer providing services included on the list, with the exception of the Bieber Lighting District which may still be an active District. Pending updates include the Susanville Sphere of Influence and Honey Lake Valley RCD.

Commissioner Chapman noted a correction under County Service Areas that it should read Honey Lake TV, and Johnstonville CSA #2 has been dissolved and should be removed from the list.

Mr. Benoit discussed the status of the Honey Lake Valley RCD, noting that they have a new Board, and they need to develop an RCD Plan and things seem to be moving in a good direction. He discussed issues related to their budget and water master program.

10 CALAFCO Workshop: March 30 – April 1, 2016, Burbank, CA

Motion by Commissioner Wilson, second by Commissioner Hemphill, to authorize executive officer attendance at the Calafco Workshop in Burbank, California; motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Wilson, Hemphill, Garnier, Chapman and Eid.

11 Executive Officer Report

Mr. Benoit provided the following updates:

- Fall River Mills FPD/McArthur FPD Consolidation: Mr. Benoit reported that he has been working with Brent Cassidy to gather resolutions and move the process forward and they are working with a new executive director for Shasta LAFCO, George Williamson.
- Honey Lake RCD: Mr. Benoit will be moving forward with the MSR and SOI update.
- 700 Forms are due by April 1st.
- Southern Cascades CSD status The process is moving forward to the election, with Modoc LAFCO acting as lead agency and the election is being conducted by Modoc County due to a significant savings in cost from Lassen County.

11. Commissioner Reports None.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Hemphill to adjourn until April 11, 2016; motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Chapman, Hemphill, Garnier, Wilson and Eid.

The meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Todd Eid, Chairperson

Approved

Gwenna MacDonald, Recording Secretary