



LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES

MINUTES OF REGULAR
LAFCO MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2007

PUBLIC CONFERENCE ROOM A-7
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
MADERA, CALIFORNIA

Commissioners Present:

Ron Harris, Frank Bigelow, Richard Dal Cerro, and Ronn Dominici

Others Present:

Dave Herb, Executive Officer
Joel Moses, Assistant Executive Officer
Jim Gerecke, Legal Counsel
Olivia Dias, LAFCO Clerk
Dana'e Boria, Program Assistant
Charles Leavitt, LAFCO Alternate

Convened:

6:00 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance

1. Review and approve the minutes of the November 14, 2006 meeting

On a motion by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Dal Cerro, it was ordered to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2006 LAFCO meeting. The motion carried 4-0.

2. Public Comment

No comments from the public were received by the Commission at this time.

3. Selection of Chair and Chair Pro Tem

On a motion by Commissioner Richard Dal Cerro, seconded by Commissioner Ronn Dominici, it was ordered to appoint Mr. Ron Harris as the new Chair. On a motion by Commissioner Ron Harris, seconded by Commissioner Ronn Dominici, it was ordered to appoint Mr. Richard Dal Cerro as the new Chair Pro Tem. The motions carried 4-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

4. Madera Irrigation District Presentation

Mr. Larry Howard from the Madera Irrigation District presented the history and the methodology used in calculating the fees assessed by Madera Irrigation District. The increased fees are due to the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractor's cost, in which they held the original water rights, MID has to pay their costs in order to get the water

that Madera is entitled to, for citizens of the City of Madera and the County of Madera. The fees are the same, regardless of how much water is supplied. The Madera Irrigation District has no control over these fees. The cost of approximately \$104.1 per acre for lands annexed to the City, no longer are assessed for such repayment costs and the remaining agricultural lands would have to absorb that cost at no cost to the lands that were annexed. That is the basis for the per acre charge, when lands are annexed into the City.

5. Conference Room Design

The Planning Department budgeted monies to complete the initial design of the public conference room in the Resource Management Agency Building, where several sources of public meetings are held, including LAFCO meetings. The Board of Supervisors directed Planning Department staff to consult with those affected Commissions, to make sure the proposed design meets everyone's needs. Mr. Moses of the Planning staff gave information of the remodeling of the Commission Chambers in the Resource Management Agency Building and asked the LAFCO Commission for any suggestions or special needs of the LAFCO Commission.

No comments from the Commissioners were received at this time.

6. Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Herb noted that LAFCO issued a Request for Proposal for the required Municipal Service Review earlier this fiscal year; LAFCO has consultants working on several Districts, two of them being the Madera Irrigation District and the Chowchilla District. The LAFCO staff will be bringing those Districts to hearing in the future. Mr. Herb also noted that there are some complexities related to boundary overlaps and lack of legal descriptions that his staff has uncovered as a result of LAFCO studies.

Mr. Herb also noted the new LAFCO City Commissioner and the City Alternate Commissioner will be chosen in January of this year and will be at the next meeting.

7. Commissioners Report

None at this time

Adjournment 6:45 p.m.

Next meeting February 13, 2007

Ronald Harris, Chairman
Madera Local Agency Formation Commission

ATTEST:

DAVE HERB, Executive Officer

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