

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COLUSA COUNTY
MINUTES OF MEETING ON AUGUST 4, 2011

PRESENT:

TOM REISCHE, City Member, Alternate
DENISE CARTER, County Member
KAY HOSMER, Chair, City Member
BRANDON ASH, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT:

JOHN BENOIT, Ex. Officer
P. SCOTT BROWNE, Legal Counsel
LORA CECCON, Clerk
MARY WINTERS, Public Sector, Alt.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair, K. Hosmer called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. There was a quorum present.

2. Approval of the Minutes from the July 7, 2011 LAFCO meeting

On motion of Commissioner B. Ash, second by Commissioner D. Carter, the Commission approved the July 7, 2011 minutes as presented. Passed on a roll call vote (4-0).

3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

4. Payment of claims for the month of July 2011

On motion of Commissioner B. Ash, second by Commissioner T. Reische, the Commission approved payment of the July claims. Passed on a roll call vote. (4-0)

5. Sphere of Influence Update for the City of Colusa - Workshop

J. Benoit presented his report on the City of Colusa Sphere of Influence Update and reviewed the attached maps. John does not think there are any environmental impacts associated with annexation of the wastewater treatment plant property. However, the State Park property is a bigger issue. City staff is not present today to discuss this issue.

Jan McClintock, City Manager, City of Colusa, was contacted and she arrived at 3:21 p.m.

A short discussion was held regarding the general plan and agricultural land mitigation.

Jan McClintock provided the Commission information regarding utilities available at the State Park. There are 14 sites with only 1 having all utilities. Ms. McClintock stated that the park pays over \$8,000 per year for water.

John explained that the green area shown on the City of Colusa City Boundary map is area proposed to be included in the SOI update. However, due to the recession,

there is still area to develop within the 20-year boundary. The “ultimate” sphere is no longer applicable.

Ms. McClintock advised the Commission that the owners of the land across from the fairgrounds (Vanns) are asking for annexation in order to prepare for the future. S. Browne stated that Lafcos do not approve annexations years in advance of projects.

More discussion followed regarding “green areas” and the possible creation of sphere policies.

Ms. McClintock pointed out that the orange area, on the City of Colusa General Plan Land Use Diagram, was to be commercial development.

John stated that October 6, 2011 may be too soon to schedule the public hearing. It was decided that the SOI public hearing would be set for November 3, 2011 and may be continued.

6. Executive Officer’s Monthly Report

a. Legislative Update: John advised members that he is waiting until after the conference in order to provide a legislative update. He will provide a written report from the conference. S. Browne stated that the Rich Gordon bill streamlines the process to dissolve districts. This bill will be a big help in dissolving districts and moving forward with consolidation. This is a pro-active move in making special districts more efficient.

7. Commission Reports

K. Hosmer reported that there are many changes regarding legislation, and she e-mails information to the other Commissioners.

Commissioners T. Reische, K. Hosmer and D. Carter will be attending the conference. D. Carter will serve as the voting delegate.

8. Correspondence - None

9. Adjourn to next Lafco meeting – October 6, 2011

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.