

Colusa LAFCO
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2010

Commissioners present: Brandon Ash, Denise Carter, Don Barker, and Alternate Commissioner Mary Winters

Meeting opened by Commissioner Carter, Chair of the Commission at 3:02 pm

Consent Agenda, Claims were approved by unanimous vote

Park and Recreation Municipal Service Review

Executive Officer (EO) Benoit gave the staff report on the Park and Recreation Municipal Service Review of the three Recreation and Park Districts: Arbuckle, Maxwell and Stonyford. While Arbuckle had substantial funding, the other two districts have very limited funding and therefore limited ability to provide services.

A representative of the Maxwell Park District, Ben Pearson, spoke concerning the limited resources available to the district. He stated that it would be very difficult to get a parcel charge increase approved by the voters at the present time. Maxwell needs a park but there is no money for it. The District received a \$330,000 park grant from the State but that has been spent on improvements at the High School. They want to do a soccer field and swimming pool if the resources could be found.

Mary Winters pointed out that Maxwell currently has a \$15 per house per year, but it was agreed that this was insufficient to fund adequate park services.

The EO suggested that the park districts should give input in the General Plan process about the need for park and recreation services.

Commissioner Carter stated that she wanted to hold the MSR over to the next meeting to allow Comm Evans to participate in commenting on the MSR. She urged the representatives from Maxwell to review the MSR carefully and give comments to John Benoit on any changes that are appropriate.

A discussion was held regarding various facts in the MSR. Don Barker discussed the recreation facilities in the City of Williams.

The MSR and SOI's were continued to the January 27th meeting for further comments and revisions.

Scheduling Colusa City SOI Hearing

The Executive Officer discussed the need to set a meeting between the City of Colusa and the County on the City Sphere update as required under the Cortese-Knox Act. They also need to discuss a master tax agreement. Commissioner Carter agreed that there was a need for the City and County to meet. They don't have to reach agreement but they do have to meet.

The Commission directed the EO to work with Gary Evans for the County and the city officials to set up the meeting. The EO will do some research on the city and county improvement standards to see whether the two match as an important component of a city county agreement would be to harmonize those standards within the City SOI.

Executive Officer Report

LAFCo will be very busy in the coming year. Activities include:

- The EO will be meeting with the fire districts after the meeting to discuss possible reorganizations.
- LAFCo will soon be reviewing the Williams MSR/General Plan document which is a fairly major document.
- LAFCo will participate in commenting on the County General Plan. The EO has already noted inaccuracies in the GP background documents.
- The EO is working on completing GIS mapping of county district boundaries and SOI's. He is going to have to work with the County to insure that the LAFCo GIS information is installed on the County GIS system.

Other Reports.

The LAFCo Legal Counsel discussed with the Commission a new case *Building Industry Association vs County of Stanislaus* which upheld the authority of agencies to require farmland conservation easements to mitigate the impacts of farmland conversion.

There were no commissioner reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.