

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COLUSA COUNTY
MINUTES OF MEETING ON JANUARY 5, 2012

PRESENT:

ANGIE FULCHER, City Member, Vice Chair
DENISE CARTER, County Member
KAY HOSMER, Chair, City Member
MARY WINTERS, Alternate, Public Member
GARY EVANS, County Member

ALSO PRESENT:

JOHN BENOIT, Ex. Officer
MARSHA BURCH, Legal Counsel
LORA CECCON, Clerk
TOM RIESCHE, City Alternate

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair, K. Hosmer called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. There was a quorum present.

2. Approval of the Minutes from the December 8, 2011 LAFCO meeting

Commissioner G. Evans was not able to attend the December meeting, and asked for clarification regarding the Fire Districts public hearing. John provided a brief summary.

On motion of A. Fulcher, second by D. Carter, the Commission approved the December 8, 2011 minutes. Passed on a roll call vote (4-1-0).

3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

4. Payment of claims for the month of December 2011

J. Benoit distributed an updated claim form. Commissioner M. Winters asked about the cost of SOIs and MSRs. John explained that we do not bill the districts for the cost because MSRs/SOIs are Lafco requirements.

On motion of D. Carter, second by G. Evans, the Commission approved payment of the December claims. Passed on a roll call vote. (5-0)

Public Hearings – 3:09

5. Wastewater Treatment Plant Sphere of Influence Amendment and Reorganization removing detaching 85 acres from the Sacramento River Fire Protection District Sphere and District Boundary and including and annexing 85 acres to the City of Colusa

J. Benoit presented his Executive Officer's Report regarding the City of Colusa's request. The City of Colusa adopted Resolution 11-30 on September 20, 2011 requesting an annexation of noncontiguous city owned property located on Assessor's Parcels 017-020-007 and 017-020-011 and concurrent detachment from the Sacramento River Fire Protection district and an amendment to the City's Sphere of Influence. This property is

the site of the Colusa Wastewater Treatment plant located southwesterly of the existing city limits and contains 85 acres more or less.

John stated that there are no issues and staff recommends approval.

Commissioner G. Evans moved to adopt Resolution 2012-0001 making determinations and approving a Sphere of Influence amendment for the City of Colusa to add 85 acres more or less for city owned territory to its Sphere of Influence and to remove 85 acres more or less from the Sphere of Influence from the Sacramento River Fire Protection District, second by Commissioner D. Carter. Motion passed on a roll call vote (5-0).

Commissioner D. Carter moved to adopt Resolution 2012-0002 making determinations and approving the detachment of 85 acres from the Sacramento River Fire Protection District and concurrent annexation of 85 acres more or less to the City of Colusa, second by Commissioner G. Evans. Motion passed on a roll call vote (5-0)

6. Sphere of Influence Update Plan for the City of Colusa (Continued)

Resolution 2012-0003, A Resolution making determinations and approving a Sphere of Influence Plan Update for the City of Colusa, is included with today's agenda packet. J. Benoit stated that he would like additional time to allow S. Browne time to review the Resolution. We can go forward with the public hearing and bring a final resolution back for approval at the next meeting (2/2/2012). Commissioner D. Carter asked about the number of acres mentioned under number 5, page 3. It states 48 acres, but the park is larger than that. Her understanding was that it is all or nothing. John confirmed that it will need correcting. Commissioner K. Hosmer would also like some additional time to review the resolution. The consensus is to continue the public hearing to February 2, 2012.

7. Discussion regarding Draft Colusa County General Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report

J. Benoit began to review for Commissioners the letter to the County of Colusa Building and Planning Department regarding LAFCO comments and suggestions with respect to the November 21, 2011 Draft General Plan and Draft EIR. John's letter includes 67 bullet points. He stated that Lafco's letter has to be to the County by the 15th or 16th. John suggested rather than going over all 67 points, possibly meeting with a couple of the Commissioners to review. Commissioner K. Hosmer stated that she reviewed the letter and thought the points were very clear. More discussion was held regarding some of the bullet points. Commissioner K. Hosmer stated that she would be happy to meet with John. John asked Commissioners to please get any comments/concerns to him by Monday. He will get a letter sent to the County.

8. Discussion regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the City of Williams General Plan

John has started to review the chapters. There is a 45 day review period that included the holidays. He is requesting a two week extension. He has already identified some concerns; such as, there is no discussion of Lafco's definition of Prime Ag Land, acreage figures are inconsistent, the use of words such as would, could and should, and there is an issue with not stating where Williamson Act Lands are located. These are just initial comments. Lafco will get an opportunity to comment; a letter will be sent.

9. Consider Reconsideration of the Sacramento River Fire Protection District's Sphere of Influence and provide direction to staff. Discuss and set date for hearing, as necessary.

J. Benoit advised the Commission that he received a written request that this item be reconsidered. There are implications from action taken at last months meeting that were not fully discussed. These deal specifically with the Sacramento River Fire Protection District, not the others. A hearing will need to be set for reconsideration.

Commissioner D. Carter moved to set a hearing date of February 2, 2012, and if not possible due to time restraint, then March 1, 2012, second by Commissioner G. Evans. Motion passed by roll call vote (5-0).

10. Executive Officer's Report

John provided a brief legislative update stating that he will provide more information at next months meeting.

11. Commissioner Reports – Discussion

Commissioner K. Hosmer stated that she needs to poll the Commissioners regarding changing the name Lafco. After some discussion regarding a possible name change, the consensus of the Commission is to make no change to the name.

12. Correspondence

None

13. Adjournment to next Lafco meeting – February 2, 2012

The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.