

# Colusa Local Agency Formation Commission

## Minutes November 4, 2010

### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Colusa Local Agency Formation Commission meets this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2010 at the hour of 3:00 PM. Commissioners Present: Don Barker, Brandon Ash, Kay Hosmer, Gary Evans, and Denise Carter, Chairman. Commissioners Absent: None.

Present: John Benoit, Executive Officer.  
Mary Winters, Public Member, Alt.  
Scott Browne Legal Counsel.  
Andre Young, Maxwell Parks and Recreation Dist.  
Charles Bergson, Williams City Administrator.  
Alicia Draves, Commission Clerk.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Carter declares time for approval of the Minutes of September 2, 2010.

Ms. Winters states there were discrepancies in the minutes regarding the absence of Commissioner Evans, noting that he was not in attendance at the September 2, 2010 meeting.

It is moved by Commissioner Hosmer, seconded by Commissioner Ash to approve the Minutes of September 2, 2010 as corrected. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Barker, Hosmer, Ash, Evans, and Carter.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

### 3. Public Comment

Chairman Carter declares time for a period of public comment.

Hearing none, Chairman Carter closes the period of public comment.

### 4. Consent Agenda

Chairman Carter declares time for approval of the Consent Agenda.

It is moved by Commissioner Barker, seconded by Commissioner Ash to approve payment of claims for the month of October 2010. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Barker, Ash, Evans, and Carter.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Hosmer.

**5&6. WORKSHOP Regarding Parks and Recreation Municipal Service Review and Sphere**

Chairman Carter declares time for a workshop on the MSR and Spheres of Influence for the various Parks and Recreation Districts within the County of Colusa.

Mr. Benoit states the MSR covers various private recreation facilities as well as the Arbuckle, Maxwell, and Stonyford Parks and Recreation Districts.

Discussion is held regarding the Maxwell Parks and Recreation District with Mr. Benoit stating the District is still active, however they do not currently operate the public pool. He notes they do have a positive fund balance, but do not pay for the pool.

Mr. states the Maxwell High School pool is outdated and would take more money than the District has to repair it and bring it up to code.

Mr. Benoit inquires if the District has plans for other recreations activities in the future.

Mr. states the District is currently taking part in a tri county elementary basketball league which will only last 6 weeks.

Commissioner Evans inquires if the District has been notified regarding Prop 40 funds.

Mr. states they were informed and are considering building soccer fields, which would also have two infields for little league play. He further states they would like to build a new snack bar, bleachers, and sand volleyball courts.

Commissioner Hosmer inquires if there is any possibility of the Parks and Recreation District and the School District working together to bring a pool back to the community.

Mr. Andre Young states that they are aware the swimming pool is missed by the community and they are working on ways to obtain property and build a new one. He states he will be the representative for the District will LAFCO.

Mr. Benoit states Stonyford has a building with a meeting room and some recreational fields, but most are in need of improvements. He notes they also need a mower.

Discussion is held regarding the Arbuckle District, with Mr. Benoit noting they have had the largest area of growth.

Mr. Bergson, City Administrator for Williams is now present.

Discussion is held regarding funding sources for the districts; with Mr. Benoit stating that there is no way to require the current districts to have a funding source. He notes that in the bylaws

written by the current Commission newly formed districts are required to have a funding source.

Chairman Cater directs staff to schedule a public hearing for December 2, 2010.

**7. Discuss and Review Letter regarding Proposed Williams General Plan  
Review Draft letter and provide input into the Proposed Williams General Plan and direct staff to mail letter.**

Mr. Benoit reviews the letter to the City of Williams regarding the proposed Williams General Plan. He states he has informed the City of Williams they will need to include a policy regarding required agricultural buffers, per LAFCO specifications. He further states the City will need to include a Right to Farm Ordinance. He notes he gave several suggestions regarding these items to the City Council regarding agricultural policies, hoping they will take the advice.

Mr. Bergson states Williams is in the middle of completing the General Plan and are hoping to adopt it early next year. He further states he is concerned about the requirement of a 300 to 500 foot buffer, depending on where the sphere is set as it pertains to future limits. He also inquires what the difference is between Prime Agricultural Farmland and Agricultural Farmland.

Mr. Benoit states most of the agricultural land in Colusa County is considered Prime Agricultural Farmland.

Mr. Browne states that under LAFCO law, prime agricultural land includes anything that can produce \$500 in income.

Commissioner Barker inquires if a wall is required between development and farmland, or can the City simply use a green belt.

Mr. Browne suggests the City speak with the local farmers and ask for their input.

Mr. Browne states the buffer will move as more development are built. He notes that this policy is so agricultural land is not forced to develop prematurely. He further states they will need to plan for an ultimate development buffer, noting that if planned right, facilities can be put in place that have a dual purpose such as a park, a bike trail, or a green belt.

Mr. Bergson inquires if the City is required to stick to the policy of two sworn Police Officers per one thousand citizens.

Mr. Benoit states the wording on that policy is the City's. He further states he believes the wording needs to be less restrictive. He notes that if they leave that particular policy in the General Plan it will force LAFCO to deny any application brought forth by the City if they have not met the requirements of their own policies.

It is moved by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Hosmer to direct staff to send the proposed letter to the City of Williams.

AYES: Commissioners Barker, Hosmer, Ash, Evans, and Carter.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

**8. Staff and Commissioner Review Calafco Annual Conference in October 6 - 8 in Riverside County.**

Mr. Benoit reviews the various conference sessions, noting it was a good conference.

Commissioner Hosmer states it was a good conference.

Commissioner Fulcher states she enjoyed the mobile workshop at the wind turbine farm.

**9. Executive Officer's Report**

Mr. Benoit reviews upcoming projects and activities with the Commissioners.

**10. Commissioner Reports**

None.

**11. Correspondence**

None.

Chairman Carter adjourns the meeting at 4:53 PM, to be reconvened in Regular Session on Thursday, December 2, 2010.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Denise Carter, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alicia Draves, Commission Clerk