

AMADOR LAFCO



LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES

July 17, 2014

This meeting was available via live audio streaming and was digitally recorded.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call

The July 17, 2014 meeting of the Amador County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), held at the County Administration Center, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California was called to order by Chairman Novelli at 5:15 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Theodore Novelli, Chairman
Jim Vinciguerra, Vice Chairman
Louis Boitano, County Member
Patrick Crew, City Member
Byron Damiani, Public Alternate

Members Absent:

Tim Knox, City Member
Brian Oneto, County Alternate
Tim Murphy, City Alternate

Staff Present:

Roseanne Chamberlain, Executive Officer
Bernadette Garza, Clerk to the Commission
Karon Knuist, Alternate Clerk to the Commission

Staff Absent:

None.

3. Approval of Agenda for May 22, 2014

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Boitano, seconded by Commissioner Crew, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

4. Approval of the Minutes of May 22, 2014

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Crew, seconded by Commissioner Vinciguerra, and carried unanimously to approve the Minutes for May 22, 2014 with a minor change. Commissioner Boitano noted Commissioner Vinciguerra's name was misspelled and needed correction.

5. Approval of Claims for July 17, 2014

Commissioner Crew asked about IT service invoices for May and June 2014. Ms. Chamberlain explained May's invoice was paid on June 30 at the close of the fiscal year and June's IT invoice came late and is up for approval at this meeting.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Boitano, seconded by Commissioner Vinciguerra, and carried unanimously to approve the Approval of Claims – Meeting Final.

6. **Public Forum – Public Comment**

No members of the public spoke. Staff noted the new recording equipment and expressed thanks to the County for the Improvements.

Commissioner Novelli stated there was a CALAFCO meeting last Friday, (July 11, 2014) and the concern was legislation is rampant and there are 5-6 pages of pages new legislation going forward. One main board discussion concerned conferences refunds. Ms. Chamberlain stated that there is a long history with this conference issue and the conversation led to CALAFCO policy changes providing credits to future conferences but not refunds. She further stated that the Chairman asked her to poll those who plan to attend the conference this year and emphasized the need to make a commitment to attend after the registrations are submitted.

7. **Appeal of Fees: LAFCO Project #278, CSA 8 Reorganization**

The project applicant, Amador County, requests a fee waiver for LAFCO charges for County Service Area #8 Reorganization appearing as the next item on this agenda.

Ms. Chamberlain stated the county has done a lot line/boundary line adjustment on parcels it owns next to privately owned parcels with 3 sides of the CSA #8 boundary affected by these adjustments. The next agenda item details the annexation and detachments necessary to keep the district line following the new property lines. Ms. Chamberlain estimated the total cost for processing will be not more than \$650.00 and the County has requested a waiver of that fee. She noted in the report that the County funds 50% of the LAFCO's budget, totaling approximately \$32,000 this year. The County has experienced financial hardship for the past 5-7 years and is not receiving additional tax or fee revenues as a result of the boundary clean up action. Ms. Chamberlain recommends the Commission approve their appeal because the cost will not affect the budget. Commissioner Crew asked if the fee should be split and Ms. Chamberlain stated she believes the County would be open to whatever the Commission grants them. Commissioner Crew asked if fees have been waived in the past. Ms. Chamberlain stated it is not unprecedented, noting for example, Fiddletown CSD and deferred fees for Sunset Heights, with the commission deciding on a case by case basis.

No further public comments.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Crew to approve a waiver of LAFCO fees for LAFCO Project #278, CSA 8, and seconded by Commissioner Vinciguerra. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **LAFCO Project #278, County Service Area #8 Reorganization**

Annexation of approx. 23.17 acres and detachment of 23.17 acres consistent with recent lot line adjustments and 100% landowner consent, exempt from the requirements for notice and hearing; CEQA: Exempt under Section 15320 (certain local government reorganizations).

Ms. Chamberlain referred to the staff report in the packet which is succinct to minimize cost. The report provided information related to the factors that need consideration before the Commission can approve the reorganization. The project is exempt under CEQA as described in the staff report and it has 100% landowner consent, exempting it from the notice requirements and a number of procedural obligations for processing a LAFCO project. The reorganization will modify the district boundary to conform to the newly created parcel lines. Ms. Chamberlain offered to answer questions.

Ms. Chamberlain stated the County staff (Carol Connelly, John Hopkins), were wonderful to work with.

Motion: Commissioner Boitano moved to take staff's recommendation to adopt resolution #2014-07 making determinations and adding conditions and approving the CSA #8 reorganization; LAFCO project #278; and to find the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA; and to direct staff to prepare a Notice

of Exemption pursuant to Title 14, Article 19 Class 20 of California code regulations. He further moved to waive the conducting authority proceeding in compliance with government code 57000 and to direct staff to complete the necessary findings and send transmittals as required by law, per the resolution, in Exhibit B.

Ms. Chamberlain stated Exhibit B needs a minor correction from the packet draft, changing Pine Grove CSD to CSA 8.

Seconded by Commissioner Crew, and the motion carried unanimously.

9. CALFCO ITEMS

- Annual Conference, October 15-17, 2014 in Ontario
- CALAFCO Board Nominations & Award Nominations

Ms. Chamberlain indicated the Ontario conference registration form is in the packet and if Commissioners are interested in attending, to please let her know as soon as possible. Ms. Chamberlain will book hotels and arrange for conference attendance once a determination has been made on who will attend, noting the deadline at the lower price is September 15, 2014.

Commissioner Novelli moved on to the CALFCO Board Nominations and Award Nominations. Ms. Chamberlain said CALAFCO in conjunction with the conference has requested that all the LAFCO's and any person who wishes to make the nominations for the awards and the board members do so. There was discussion of Amador LAFCO term expirations, with Ms. Chamberlain explaining the process.

10. Other Business, Reports

- a. Correspondence – Copy of letter in packet sent to the Governor asking for support.
- b. Commissioner Announcements – Commissioner Novelli will not run for another term on CALAFCO Board and will not attend the conference this year.
- c. Counsel Report - None
- d. Executive Officer's Report – No projects or substantive information for August meeting. If the Commission agrees, the August 2014 meeting may be canceled. There was consensus to do so.
- e. Project Status Report – Ms. Chamberlain discussed the Rapini Annexation to the Pine Grove Community Services district and difficulties for map completion. Ms. Chamberlain has notified parties via email of the final map deadline (August 29, 2014). Commissioner Boitano mentioned a rezoning. Ms. Chamberlain indicated the rezone is adjacent to the area annexed.

11. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Note: The next LAFCO meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2014 and may likely be canceled.

Theodore Novelli, Chairman
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

ATTEST: _____
Bernadette Garza
Clerk to the Commission