

AMADOR LAFCO



LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES

September 18, 2014

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

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

The September 18, 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
Tim Knox, City Member
Louis Boitano, County Member
Patrick Crew, City Member
Byron Damiani, Public Alternate

Members Absent:

Brian Oneto, County Alternate
Tim Murphy, City Alternate

Staff Present:

Roseanne Chamberlain, Executive Officer
Bernadette Garza, Clerk to the Commission

Staff Absent:

None.

3. Approval of Agenda for July 17, 2014

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

4. Approval of the Minutes of July 17, 2014

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Boitano, seconded by Commissioner Vinciguerra, and carried unanimously to approve the Minutes for July 17, 2014. Commissioner Knox abstained.

5. Approval of Claims for September 18, 2014

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Crew, seconded by Commissioner Knox, and carried unanimously to approve the Approval of Claims – Meeting Final. Commissioner Vinciguerra asked for clarification about the conference registration.

6. Public Forum – Public Comment

Two members of Sunset Heights were present and when addressed by the Commission for comments and stated they had no comment.

7. **AFFIRM THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR THE AMADOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT; LAFCO RESOLUTION #2014-08 (Public Hearing; see below)**
8. **AFFIRM THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR THE FIDDLETOWN CSD; LAFCO RESOLUTION #2014-09 (Public Hearing; see below)**
9. **AFFIRM THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR THE IONE MEMORIAL DISTRICT; LAFCO RESOLUTION #2014-10 (Public Hearing; see below)**
10. **AFFIRM THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR THE PINEACRES CSD; LAFCO RESOLUTION #2014-11 (Public Hearing; see below)**
11. **AFFIRM THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR THE RIDGEWOOD ACRES CSD; LAFCO RESOLUTION #2014-12 (Public Hearing; see below)**
12. **AFFIRM THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR THE SUNSET HEIGHTS CSD; LAFCO RESOLUTION #2014-13 (Public Hearing; see below)**
13. **AFFIRM THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR THE TOWNSHIP 2 CEMETARY DISTRICT; LAFCO RESOLUTION #2014-14 (Public Hearing; see below)**
14. **AFFIRM THE SPHERES OF INFLUENCE FOR COUNTY SERVICE AREAS #3, #4, #6 AND #8; LAFCO RESOLUTION #2014-15, 16, 17 AND 18 (Public Hearing; see below)**

Ms. Chamberlain suggested she provide a brief summary and recommendations and address all of them at the same time starting with agenda items 7-14, saying each of the eleven districts have an important fact in common in that the Commission adopted a sphere of influence for each of these agencies that were identical to its boundary. The sphere of influence is the plan for service in the future for the districts and each of these districts is planning to serve the area already within its boundary. The recommended affirmation of the sphere of influence for each of these districts is done as required by State law: to review and affirm or modify as needed on a 5-year revolving cycle. These spheres were adopted approximately 6 years ago and LAFCO is on schedule. No change is proposed for any of these districts.

Ms. Chamberlain stated notice was given to each agency together with packet materials containing the resolution and attachments for each district to review. None of the agencies involved in the project, inclusive of the county departments who regularly receive LAFCO agendas and packets, contacted Ms. Chamberlain or provided comments. The project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA because no change is involved and notice of exemption was included in the packet. Ms. Chamberlain recommended the Chairman open the public hearing to all of the districts at one time to allow the Commission to decide if the “no change sphere of influence for coterminous spheres” for these agencies is appropriate. If so, find that the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA and adopt in one motion the Resolutions #2014-08 through #2014-18, then direct Ms. Chamberlain to complete the necessary filings and transmittals as required by law.

Chairman Novelli inquired on behalf of Commissioner Boitano for Ms. Chamberlain to confirm Ridgewood and not Ridge Rd. which was confirmed. Chairman Novelli asked Ms. Chamberlain to confirm CSA #3 & 4 in the Commanche area which Ms. Chamberlain confirmed. Ms. Chamberlain stated CSA boundary #4 is the Martell area, and is currently empowered to provide drainage services administered by the County. CSA #6 includes all the unincorporated areas in the County and allows for septic tank monitoring. Chairman Novelli asked about the

boundary line signified by Aqueduct Grove Rd.; Ms. Chamberlain indicated the district boundaries are not affected by the supervisorial district lines. There was consensus to vote on the group of Spheres of Influence in one motion.

The Public Hearing was opened by Chairman Novelli. No comments were made.

Motion: Commissioner Boitano moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Vinciguerra and carried unanimously to close the Public Hearing.

Motion: Commissioner Boitano moved to adopt all the resolutions in one motion for the group and find that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3); and to direct staff to prepare a Notice of Exemption pursuant to the California code regulations, for Resolutions 2014-08, et. al.; seconded by Commissioner Crew; and carried unanimously to approve.

15. LEGISLATION UPDATE

Ms. Chamberlain provided the detailed legislation report, contained in packets as a separate attachment. Ms. Chamberlain stated that a large number of the bills are no longer active, and few have been enrolled and have not yet been signed or vetoed. None of the bills will have a direct effect in Amador County or in the LAFCO process with the exception of the vehicle license fee bill or SB-56, which would have been helpful for property tax revenues going to cities on annexation.

Ms. Chamberlain discussed the groundwater issues and stated this may be discussed at the upcoming conference.

16. Other Business, Reports

- a. Correspondence – Three letters sent to the Governor’s office. Ms. Chamberlain stated she received a letter and CD from the Attorney General’s office regarding a “qui tam” action. Commissioner Byron Damiani offered to review and email the information to Ms. Chamberlain.
- b. Commissioner Announcements – Commissioner Novelli will run again for the CALAFCO board, with a floor nomination. Commissioner Novelli made a special announcement for the nominees of the CALAFCO Awards.
- c. Executive Officer’s Report
- d. Budget Report, fiscal year final was provided

17. ADJOURNMENT

Note: The October 16th and November 20th regular LAFCO meetings have been canceled by the Chairman due to the CALAFCO Conference and CSAC Conference. The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2014.

Theodore Novelli, Chairman
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

ATTEST: _____
Nancy Mees, Clerk to the Commission