

AMADOR LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES

December 15, 2016

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

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call**

The December 15, 2016, meeting of the Amador Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), held at the County Administration Center, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California, was called to order by Chairman Boitano at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Members Present:

Louis Boitano, Chairman
Jim Vinciguerra, Vice-Chairman
Brian Oneto, County Member
Dominic Atlan, City Alternate

Staff Present:

Roseanne Chamberlain, Executive Officer
Nancy Mees, Clerk to the Commission
William Chamberlain, Legal Counsel

3. **Approval of Agenda for December 15, 2016**

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Vinciguerra, seconded by Commissioner Oneto, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as submitted.

4. **Approval of the Minutes of October 20, 2016**

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Oneto, seconded by Commissioner Atlan, and carried unanimously to approve the Minutes for October 20, 2016, as submitted.

5. **Approval of Claims to December 15, 2016**

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

6. **Public Forum – Public Comment**

Former LAFCO Commissioner Ted Novelli thanked the Commissioners and staff for all the help they had given him while he was on the Commission, and commented that Louis Boitano will be greatly missed once he leaves the Commission.

8. **Bingham-Hodge (BLA) Detachment from Jackson Valley Irrigation District, LAFCO Project #294; Resolution #2016-13 (Notice and Public Hearing waived pursuant to §56662).**
(The chair took Item 8 on the agenda out of order to accommodate audience members in attendance for this item.)

Executive Officer Chamberlain referred to the Executive Officer's Report in the packet, commenting that this detachment is a simple, straight-forward project as it is merely a completing a previously approved boundary line adjustment. The Board's action will detach a portion of the parcel from JVID.

Commissioner Oneto asked about the difference in acreage stated in the Resolution versus that stated on the Exhibit A map. Ms. Chamberlain responded that the current map is a draft and that the final map will state the correct acreage.

There were no comments.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Oneto, seconded by Commissioner Vinciguerra, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 2016-13, accepting all determinations and directing staff to prepare all documents necessary.

7. **Resolutions of Appreciation for Pat Crew (Resolution #2016-11) and Louis Boitano (Resolution #2016-12).**

Commissioner Boitano read and presented, a Resolution of Commendation to Commissioner Crew for his work on the LAFCO Commission. Commissioner Vinciguerra then read and presented a Resolution of Commendation to Commissioner Boitano for his work on the LAFCO Commission.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Oneto, seconded by Commissioner Atlan, and carried unanimously to approve both Resolutions.

Commissioner Boitano stated that he had enjoyed being on the LAFCO Commission as it had been one of his favorite appointments, and that he will miss it and everyone involved with LAFCO.

9. **Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities.**

Executive Officer Chamberlain reported that in 2011 SB284 concerning Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs) was passed, and that she has been trying ever since to determine whether Amador County has any, and if so, where. She commented that this legislation was one of those passed with great intentions, but that it is more applicable to communities in the Central Valley. However, all counties are required to follow it.

The definitions within the legislation are unclear, but it does allow local LAFCOs to adopt their own definitions. Ms. Chamberlain recommended that Amador LAFCO adopt a set of definitions pertinent to this county. Since other counties have already done much of the work in this area, she would like direction from the Commission to use some of the definitions provided in the policies of these other counties as a template for drafting Amador County policies regarding identifying DUCs within Amador county. She added that the new GIS System will greatly help in mapping local DUCs, but that she will also have to talk with each of the cities to write policies that will

handle the unique geography of Amador County.

Audience member Ted Novelli commented that he agreed with Executive Officer Chamberlain, and that he recalled from his time on the LAFCO Commission some areas which he believed might qualify as DUCs.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Vinciguerra, seconded by Commissioner Atlan, and carried unanimously to instruct Executive Officer Chamberlain to draft a set of policies regarding defining DUCs in Amador County and to bring them back to the Board.

10. Other Business, Reports

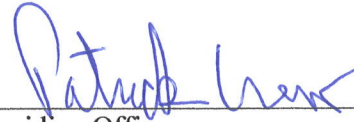
- a. Report of CALAFCO Conference, Commissioners and Legal Counsel – Executive Officer Chamberlain reported that she thought the DUC workshop had been good, and that she had thereby learned that we can tap into a lot of the work already done by LAFCOs in other counties. Commissioner Boitano remarked that the guest speakers had been good. Legal Counsel William Chamberlain reported there had been interesting discussions among the attorneys at the Legal Counsel session about minimizing risks and costs. Commissioner Vinciguerra remarked that he felt the GIS session was informative.
- b. Correspondence – Executive Officer Chamberlain stated there were letters in the packet to and from the Amador Vintners’ Association regarding wine contributions for the State Conference, and that there was a letter of thanks from CALAFCO for Amador’s attendance at the conference.
- c. Commissioner Announcements – Commissioner Boitano reported that the county has signed a contract for removal of hazardous trees along roadways, waterways, etc. Commissioner Vinciguerra asked when the Commission would know who the new County LAFCO Representative will be. Commissioner Boitano responded that the Board of Supervisors will appoint a new LAFCO Commissioner at the first of the year. Commissioner Atlan will move into Commissioner Crew’s position until the City appoints a replacement.
- d. Executive Officers Report – in packet. Ms. Chamberlain recommended that the January Commission meeting be cancelled as there will not be anything ready in time for that agenda.
- e. Budget Report – in the review binder at the dais.
- f. Legislation Report – Executive Officer Chamberlain reported that there were three bills passed in 2016 that may impact Amador County. SB1266 requires that LAFCOs keep track of Joint Power Agreements within the county, and that she will begin collecting that data. The CALAFCO Omnibus Bill provided some good clarifications in the Cortese-Knox legislation. An environmental justice element must now be provided for in city and county general plans. Lastly, small special districts can now skip having to do full audits every year.

11. Adjournment

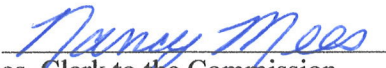
The next regular LAFCO meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2017, as the January meeting was cancelled due to lack of agenda items being ready in time.

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Chairman Boitano adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.



Presiding Officer
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

ATTEST: 
Nancy Mees, Clerk to the Commission