

AMADOR LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES

July 18th, 2024

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

The July 18th, 2024 meeting of the Amador Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), held in person and Zoom, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Crew at 5:34 pm.

2. Roll Call by Byron Damiani Jr., Executive Officer

Members present:

Pat Crew, Chairman – present via Zoom
Frank Axe, Commissioner
Jim Vinciguerra, Vice Chairman
Bob Simpson, Commissioner
Anne Kel-Artinian, City Member

Staff Present:

Byron Damiani Jr., Executive Director
Erin Seever, Clerk

3. Approval of Agenda for July 18th, 2024

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Axe, seconded by Commissioner Vinciguerra, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as submitted, approved by all 5-0.

4. Approval of Minutes for May 16th, 2024

No corrections or comments.

Motion: It was moved to approve the minutes of May 16th, 2024 by Commissioner Axe, seconded by Commissioner Stimpson to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously 5-0 to approve the minutes as submitted with no changes.

5. Approval of Claims to July 18th, 2024

Byron Damiani, Executive Officer has no claims to present due to a program malfunction. Claims will be sent via email for approval and an email vote.

Motion: None

6. Public Forum – Public Comment

Chairman Crew would like it noted in the minutes to discuss a policy on how alternates will be notified if regular members cannot attend a meeting.

No public members

No Zoom members

7. Other Business, Reports

- (a) Commissioner Announcements
Anne Kel-Artinian will not be present during the August meeting. It was discussed possibly no August meeting.
- (b) Correspondence – None received
- (c) Executive Officer's Report –
Byron Damiani has presented a draft on the annexation for Lockwood Fire Department by AFD, this is an informational item only and there will be no vote this is for feedback purposes only. Byron Damiani would like direction from the commission to make the information public before the meeting or wait. Posting can be made on various websites this would allow the public to see the background and analysis. There has been a lack of participation through board meetings and townhall meetings. Majority of the analysis report is on the Lockwood side. AFD documents are still pending to make sure they can absorb without an impact on their current jurisdiction. Will be meeting with AFD to get more budget information. The presented analysis includes some historical information

going back to 2008 with the MSR's. Repeated suggestions Lockwood raise their assessments and/or raise their assessments and consolidate/reorganize with another fire district. It was noted in 2008/2009 Lockwood had contracted with Cal Fire with more staffing (16 volunteers), hours open and training. 2014 MSR numbers had dropped back down. There has been fluctuation showing when contracted with another agency staffing levels were increased as well as station staffing hours. When Lockwood operates independently numbers on staffing and station hours drop. Lockwood bottom line budget is almost always running a deficit. Strikeforce funds for Lockwood are variable sources of income as they fluctuate and cannot be relied upon for budgeting purposes. Measure M funds consistently have a downward trend and is earmarked for staffing only, workman's comp and payroll taxes. Recently volunteer numbers have dropped down to 4. Recently entered into a contract with AFPD similar to the 2023 contract hiring back Chief Withrow. Requesting direction on releasing information, Byron will be releasing his analysis to Lockwood and AFPD at a minimum. Chairman Cre would like the analysis polished and reviewed by both boards Lockwood and AFPD before releasing to the public. Byron will send to both boards for review and comments before releasing to the public.

JoAnne McLachlan – President of Lockwood spoke of a turn around on opinion of board members siding with consolidation. JoAnne would like consolidation for the best protection of the residents. There is a concern about pushing out the consolidation due to the fact that the current Board Members are up for election and fill have to file the necessary paperwork and campaign for re-election. She would like to push this process forward as quickly as possible.

Direction given to Byron Damiani to not release to public until document is polished and circulated to both boards Lockwood and AFPD as an informational item. Produce a final copy after both boards comment and review and then post to the public. Conduct a potential special meeting in September.

(d) Project Status Report

Jackson Valley Irrigation District invited Executive Director Byron Damiani to attend a meeting in the future as an informational item to discuss what's currently going on with their district and LAFCO in general terms. 1 project that we are peripherally concerned with. This is an out of service contract they have with 14 parcels with homes that will be getting treated water. LAFCO would not have a problem with them moving forward however at this point it is not a formal issue and no action needs to be taken. One additional topic in regards to irrigation water that needs additional research; issues with tail water dropping into a creek going to another county and they are utilizing it. Jackson Valley is wanting feed back but it is not treated water so it is typically not a LAFCO concern.

Kenedy Mine – No Update

Sutter Creek (10 lots) from AFPD to Sutter Creek Fire Department – No Update

9. Adjournment

The next regular LAFCO meeting is scheduled for August 15th, 2024 unless cancelled. Chairman Crew adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:2 pm.

Pat Crew, Presiding Officer
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ATTEST: _____
Byron Damiani, Jr. , Executive Officer to the Commission