

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
ALAMEDA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

January 9, 2014

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Sblendorio called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Roll Call.

Roll was called. A quorum was present of the following commissioners:

City Members: Tim Sbranti (arrived 4:35 during item 5), John Marchand and alternate Jerry Thorne

County Members: Nate Miley and Scott Haggerty (arrived 4:35 during item 5)

Special District Members: Ayn Wieskamp, Ralph Johnson and alternate Georgan Vonheeder-Leopold

Public Members: Sblend Sblendorio and alternate Tom Pico

Not Present: Wilma Chan, alternate County Member

Staff present: Mona Palacios, Executive Officer; Andrew Massey, Legal Counsel; and Sandy Hou, Clerk

3. Public Comment

Chair Sblendorio invited members in the audience to address the Commission on any matter not listed on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Commission. There were no comments.

4. Approval/Correction of Minutes

Chair Sblendorio mentioned that his name was misspelled on page three of the draft minutes of the November 14, 2013 meeting. Commissioner Wieskamp motioned to approve the minutes with the correction. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marchand and unanimously approved.

5. 2014 California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) Annual Staff Workshop Update

CALAFCO Executive Director Pamela Miller shared information on the history and purpose of CALAFCO and provided an update on preparations for the 2014 Annual Staff Workshop that will be held in Berkeley April 23-25, 2014. The Workshop will be hosted by Alameda LAFCo with support from the other Bay Area LAFCOs.

In response to Commissioner Wieskamp's inquiry regarding Associate Membership to CALAFCO, Ms. Miller explained that associate members are generally individual consultants, consulting firms, or legal firms that have some relationship with LAFCo such as providing services or hoping to provide services. Yearly fee for Gold level membership is \$1000 and \$300 for Silver.

Commissioner Sblendorio noted that the CALAFCO website is a very valuable resource.

Staff briefly reported on the status of the Mobile Workshop plans to tour the Bay Bridge. Commissioner Haggerty suggested that a CALTRANS boat tour of the bridge be considered, rather than a walking tour.

6. Request for Proposals for as-needed planning services

Staff provided a summary of the written report, noting that the current contract for planning services with IPA Planning Solutions, Inc. expires on June 30, 2014 and therefore the Commission was being requested to authorize the initiation of a Request for Proposals (RFP) process to obtain a qualified contractor to provide as-needed planning services. With a motion by Commissioner Haggerty and second by Commissioner Sbranti, the Commission unanimously approved Staff's recommendation to:

- a. Authorize the circulation of the Request for Proposals for planning services; and
- b. Authorize the receipt of proposals for these services, and formation of a selection committee to review proposals and prepare contract award recommendations to the Commission in accordance with the proposed timeline.

7. Plan Bay Area Follow Up

Staff informed the Commission that she is following up with her Bay Area colleagues about whether their commissions have discussed Plan Bay Area, what role they see LAFCOs having in the planning process, and whether they'd be interested in jointly communicating concerns to the MTC/ABAG authors of the Plan. She noted that she had heard back from two colleagues – San Francisco, whose Commission is not very active with Plan Bay Area, and another who was unsure of his Commission's willingness to participate in a joint letter – and that she would be following up with him and the others.

Staff noted that the written report on this item, per the Commission's request at their last regular meeting in November 2013, contained information, provided by legal counsel, on the four lawsuits that have been filed against Plan Bay Area. Counsel then summarized the main focus of the lawsuits noting that three of the four lawsuits were basically CEQA challenges and explained their main concerns. He noted that the lawsuits are in the preliminary stages, having been filed between August and October 2013. He responded to a question from Commissioner Sblendorio that freight and housing issues were issues of concern relevant to the East Bay.

There was discussion among the Commission regarding the need to look at infrastructure services such as water, wastewater, and parks throughout the County on a broad perspective. Staff was requested to, for the next regular LAFCo meeting, choose one of these services and invite staff from relevant agencies to speak to the Commission about that particular service as provided by their agencies.

8. Mid-year Financial Report FY 2013-2014

Staff highlighted points from the written report, noting that no budget modifications were being requested at this time.

9. **Matters Initiated by Members of the Commission** - There were none.

10. **Informational Items** – Discussion, if any, or further info is noted after the item.

a. Application update

b. Letter from Zone 7 dated December 18, 2013

Staff mentioned two upcoming meetings that might be of interest to the Commission:

- Tri-Valley Utilities Coordination/Integration study in Livermore on March 5 or 6 to present the consultants' study including the range of options identified for the provision of water and wastewater services in the Tri-Valley area.
- A report on the State's water action plan by John Laird, Secretary of California's Natural Resources Agency on January 30th in Dublin.

c. Legislative Update

d. Agriculture and Open Space Land Preservation Policy Review Status

Staff reported that she had met with the Ag Advisory Committee on October 22, 2013 and the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association on November 18, 2013, and that she would continue to work with those stakeholders and others to put together a workshop on ag and open space.

e. Commissioners with terms ending May 2014:

1. Ayn Wieskamp, Special District, Regular Member
2. Sblend Sblendorio, Public, Regular Member
3. Wilma Chan, County, Alternate Member

11. **Adjournment of Regular Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

12. **Next Meeting of the Commission**

Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandy Hou, LAFCo Clerk

These minutes were approved by the Commission on March 13, 2104

Attest:



Mona Palacios, LAFCo Executive Officer