

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
ALAMEDA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

September 11, 2014

Meeting location: Dublin San Ramon Services District Board Room, 7051 Dublin Blvd, Dublin, CA

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:

County Members: Scott Haggerty and Nate Miley (arrived 4:37 item 5)

City Members: John Marchand, Tim Sbranti (arrived 4:50 item 5) and alternate Jerry Thorne

Special District Members: Ayn Wieskamp and Ralph Johnson

Public Members: Sblend Sblendorio

Not Present: Wilma Chan, alternate County Member; Georgean Vonheeder-Leopold, alternate Special District Member; and Tom Pico, alternate Public Member

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

3. Public Comment

Commission 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 – July 10, 2014 – Regular Meeting; August 27, 2014 – Special Meeting; March 13, 2014 – Regular Meeting, revised minutes

Upon motion by Commissioner Marchand and second by Commissioner Johnson, the minutes of the July 10, 2014 regular meeting were approved.

AYES: 6 (Haggerty, Johnson, Marchand, Sblendorio, Thorne, Wieskamp)

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Miley, Sbranti)

ABSTAIN: 0

Upon motion by Commissioner Marchand and second by Commissioner Johnson, the minutes of the August 27, 2014 special meeting were approved.

AYES: 5 (Haggerty, Johnson, Marchand, Sblendorio, and Thorne)

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Miley, Sbranti)

ABSTAIN: 1 (Wieskamp)

Upon motion by Commissioner Marchand and second by Commissioner Johnson, the Commission approved revising the minutes of the March 13, 2014 regular meeting to show that Commissioner Sblendorio abstained on his reappointment vote.

AYES: 6 (Haggerty, Johnson, Marchand, Sblendorio, Thorne, Wieskamp)

NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 (Miley, Sbranti)
ABSTAIN: 0

5. Pleasanton Out-of-Area Service Agreement – Hall Property

Following staff's summary of the written report, Commissioner Haggerty expressed his concerns regarding the history of Pleasanton providing services in the Happy Valley Area in a piecemeal manner and that it seemed to him that a study of how to provide services in that area in a more inclusive manner would be helpful. Commission Chair Sblendorio opened the public hearing on this item and invited staff from the City of Pleasanton to address the Commission. Larissa Seto, Assistant City Attorney for the City of Pleasanton, addressed questions and concerns from the Commission and provided historical background regarding the City's past attempts to annex the Happy Valley Area. Ms. Seto also informed the Commission that Pleasanton has approved providing water and sewer services to many properties in the unincorporated Happy Valley area and she was confident that was done with LAFCo approval. Commissioners and staff were not aware of other Pleasanton out-of-area service agreements within the unincorporated Happy Valley area and Ms. Seto indicated that she would research those instances and provide more detailed information to LAFCo Staff following today's meeting to determine if such is the case.

Property owner Hall clarified for the Commission that he was requesting to obtain water and sewer services from the City of Pleasanton because the County building department was requiring that he do so before they would approve the add-on to his house, since the septic system on his property was out of code and there was a moratorium on septic systems in the Happy Valley area.

A conclusion of their discussion was an agreement among Commissioners that they did not wish to punish the applicant when the issue of water and sewer service, and well water and septic tank failure, are regional and not individual issues. They agreed that attaching a condition of approval would be the appropriate action to take.

Commissioner Haggerty motioned to approve the out-of-area service agreement with the condition that the City of Pleasanton, within six months, would report back to the Commission on the results of a comprehensive study that it will have completed, in consultation with the County, to identify how water and sewer services will be provided to the unincorporated Happy Valley area properties. Commissioner Sbranti seconded the motion. Commissioner Sblendorio moved to amend the motion to include a requirement that notice of the meeting when the City reports back to LAFCo be sent to all residents living in the unincorporated Happy Valley area. Commissioner Sbranti seconded the amendment. Amended motion passed.

AYES: 7 (Haggerty, Johnson, Marchand, Miley, Sblendorio, Sbranti, Wieskamp)
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

6. Presentation on Countywide Park and Recreation Services

Staff provided a brief overview and stated that the purpose of the presentation was informational only and no action was requested. The following agency representatives presented information regarding open space and park and recreation services:

- Robert Doyle, General Manager, **East Bay Regional Park District**
- John Gouveia, General Manager, **Hayward Area Recreation and Park District**
- Roger Ravenstad, City Landscape Architect/Sr. Landscape Architect, **City of Fremont**

Each speaker responded to various questions and comments during and after their presentations.

In response to a question, Tim Barry, General Manager of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, who was present in the audience, provided brief information on that District's park and recreation services.

Staff thanked the speakers for their presentations.

[Commissioners Haggerty and Sbranti left at the end of this item – at 6:07p.m.]

7. Strategic Planning Session Follow Up

Staff noted that the written report on this item provided a summary of the outcomes of the August 27th strategic planning workshop and invited the Commission to further discuss the outcomes and provide additional direction to staff. She requested that the proposed revision to the Commission's mission statement, which had been discussed at the Workshop, be approved if they so agreed. She further explained that after today's discussion staff would return to the commission at a future meeting, possibly at their next meeting in November, with a draft strategic plan including a work plan with action items, resources required and timeline for commission consideration and approval.

Commissioner Wieskamp apologized for having to miss the Workshop and suggested that the issue of water shortage be a top priority for the Commission. In response to comments/suggestions from Commissioners Sblendorio and Marchand regarding the revised mission statement, Staff clarified that the proposed revised mission statement attached to the report reflected what the Commission had suggested at the Workshop.

Commissioner Wieskamp motioned to adopt the proposed mission statement and to direct staff to look at the results from the workshop and return to the commission at a future meeting with a draft strategic plan for commission consideration and approval. Commissioner Marchand seconded and motion passed.

AYES: 6 (Haggerty, Johnson, Marchand, Sblendorio, Thorne, Wieskamp)
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 (Miley, Sbranti)
ABSTAIN: 0

8. 2015 Commission Meeting Schedule

Staff pointed out that the proposed schedule for regular meetings in 2015 continues the Commission's practice of meeting on the second Thursday of each odd month with the exception of January. Due to January 1 (a national holiday) falling on the first Thursday, it was recommended to have the meeting on the third Thursday instead, i.e., on January 15, so as to allow adequate time for sending out the agenda packet the Thursday prior to the meeting (January 8 – the 2nd Thursday).

Upon motion by Commissioner Thorne and second by Commissioner Johnson, the following dates were unanimously approved for Commission meetings in 2015:

January 15, March 12, May 14, July 9, September 10, and November 12.

The meetings will continue to be held at 4:30 pm at the same location – Dublin San Ramon Services District board chambers in Dublin.

9. Summer Youth Intern Report

Staff thanked the Commission for the opportunity to again participate in the Alameda County Youth Leadership Summer Internship Program and reported there were many positive outcomes both for Staff and this summer's intern, Ariana Yu, a high school senior who proved to be very competent and engaged in the projects she was assigned, and that Ariana had, in fact, mentioned that she would love to come back and work with us again – an endorsement, Staff feels, of the value of providing an opportunity to youth to learn about

local government and LAFCo. Staff again thanked the Commission and expressed hopes to continue participation in the internship program again next year.

10. **Matters Initiated by Members of the Commission** – There were none.

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

- a. Application Update
- b. Legislative Update
- c. Correspondence

Commissioner Johnson remarked on the letter of support for Eden Township Healthcare District (ETHD) from Johan Klehs and mentioned that the District had also reached out to the other Special Districts for support. Staff shared that ETHD had wanted to attend today's meeting as the District is anxious to move forward with LAFCo finalizing the sphere of influence update for the district. She noted that it is likely they will be on the November meeting agenda.

- d. Newspaper Articles
- e. 2014 CALAFCO Annual Conference October 15-17, 2014 in Ontario

Other: Staff informed the Commission that she would be attending a program hosted by Region 5 of the Association of California Water Agencies on October 19 & 20th regarding "Creative Approaches to Watershed Reliability in the Tri-Valley" that would include a tour of Del Valle pumping plan & dam. Commissioner Marchand is scheduled to be a panelist on October 20th.

18. **Adjournment of Regular Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

18. **Next Meeting of the Commission**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sandy Hou, Commission Clerk

These minutes were approved by the Commission on November 13, 2014.

Attest:



Mona Palacios, LAFCo Executive Officer