



VENTURA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday July 15, 2015

Hall of Administration, Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura CA

OPENING

1. Call to Order

Chair Cunningham called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Dandy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

The following Commissioners were present:

Commissioner Dandy

Commissioner Freeman

Commissioner Parks

Commissioner Parvin

Commissioner Zaragoza

Chair Cunningham

Alt. Commissioner Ramirez

Alt. Commissioner Rooney

Alternate Commissioner Ramirez sat as a voting member due to the absence of city member Morehouse.

4. Agenda Review

Chair Cunningham requested that Item 11, appointment of the alternate public member, be heard before Item 5.

Motion: Approve

Moved by Elaine Freeman; seconded by Linda Parks

Vote: Motion carried 7-0

Yes: Bruce Dandy, Elaine Freeman, Linda Parks, Janice Parvin, Carmen Ramirez, John Zaragoza, and Lou Cunningham

COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

COUNTY:
Linda Parks
John Zaragoza
Alternate:
Steve Bennett

CITY:
Carl Morehouse, Vice Chair
Janice Parvin
Alternate:
Carmen Ramirez

DISTRICT:
Bruce Dandy
Elaine Freeman
Alternate:
Mary Anne Rooney

PUBLIC:
Lou Cunningham, Chair
Alternate:
Vacant

Executive Officer
Kai Luoma, AICP

Analyst
Andrea Ozdy

Office Manager/Clerk
Richelle Beltran

Legal Counsel
Michael Walker

OPENING, CONTINUED

5. Commission Presentations and Announcements
Commissioner Ramirez commented that she attended the CALAFCO University course, LAFCO and Litigation: Looking Forward from Lessons Learned, and encouraged Commissioners to attend future courses.
6. Public Comments
There were no public comments.

CONSENT ITEMS

7. Minutes of the Ventura LAFCo May 20, 2015 Meeting
8. Budget to Actual Report: May 2015

Motion: Approve Item 7 and Receive and File Item 8
Moved by Janice Parvin; seconded by Elaine Freeman

Vote: Motion carried 7-0

Yes: Bruce Dandy, Elaine Freeman, Linda Parks, Janice Parvin, Carmen Ramirez, John Zaragoza, and Lou Cunningham

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

9. Gold Coast Transit District Municipal Service Review Report and LAFCo 15-09S Sphere of Influence Determination
- A. Regarding the Municipal Service Review for the Gold Coast Transit District (GCTD), it is recommended that the Commission take the following recommended actions:
1. Accept the Municipal Service Review report prepared for the GCTD (with any modifications made by the Commission at the public hearing); authorize the Executive Officer to make any necessary non-substantive changes to the report; and direct staff to prepare and distribute a final GCTD Municipal Service Review report to all affected local agencies; and
 2. Adopt a Resolution making findings that acceptance of the GCTD Municipal Service Review report is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to § 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, and approving statements of determinations as required under Government Code § 56430.
- B. Regarding the determination of the sphere of influence for the GCTD, it is recommended that the Commission take one of the following recommended actions:
1. Adopt a Resolution making findings that the determination of the GCTD sphere of influence is exempt from CEQA pursuant to § 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, determining the sphere of influence (to encompass all of Ventura County, Option 1) subject to Government Code § 56426.5(b), and making written statements of its determinations pursuant to Government Code § 56425(e); or
 2. Adopt a Resolution making findings that the determination of the GCTD sphere of influence is exempt from CEQA pursuant to § 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, determining the sphere of influence (to encompass the GCTD's current service area only, Option 2) subject to Government Code § 56426.5(b), and making written statements of its determinations pursuant to Government Code § 56425(e).

Chair Cunningham opened the public hearing. Andrea Ozdy presented the staff report; the following persons gave public comment: Steve Kueny, Eric Levitt, Scott Mitnick, Steve Rosenberg, and Vic Kamhi; Chair Cunningham closed the public hearing.

Motion: Approve 9(A) and 9(B)(1)

Moved by Linda Parks; seconded by John Zaragoza

Vote: Motion carried 4-3

Yes: Bruce Dandy, Linda Parks, Carmen Ramirez, and John Zaragoza

No: Elaine Freeman, Janice Parvin, and Lou Cunningham

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, CONTINUED

10. LAFCo 15-12S Hidden Valley Municipal Water District Sphere of Influence Review/Update
 - A. Determine that the sphere of influence update for the Hidden Valley Municipal Water District (HVMWD) is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to § 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines;
 - B. Review and update the sphere of influence for the HVMWD pursuant to Government Code § 56425(g);
 - C. Determine that no municipal service review is necessary for the HVMWD pursuant to Government Code § 56430(a); and
 - D. Adopt a Resolution making determinations and updating the sphere of influence for the HVMWD.

Chair Cunningham opened the public hearing. Andrea Ozdy presented the staff report; with no public speakers, Chair Cunningham closed the public hearing.

Motion: Approve

Moved by Bruce Dandy; seconded by Elaine Freeman

Vote: Motion carried 7-0

Yes: Bruce Dandy, Elaine Freeman, Linda Parks, Janice Parvin, Carmen Ramirez, John Zaragoza, and Lou Cunningham

ACTION ITEMS

11. Appointment of the Alternate Public Member

Approval of the Ad Hoc Alternate Public Member Selection Committee's recommendation to appoint David J. Ross to fill the LAFCo alternate public member vacancy for the unexpired term ending January 1, 2017.

Motion: Approve

Moved by Bruce Dandy; seconded by Janice Parvin

Vote: Motion carried 7-0

Yes: Bruce Dandy, Elaine Freeman, Linda Parks, Janice Parvin, Carmen Ramirez, John Zaragoza, and Lou Cunningham

ACTION ITEMS, CONTINUED

12. Commissioner's Handbook Section 1.1.3.3 – Public Member and Alternate
Adoption of a Resolution amending Section 1.1.3.3 – Public Member and Alternate of the
Commissioner's Handbook.
CONTINUED FROM MAY 20, 2015
REQUIRES SIX AFFIRMATIVE VOTES (4/5THS VOTE)

Kai Luoma presented the staff report.

Motion: Approve as modified: with the replacement of the words "in terms of" with the word
"including" in the following sentence to read: In selecting the public member and alternate
public member, the Commission shall encourage diversity in the makeup of the Commission
including geography, gender, and culture

Moved by John Zaragoza; seconded by Carmen Ramirez

Vote: Motion carried 7-0

Yes: Bruce Dandy, Elaine Freeman, Linda Parks, Janice Parvin, Carmen Ramirez, John Zaragoza,
and Lou Cunningham

13. 2015 – 2016 CALAFCO Board of Directors Nominations
Authorization for the Chair to submit nominations for the 2015 – 2016 CALAFCO Board of
Directors for the city member and public member seats as approved by the Commission.

Kai Luoma presented the staff report.

Motion: Nominate David J. Ross for the public member position

Moved by Linda Parks; seconded by Carmen Ramirez

Vote: Motion carried 7-0

Yes: Bruce Dandy, Elaine Freeman, Linda Parks, Janice Parvin, Carmen Ramirez, John Zaragoza,
and Lou Cunningham

ACTION ITEMS, CONTINUED

14. 2015 – 2016 CALAFCO Board of Directors Election – Voting Delegates

Approval of the Commission's designation of a voting delegate and an alternate for the 2015 – 2016 CALAFCO Board of Directors election.

Kai Luoma presented the staff report.

Motion: Nominate Lou Cunningham as the voting delegate
Moved by Janice Parvin; seconded by John Zaragoza

Vote: Motion carried 7-0

Yes: Bruce Dandy, Elaine Freeman, Linda Parks, Janice Parvin, Carmen Ramirez, John Zaragoza, and Lou Cunningham

Motion: Nominate Carmen Ramirez as the alternate voting delegate
Moved by John Zaragoza; seconded by Linda Parks

Vote: Motion carried 7-0

Yes: Bruce Dandy, Elaine Freeman, Linda Parks, Janice Parvin, Carmen Ramirez, John Zaragoza, and Lou Cunningham

15. 2015 CALAFCO Achievement Award Nominations

Determine whether the Commission wishes to submit nominations for the 2015 CALAFCO Achievement Awards.

Kai Luoma presented the staff report.

Motion: Nominate LAFCo 13-16 Lake Sherwood Community Services District – Reorganization (Divestiture and Formation) for project of the year
Moved by Janice Parvin; seconded by Linda Parks

Vote: Motion carried 7-0

Yes: Bruce Dandy, Elaine Freeman, Linda Parks, Janice Parvin, Carmen Ramirez, John Zaragoza, and Lou Cunningham

ACTION ITEMS, CONTINUED

16. 2015 – 2016 CALAFCO Strategic Plan

Receive and file the 2015 – 2016 CALAFCO Strategic Plan adopted by the CALAFCO Board of Directors on May 8, 2015.

Kai Luoma presented the staff report.

Motion: Receive and File

Moved by Bruce Dandy; seconded by Lou Cunningham

Vote: Motion carried 7-0

Yes: Bruce Dandy, Elaine Freeman, Linda Parks, Janice Parvin, Carmen Ramirez, John Zaragoza, and Lou Cunningham

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The next LAFCo meeting will be September 16, 2015. The Agricultural Mitigation workshop will be held on September 10, 2015. The following presentations will be made: Henry Gonzales, Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner, will present regarding the conversion of agricultural land in the County over the last few years; John Lowrie, Assistant Director of the Department of Conservation, will present on the department's programs and grants for agricultural mitigation conservation programs such as easements and other mitigation options; EJ Remson of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) will give an update on TNC's efforts for conservation in the County; Michael Walker will present regarding LAFCo's legal obligations under CEQA; and Kai Luoma will provide an overview of LAFCo's mandate to preserve agriculture in Ventura County. Invitations will be sent out this week.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Freeman updated the Commission on Senate Bill No. 88.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cunningham adjourned the meeting at 11:03 A.M.

These Minutes were approved on September 16, 2015.

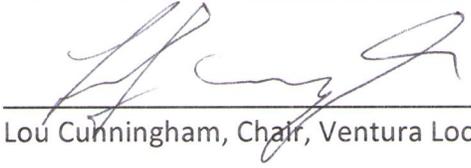
Motion: Commissioner Dandy

Second: Commissioner Zaragoza

Yes: Commissioners Dandy, Freeman, Parkes, Parvin, Zaragoza, and Cunningham

No: None

Abstain: Commissioner Morehouse

9-16-15 
Date Lou Cunningham, Chair, Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission