



**BUTTE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes February 1, 2024**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Connelly called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., February 1, 2024, in the City of Oroville Council Chambers, 1735 Montgomery Street, Oroville, California. The meeting was also available to be viewed through Zoom Webinar.

**1.1 Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Greg Bolin (City)  
 Bruce Johnson (City)  
 Tod Kimmelshue (County)  
 Al McGreehan (Special District)  
 Steve Betts (Public)  
 Larry Bradley (Special District Alt.)  
 Bill Connelly (Chair-County)

Commissioners Absent: Ruth Duncan (Special District)

Alternate Commissioners Present: Bo Sheppard (City Alt.)

Alternate Commissioners Absent: Tami Ritter (County Alt.), Don Rust (Public Alt.)

Others Present: Steve Lucas, LAFCo Executive Officer  
 Shannon Costa, LAFCo Deputy Executive Officer  
 Krystal Bradford, LAFCo Commission Clerk  
 Scott Browne, LAFCo Legal Counsel

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**2.1 Approval of the Minutes of December 7, 2023**

**Commissioner Kimmelshue made a motion to approve the consent agenda approving the December 7, 2023 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bolin.**

**The motion was carried by the following vote:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Bolin, Johnson, Kimmelshue, McGreehan, Betts, Bradley & Chair Connelly

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Duncan

**ABSTAINS:** None

**3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS (None)**

### 3.1 23-09 – LAFCo – Paradise Irrigation District Public Review Draft Municipal Service Review

Steve Lucas addressed public comment. One letter was submitted electronically that morning and distributed to the Commission. He asked the Commission to approve corrections to the errors addressed in the comment when approving the PID MSR.

Steve Lucas summarized how MSR's are developed and executed. He explained the PID MSR and went over some key findings.

Chair Connelly asked if there were any questions from the Commission.

Commissioner McGreehan asked questions and offered comments to staff on public participation and other concerns.

Kateri Harrison, consultant, displayed a Power Point presentation of the PID MSR. She went over the errors in the MSR addressed in electronically submitted public comment. She agreed to fix the typos for the final draft.

Chair Connelly asked if the Commission had any questions for Kateri Harrison.

Commissioner Kimmelshue asked Kateri Harrison questions regarding PID potentially selling water to the City of Chico.

Kateri Harrison and Steve Lucas answered Commissioner Kimmelshue's questions.

Commission Betts addressed typos, edits, and suggestions.

Kateri Harrison agreed to make the corrections addressed by Commissioner Betts.

Commissioner McGreehan provided further comments regarding updating the document to add new board member and litigation updates.

Kateri Harrison agreed to make those corrections.

Commissioner Bolin thanked the Commission for their comments and expressed his concerns about overstating water availability on the Ridge and sending water to the valley prematurely.

Tom Lando, PID District Manager, explained water supply, cooperation between the Town of Paradise and the Paradise Irrigation District, and budget. Tom answered several questions from the Commission.

**Commissioner Bolin made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2 2023/24 approving the Paradise Irrigation District Public Review Municipal Service Review as modified on the eight points put on the record and direct staff to prepare the final MSR. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson.**

**The motion was carried by the following vote:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Bolin, Johnson, Kimmelshue, McGreehan, Betts, Bradley & Chair Connelly

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Duncan

**ABSTAINS:** None

#### **4. REGULAR AGENDA**

##### **4.1 Items Removed from the Consent Agenda- (None)**

##### **4.2 21-06 – Formation of Tuscan Water District – Affirmation of Election Results**

Steve Lucas summarized the election results. He asked the Commission to affirm election results and direct staff to file Certificate of Completion.

Chair Connelly asked if there were any public comments. None were received.

Chair Connelly asked if the Commission had any questions. None received.

**Commissioner Bolin made a motion to accept certified election results and direct the Executive Officer to execute a Certificate of Completion for LAFCo File No. 21-06 - Formation of the Tuscan Water District. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGreehan.**

**The motion was carried by the following vote:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Bolin, Johnson, Kimmelshue, McGreehan, Betts, Bradley & Chair  
Connelly

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Duncan

**ABSTAINS:** None

##### **4.3 Appointment of Budget Committee for the 2024/25 Fiscal Year**

Chair Connelly motions Commissioners Kimmelshue, Johnson, McGreehan, and Betts act as Budget Committee for 2024/25 Fiscal year.

Chair Connelly asked if there were any public comments. None were received.

**The motion was carried by the following vote:**

**AYES:** Commissioners Bolin, Johnson, Kimmelshue, McGreehan, Betts, Bradley & Chair  
Connelly

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Duncan

**ABSTAINS:** None

#### **5. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**

Chair Connelly opened to public comments on items not on the agenda.

Chair Connelly asked if there were other public comments. None were received.

Chair Connelly closed public comment.

#### **6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

##### **6.1 Executive Officer's Report**

Steve Lucas summarized the Executive Officer's report, provided updates, and answered questions on a variety of items including payroll transition, future organizational structure, NYWD and SFWPA relationship, Biggs and Gridley updates, and CALAFCO. Shannon Costa summarized a meeting with the new Administrator of the City of Gridley and answered questions from the Commission.

Chair Connelly asked if there were any public comments.

Marieke Furnee, President of North Yuba Water District, mentioned a letter sent to Steve Lucas from NYWD manager Leona Harris. She stated the letter responded to issues raised by Mr. Hickman at the last LAFCo meeting.

Steve Lucas stated he will contact the North Yuba Water District regarding the letter submitted.

Chair Connelly announces closed session at 10:30 am.

7. **ADMINISTRATION – None**

8. **CLOSED SESSION (Fireside Room).**

After the Commission returned from closed session Scott Browne reported the Commission took the following actions: evaluated the Executive Officer, approved an immediate \$5000 bonus for the EO for significant accomplishments, and formed an ad hoc committee to assist the Executive Officer with personnel matters that includes Commissioners McGreehan, Betts and Chair Connelly.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m. to the next LAFCo meeting scheduled for March 7, 2024.

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**By: Shannon Costa, Deputy Executive Officer**

Minutes prepared by Krystal Bradford, Commission Clerk