

BUTTE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

Minutes of July 3, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Leverenz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., on July 3, 2014, in the Butte County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 25 County Center Drive, Oroville, California.

1.1 Roll Call

Present: Commissioners, Larry Duncan (Special District), Bill Connelly (County), Jerry Fichter (City), Steve Lambert (County) and Chair Carl Leverenz (Public). Alternate Commissioners Ann Schwab (City) and Greg Steel (Public).

Absent: Commissioners Scott Lotter (City) and Tom Lando (Special District). Alternate Commissioners Wes Gilbert (Special District), and Larry Wahl (County).

Others Present: Stephen Lucas, LAFCO Executive Officer
Stephen Betts, LAFCO Deputy Executive Officer
Jill Broderson, LAFCO Management Analyst
Joy Stover, LAFCO Commission Clerk
Scott Browne, LAFCO Legal Counsel

2. CLOSED SESSION

Adjourned to closed session at 9:02 a.m. Reconvened at 9:07 a.m.
Chair Leverenz stated there is no reportable action at this time.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Approval of the Minutes of June 5, 2014

Chair Leverenz asked if anyone wanted any corrections or changes to the minutes. None stated.

Commissioner Fichter made a motion to approve the minutes of June 5, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duncan.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Schwab, Duncan, Connelly, Fichter, Lambert and Chair Leverenz

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Lando

ABSTAINS: None

4. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 Items Removed from the Consent Agenda – None

5.2 14-14 – City of Chico – Extension of Services – 1221 Martin Street

Commissioner Connelly made a motion to approve the extension of sanitary sewer services and adopt Resolution No. 37 2013/14. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fichter.

The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Schwab, Duncan, Connelly, Fichter, Lambert and Chair Leverenz

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Lando

ABSTAINS: None

5.3 14-15 – City of Chico – Extension of Services – 884 Virginia Street

Steve Betts stated this came in as an emergency application, the connection was authorized and the parcel has been connected to the City of Chico's sanitary sewer service. A signed annexation agreement and covenant was received from the applicant.

Commissioner Duncan made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 38 2013/14 approving the extension of sanitary sewer services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schwab.

The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Schwab, Duncan, Connelly, Fichter, Lambert and Chair Leverenz

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Lando

ABSTAINS: None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

George Nicolaus, chair of the Northstate Hulling Board and also speaking on behalf of the Blue Diamond Growers, stated a second environmental review is out now for review regarding "The Arbors" Student Housing development being proposed on Pomona Avenue in Chico, planned next to the North State Hulling facility. Mr. Nicolaus wanted to know if LAFCO staff intends to respond to the second Mitigated Negative Declaration out for review on this proposed annexation.

Steve Lucas stated staff will be responding to the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Chair Leverenz stated legislature has imposed upon LAFCOs the obligation to protect agricultural land.

7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

7.1 Executive Officer's Report

Steve Lucas summarized the Executive Officer's Report and stated nominations are currently open for LAFCO Commissioners to serve on the CALAFCO Board for City & Public representation. Commissioner Duncan asked if alternates are allowed to serve on the CALAFCO Board.

Steve Lucas stated he will have to check the bylaws to confirm if alternates can serve.

Commissioner Schwab stated her schedule is not going to allow her to continue with LAFCO.

Steve Lucas stated the City Selection Committee is going to be meeting within the next month and once that takes place we would potentially have two new Commissioners, one regular and one alternate.

Steve Lucas stated the Friends of South Oroville Group has formally begun the process of collecting signatures on their petition to annex the South Oroville area.

Commissioner Connelly stated the group plans to do some community fundraising to help offset the costs of paying for the annexation processing.

Steve Lucas stated the Governor's Office of Planning and Research is working on reconciling two ground water Bills currently being proposed to regulate groundwater. Butte County was named as one of the few counties that have an active process of managing groundwater. The bigger picture coming out of these talks is what kind of oversight entity is going to be formed and what LAFCOs role will be.

Chair Leverenz stated water does not respect County boundary lines so it makes more sense to have a multi-county entity that would have a meaningful opportunity to deal with the entire Aquifer.

Commissioner Connelly stated they have had a hard time getting six counties to cooperate and the largest part of that cooperation was that the counties would not impose any sort of law or restriction on any of the other county's water. If the State mandates that we have to meter the groundwater, it will probably have to be done at the County level.

Chair Leverenz stated the county-based air quality entity has worked, so maybe a county level entity would work for regulating water.

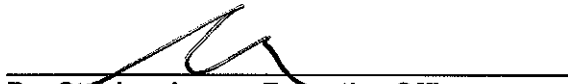
7.2 Correspondence – None

8. ADMINISTRATION – None

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m. to the next LAFCo meeting to be held on Thursday, **August 7, 2014** at 9:00 a.m.

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By: **Stephen Lucas, Executive Officer**