



BUTTE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION Minutes of November 5, 2020

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Steve Lucas called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., November 5, 2020, through telephonic conference attendance only due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

1.1 Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Carl Leverenz – (Chair-Public)
Greg Bolin (City)
Larry Bradley (Special District- Alternate)
Bill Connelly (Vice Chair - County)
Steve Lambert (County)
Al McGreehan (Special District)
James T. “Bo” Sheppard (City)

Alternate Commissioners Present: Pam Figge (Public) & Debra Lucero (County)

Alternate Commissioners Absent: Bruce Johnson (City)

Vacant Seat: Regular Commissioner (Special District)

Others Present: Stephen Lucas, LAFCO Executive Officer
Shannon Costa, LAFCO Government Planning Analyst
P. Scott Browne, LAFCO Legal Counsel

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Approval of the Minutes of October 1, 2020

Steve Lucas asked if there were any comments. None stated.

Chair Leverenz made a motion to approve the Minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGreehan.

The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Chair Leverenz, Bolin, Bradley, Connelly, Lambert, McGreehan, and Sheppard

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINS: None

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.1 LAFCO File 21-02 – Durham Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – Sphere of Influence Amendment

Steve Lucas provided a historical review from the time the Commission adopted the Municipal Service Review (MSR) for the Mosquito Abatement Districts in Butte County. Steve Lucas stated the Durham Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) at the time the MSR was adopted was given a probationary sphere of influence in order to achieve certain goals that the Commission felt were important for the District to continue to serve effectively. One of those goals was the relinquishment and detachment of the 14,000 plus acres of rice territory the District was unable to serve effectively and that area was subsequently annexed into the Butte County Mosquito & Vector Control District. The other items DMAD was directed to do was to address issues related to both the creation of a Pest Management Plan as well as updating the District's website. The District has created their Integrated Pest Management Plan and it is placed on their website and available to the public. The District also created their website as requested and added a number of categories addressing the various items that LAFCO asked should be on a website. Aaron Amator did a good job putting the website together and every item requested has been placed on the District's website. The DMAD is now one of the few Special Districts that have their MSR loaded onto their website. Staff is recommending the Commission take the District's probationary sphere and make it a coterminous sphere which would make their sphere of influence boundary coterminous with the District boundaries.

Steve Lucas opened this item for comments from the Commissioners.

Chair Leverenz asked Aaron Amator if his District is able to function based upon the money coming into the District now to cover operational expenses.

Aaron Amator, Manager of Durham Mosquito Abatement District, stated the District typically at the end of the year had a surplus before the land transfer was done to BCMVCD. The District currently has a full year of operating expenses in reserve.

Chair Leverenz stated he wanted to make sure the District is still able to function reasonably well.

Aaron Amator stated land transfer did impact the District but the District is currently financially sound.

Commissioner Sheppard stated he is sure that Aaron is aware & based on the press releases from Butte County Public Health we now have the *Aedes aegypti* invasive species showing up in our area. Since 2011 when this species made it into CA it has now made it up to our area. Commissioner Sheppard stated he feels this is something to be aware of and whatever steps can be taken to keep track of where we are finding this invasive species is important as it is the one that carries Zika and other diseases. Commissioner Sheppard stated he wants to make sure these mosquitoes are being monitored on a regular basis.

Aaron Amator stated he is aware of that species and he will update his website to include this species. The District is doing a lot more testing, trapping and monitoring than they used to do.

Steve Lucas opened this item up for the public for comments. None stated.

Steve Lucas closed the public comment portion.

Commissioner Lambert moved to approve the LAFCO Resolution as recommended by staff to return the District to a conterminous Sphere of Influence. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bradley.

The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Chair Leverenz, Bolin, Bradley, Connelly, Lambert, McGreehan, and Sheppard
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINS: None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1 Items Removed from the Consent Agenda- None

4.2 Adoption of 2021 LAFCo Regular Meeting Calendar

Steve Lucas opened this item to the public. No comments received. Item closed.

Commissioner Leverenz moved to approve the 2021 LAFCo Calendar. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGreehan.

The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Chair Leverenz, Bolin, Bradley, Connelly, Lambert, McGreehan, and Sheppard
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINS: None

5. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda - None

6. Reports and Communications

6.1 Executive Officer's Report

Steve Lucas summarized the Executive Officer's report and provided updates. The Special District regular commissioner recruitment will close on November 9, 2020. Under new projects, at its Oct. 13th meeting, the Board of Supervisors did appoint seven new members to the Rock Creek Reclamation District Board of Trustees and that process is concluded. The newly seated Board of Trustees took their oaths of office and held their first special meeting on last Thursday.

Also new is the Drainage and Reclamation Districts MSR actions. When the Commission adopted the MSR a couple of years we made a couple of recommendations to look at reorganizing those districts. One was to remove some territory from Butte Creek Drainage that is currently overlapping with Drainage District 1 and the second one that Drainage District 2 would be dissolved as it does not provide the service that was intended at the time. The good news is staff met with the representatives of those Districts and these issues will be brought back to the Commission for possible actions possibly

sometime in early spring 2021 to both dissolve Drainage District 2 and remove some territory from Butte Creek Drainage.

Regarding the El Medio Fire Protection District, staff has engaged with both the City of Oroville and the El Medio Fire Protection District staff regarding how we move forward and perhaps with reorganizing that District. While the Measure to give the District an additional assessment on the ballot passed, it did not pass with a required two thirds majority vote for a special tax. Therefore, according to the latest count it does not appear that tax will be implemented meaning now additional revenue to the District which is very hurtful at this time.

Commissioner Connelly confirmed the measure requires a two thirds vote to pass. The District has managed to get this passed a couple of times previously but the reality is fire and police protection are going to have to be look at it in a more regional manner going forward.

Steve Lucas stated Commissioner Connelly is now the CALAFCO Secretary and according to how they automatically move up, Mr. Connelly has the opportunity to move be the Chair of CALAFCO in another two years.

Steve Lucas made corrections to the Executive Officer's report under CALAFCO heading Item 2. stating he inadvertently stated that David Couch was elected as the Special District new member and that should have read Blake Inscore, also from Humboldt LAFCO, as he is the new City Member.

Steve Lucas stated the annual CALAFCO Conference will be changed over to Virtual Regional Round Tables and all the Commissioners are invited to attend. Reminders will be sent out that on Dec. 9th there will be a Regional Round Table for everybody in the Northern CA Region, which is about 18 counties. We will be on a call moderated by Pamela Miller, CALAFCO Executive Director, and a reminder will be provided as well as additional information as we get closer. There is also a new online class that will be held about LAFCO's role in a crisis. That class will be on Dec. 7th, and registration forms will be emailed or staff can prepare the registrations.


6.2 Correspondence - None

7. ADMINISTRATION

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m. to the next LAFCO meeting scheduled for December 3, 2020. The next LAFCO meeting is proposed to be a telephonic only meeting.

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION


By: **Stephen Lucas, Executive Officer**

Minutes prepared by Joy Stover, Commission Clerk