

# LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION MINUTES

## CITY MEMBERS

Sid Palmerin  
Justin Mendes  
Sid Palmerin - Alternate

## COUNTY MEMBERS

Joe Neves – Chair  
Doug Verboon – Vice Chair  
Richard Valle - Alternate

## PUBLIC MEMBERS

Vacant  
Vacant - Alternate

**CALL TO ORDER:** A special meeting of the Local Agency Formation Commission of Kings County was called to order by Chairman, Joe Neves, at 3:00 p.m., on November 17, 2017 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers of the Kings County Government Center, located at 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., in Hanford, California.

## COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Joe Neves, Richard Valle, Sid Palmerin, Justin Mendes

## COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

## STAFF PRESENT:

Greg Gatzka – Executive Officer, Chuck Kinney – Assistant Executive Officer, Diane Freeman – County Counsel, Terri Yarbrough – Clerk

## VISITORS PRESENT:

Phyllis Whitten, Jack Williams

**UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES:** Phyllis Whitten expressed concern regarding the water quality in Lemoore and that City of Lemoore annexation addressed only the quantity of water and not the quality.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded (Palmerin/Mendes) to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2017 meeting. Motion carried unanimously, with Valle abstaining.

## OLD BUSINESS:

None

## NEW BUSINESS

### **LAFCO Case No. 17-02, City of Lemoore Annexation NO. 2017-01**

Mr. Kinney provided an overview of a proposal to annex one area totaling 40.28 to the City of Lemoore and detachment of the same from the Kings River Conservation District and Excelsior-Kings River Resource Conservation District. The proposed parcels are located on the Northeast corner of Hanford Armona Road and 18 ¾ Avenue and is located in the City of Lemoore's primary sphere of influence. There are less than 12 registered voters residing within the boundaries of the proposed annexation and 100% of the property owners have signed a document consenting to this area of land being annexed into the City of Lemoore. Mr. Kinney also addressed Ms. Whitten's concerns. He stated that the government code requires addressing water quantity and not the quality. Commissioner Mendes asked to hear from the Lemoore City Engineer regarding the water. Mr. Rick Joyner, Engineer for the City of Lemoore, stated they are working on the water quality and will be submitting to the State for comments soon. Mr. Gatzka also noted that LAFCO staff researched what LAFCO is required to address water quality and the only reference found was in the relation to the development of a Municipal Service Review (MSR) and that the action being considered today does not involve an MSR.

A motion was made and seconded (Palmerin/Mendes) to approve LAFCO Resolution 17-03 approving Lemoore Annexation No. 2017-01. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Appointment of Public Member and Alternate Public Member**

Mr. Gatzka announced the applicants for the public member and public member alternate vacancies and stated the term for the public member was through May of 2020 and the alternate term is through May of 2019. Commissioner Valle asked which areas the applicants represented, which was addressed by Mr. Gatzka.

Two nominations were made for the Public Member position, one for Vernon Costa made by Commissioner Mendes and one for Dan Chin made by Commissioner Palmerin. Two votes were cast for Dan Chin and 1 vote was cast for Vernon Costa. The Chairman acknowledged the appointment of Dan Chin as the Public Member.

Commissioner Mendes nominated Vernon Costa for the Alternate Public Member. Commissioner Valle motioned to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried unanimously.

### **LEGISLATION**

Mr. Gatzka provided an update from the CALAFCO conference. Commissioner Palmerin asked about AB1351. Mr. Gatzka explained that it has to do with extending water services to tribal land. Chairman Neves asked about tribal lands wanting to extend their service outside their area. Mr. Gatzka stated it has not been addressed at this point. Commissioner Neves suggested keeping an eye on it and putting it on the agenda for a future meeting.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. **Correspondence** – Mr. Gatzka provided the LAFCO Sphere and mentioned that Mr. Knox who was instrumental in putting together the LAFCO law had passed away.
- B. **Items from the Commission** – None
- C. **Staff Comments** – None

**ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

- A. **A meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
OF KINGS COUNTY**



Gregory R. Gatzka, Executive Officer