

# LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION MINUTES

## CITY MEMBERS

Lois Wynne – Vice Chair  
Harlin Casida  
Sid Palmerin - Alternate

## COUNTY MEMBERS

Joe Neves – Chair  
Doug Verboon  
Richard Valle - Alternate

## PUBLIC MEMBERS

Paul Thompson  
Vacant - Alternate

**CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting of the Local Agency Formation Commission of Kings County was called to order by the Chairman, Joe Neves, at 3:01 p.m., on March 23, 2016 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, Doug Verboon, Harlin Casida, Paul Thompson, Lois Wynne

## COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

## STAFF PRESENT:

Greg Gatzka – Executive Officer, Chuck Kinney – Assistant Executive Officer, Erik Kaeding – County Counsel, Terri Yarbrough – Clerk

## VISITORS PRESENT:

Dave Nave

**UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES:** No one spoke during this portion of the meeting.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon/Casida) to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2016 meeting. Motion carried unanimously with Wynne abstaining.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Vice Chair:

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon/Thompson) to nominate Commissioner Wynne for vice chair and to close the nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

## OLD BUSINESS:

None

## NEW BUSINESS

### LAFCO Preliminary Budget FY 2016-2017

Mr. Gatzka presented the preliminary budget for FY 2016-2017. He reported an 11% increase in the budget from FY 2015-2016 and stated that a public hearing is scheduled for April 27, 2016 and intended to continue to May 25, 2016. Commissioner Thompson asked about the negative balance on the spreadsheet. Mr. Gatzka clarified.

### Island Study Update

Mr. Kinney provided an updated county island study. Commissioner Verboon asked why area 9, El Ranch, hasn't been annexed into the city. Chairman Neves stated he is not sure how to address this since we now have mutual aid with the fire department between the county and the city. Commissioner Verboon also expressed concern that areas with residences aren't being annexed while those without residences have been annexed. Chairman Neves also asked which areas are being serviced by city services. Mr. Kinney will research and report back to the Commission.

Chairman Neves suggested focusing on areas serviced by city for water, waste water, and solid waste. Commissioner Thompson inquired about Island # 7.

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon/Casida) to continue the agenda item and invite the cities of Hanford and Corcoran to the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Update on Tulare LAFCO Actions pertaining to Deer Creek Storm Water District Annexation**  
Mr. Gatzka provided an update on the Tulare LAFCO actions pertaining to Deer Creek Storm Water District annexation. He reported that Deer Creek Storm Water District had annexed 36,000 acres north of Kern county and East of Kings County and bordered by State Route 43 on the Tulare County side. The annexation is currently being contested by some of the land owners and the next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2016. Mr. Gatzka stated they were primarily dealing with sustainable ground water issues. The Commission asked staff to attend the meeting and keep track of the progress. Mr. Kaeding also followed up on a question from the last meeting regarding LAFCOs forming JPAs among each other for the purpose of processing reorganizations. Mr. Kaeding concluded that LAFCOs can't form JPAs among each other but there is a special statute that does allow a very specific kind of agreement that LAFCOs can enter into. It was the consensus of the Commission to have a study session at a future meeting.

**LEGISLATION**

Mr. Gatzka informed the Commission that CALAFCO sent a letter to each LAFCO asking for letters of opposition on SB1318 and AB2032. He stated the letter wasn't received in time to write a letter of opposition, however, the larger LAFCOs are watching and responding.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. **Correspondence** – None
- B. **Items from the Commission** – None
- C. **Staff Comments** – None

**ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

- A. **A meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
OF KINGS COUNTY**



Gregory R. Gatzka, Executive Officer