

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 3:02 p.m., on April 27, 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, Paul Thompson, Lois Wynne

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Harlin Casida

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

VISITORS PRESENT: Kevin Tromborg, Darlene Mata

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded (Thompson/Wynne) to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2016 meeting. Motion carried unanimously with Casida absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

Island Study Update

Mr. Kinney provided an update on the island studies and identified areas that receive city water and sewer service. Mr. Kevin Tromborg, representing the city of Corcoran, stated that the city was mildly interested in annexing areas 1, 2, and 3. The infrastructure is either non-existent or under sized for development. He stated that a few years ago section 4 was slated for a school or a hospital. The city is looking to grow to the north since development is limited to the West, East and South. Ms. Darlene Mata, representing the city of Hanford, reported they anticipate that an application for annexation of area 11 will be submitted soon. She also reported that a pre-application was received for part of area 5. She stated that providing services to some of the islands has been an issue, but they do plan to start annexing some of the islands. Commissioner Verboon said he would like to see the city take what is within the city so the county can focus funds on other areas outside of the city. Commissioner Wynne asked why areas 3, 4, and 5 were not being annexed which was addressed by Ms. Mata. Mr. Gatzka also said that the goal is to make logical orderly boundaries which clean up addressing for fire and sheriff services. Chairman Neves asked staff to add a column to the spreadsheet for solid waste, storm water capacity. He also stated that area 7 should probably be annexed since they have all city services except law enforcement. Ms. Mata said they have looked at this area and most of the residents are not willing to annex. Mr. Gatzka stated that some concerns from residents are there is a concern or fear of having city rules applied to them. He also stated there is a development impact fee that the city applies within their sphere of influence boundaries. The fees are paid to the city for services with the intent they will ultimately be served by the city.

NEW BUSINESS

LAFCO Preliminary Budget FY 2016-2017

Mr. Gatzka presented the budget for FY 2016-2017. He reported that there were no changes from what was presented at the March 23, 2016 meeting. Chairman Neves opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone wanting to testify regarding the proposed budget. Seeing none, he continued the Public Hearing until May 27, 2016 with action to be taken at that meeting.

LEGISLATION

None

MISCELLANEOUS

A. Correspondence – None

B. Items from the Commission – None

C. Staff Comments – Mr. Gatzka reported on the CALAFCO staff workshop. He stated there was discussion on SB 88 which is the consolidation efforts. The Department of Water Resources and the Department of Public Health now has authority to enforce consolidation. He reported that staff had met with Tricia Wathen with the State Division of Drinking Water and her staff to be briefed on this. She didn't see any current situations that would force consolidation. There is a potential for discussions regarding Hardwick and Laton. There were no issues in relation to Home Garden or Armona.

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

A. A meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
OF KINGS COUNTY**



Gregory R. Gatzka, Executive Officer