

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 3:00 p.m., on May 25, 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, Sid Palmerin, Harlin Casida,

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

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

VISITORS PRESENT:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Island Study Update

Mr. Kinney provided an update on the island studies and identified areas that receive trash, sewer and storm water services. Chairman Neves stated he still had some concerns about refuse being optional.

LAFCO Preliminary Budget FY 2016-2017

Mr. Gatzka reported there were no changes to the proposed budget for FY 2016-2017 and no testimony had been received. Chairman Neves continued the public Hearing and asked if there was anyone wanting to testify regarding the proposed budget. Seeing none, he closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon/Palmerin) to approve the budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Inter-Agency Coordination Agreements

Mr. Kaeding reported on questions that arose from a previous meeting regarding the ability of LAFCO to enter into a JPA with a neighboring LAFCO specifically because of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. He reported LAFCO's don't have a big role in SGMA efforts unless a new special district is being formed in order to establish itself as a GSA or if it wants to change district boundaries. He said it was not likely that LAFCO will have to address anything regarding

GSA or sustainability issues. It is possible that a new water district may want to form or a water district may want to change its boundaries. Mr. Kaeding also reported that LAFCO's can't enter into a JPA but they can enter into an inter agency coordination agreement for determining who is the principal county for a change in organization. Mr. Gatzka reported that some discussions have taken place with water districts looking to annex territory in Kings County and it may be coming to the Kings LAFCO Commission for consideration. An area is being proposed to be split off of the Pleasant Valley sub basin. He also reported that Green Valley and Devils Den Water District are looking to annex more territory. Commissioners expressed a concern over Fresno County to the West and Tulare County Deer Creek Storm water Basin to the south. Mr. Gatzka stated that staff has been monitoring Deer Creek as the Commission has requested. Commissioner Verboon said he would like to know what can be done to protect our groundwater and keep it from leaving our county. The Commission asked County Counsel to bring back an item to address water district annexations and see if we can enter into an inter agency coordination agreement with Tulare County, Fresno County and possibly Kern County. The Commission also asked Mr. Gatzka to have more interaction with Kern, Tulare and Fresno County LAFCO's.

LEGISLATION

None

MISCELLANEOUS

- A. **Correspondence** – None
- B. **Items from the Commission** – None
- C. **Staff Comments** – Mr. Gatzka reported there may be a Hanford annexation for the June meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

- A. **A meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
OF KINGS COUNTY**



Gregory R. Gatzka, Executive Officer