



**Local Agency
Formation Commission
of Santa Clara County**

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Mark Turner

Alternate Commissioners

Pamela Campos
Helen Chapman
Betty Duong
Zach Hilton
Teresa O'Neill

Executive Officer

Neelima Palacherla

**LAFCO MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:23 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Commissioners

- Sylvia Arenas, Chairperson
- Rosemary Kamei, Vice Chairperson
- Jim Beall
- Yoriko Kishimoto (Absent)
- Otto Lee
- Terry Trumbull
- Mark Turner

Alternate Commissioners

- Pamela Campos (Arrived at 1:38 p.m.)
- Helen Chapman (Voting for Yoriko Kishimoto)
- Betty Duong (Absent)
- Zach Hilton
- Teresa O'Neill

Staff

- Neelima Palacherla, Executive Officer
- Dunia Noel, Assistant Executive Officer
- Emmanuel Abello, Analyst
- Sonia Humphrey, Clerk
- Mala Subramanian, Counsel

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

3. APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Lee	SECOND: Chapman
AYES: Arenas, Beall, Chapman, Kamei, Lee, Trumbull, Turner	
NOES: None	ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

Commission Action: The Commission approved the Consent Calendar, including Items #4, #8, #9 and #10.

4. TAKEN ON CONSENT: APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2025 LAFCO MEETING

The Commission approved the minutes of the February 5, 2025 meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. SOUTH SANTA CLARA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT DISSOLUTION AND SANTA CLARA COUNTY CENTRAL FIRE PROTECTION ANNEXATION / SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AMENDMENT

Chairperson Arenas opened the public hearing.

5 individuals addressed the Commission.

Chairperson Arenas closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Arenas	SECOND: Lee
AYES: Arenas, Beall, Chapman, Kamei, Lee, Trumbull, Turner	
NOES: Turner	ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

Commission Action:

1. The Commission determined that the proposal is categorically exempt from the provisions of the CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines §15320, Class 20.
2. The Commission approved LAFCO Resolution 2025-01 which:
 - a. approves the Santa Clara County Central Fire Protection District (CCFD) Sphere of Influence (SOI) amendment that includes all lands contained in the SOI of the South Santa Clara County Fire Protection District (SCFD) and adopts SOI determinations, and
 - b. approves the dissolution of the SCFD and concurrent annexation of its territory to the CCFD, subject to the listed terms and conditions.
3. The Commission directed the LAFCO Executive Officer to conduct protest proceedings pursuant to GC §57000.

6. PROPOSED WORK PLAN AND BUDGET FOR FY 2026

MOTION: Arenas SECOND: Lee

AYES: Arenas, Beall, Chapman, Kamei, Lee, Trumbull, Turner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Commission Action:

1. The Commission directed staff to amend the proposed Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to include a work item to conduct a strategic planning workshop for the Commission to specifically discuss development of environmental justice policies.
2. Adopted the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.
3. Found that the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 is adequate to allow the Commission to fulfill its statutory responsibilities.
4. Authorized staff to transmit the Proposed Budget adopted by the Commission including the estimated agency costs as well as the LAFCO public hearing notice for the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026 Final Budget to the cities, the special districts, the County, the Cities Association of Santa Clara County and the Santa Clara County Special Districts Association.

ITEMS FOR ACTION / INFORMATION

7. PROPOSED WORK PLAN: PHASE 2 - COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND UPDATE OF LAFCO POLICIES

MOTION: Lee SECOND: Kamei

AYES: Arenas, Beall, Chapman, Kamei, Lee, Trumbull, Turner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Commission Action: The Commission approved the work plan for Phase 2 Comprehensive Review and Update of LAFCO Policies

8. TAKEN ON CONSENT: EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Commission Action: The Commission accepted the report.

9. TAKEN ON CONSENT: SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER TERMS EXPIRATION For Information Only.

10. TAKEN ON CONSENT: CALAFCO UPDATE

Commission Action: The Commission accepted the report.

11. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Beall shared about the recent passing of Don Gage and recollected fond memories of serving together on the County Board of Supervisors for over 10 years.

Alternate Commissioner Chapman shared that former Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (OSA) Director Mike Flaughner passed away in February. He served on their Board for 10 years.

Chairperson Arenas acknowledged a member of the public, Kanta Khiatani and praised the positive impact she, along with Don Gage and Mike Flaughner, had on our lives.

12. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES / NEWSLETTERS

There were none.


13. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

There were none.

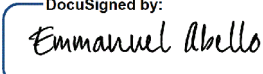
14. ADJOURN

The Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m., to the next regular LAFCO meeting on June 4, 2025, at 1:15 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose.

Approved on June 4, 2025

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Sylvia Arenas, Chairperson
Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Clara County

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