

The Commission adopted **Resolution No. 2014-06**, approving the amendment of the South Santa Clara County Fire Protection District's (SSCCFPD) Sphere of Influence and approving the annexation of certain property to SSCCFPD.

Motion: Wasserman

Second: LeZotte

AYES: Chavez, Hall, Khamis, Abe-Koga, LeZotte, Wasserman, Wilson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED

5. ANNUAL REPORT

Dunia Noel, LAFCO Analyst, presented the staff report.

Commissioner LeZotte proposed that the Commission take action on the failure of the Lake Canyon Community Services District (LCCSD) and the Lion's Gate Community Services District (LGCSD) to file their statements of economic interest (FPPC Form 700) with the County Clerk. Ms. Noel advised that the Clerk's office is working with LCCSD and the County Counsel's office is working with the LGCSD. A discussion ensued and it was determined that staff will provide a status report to the Commission on the Form 700 filings by LCCSD and LGCSD, and will recommend any action, as necessary, at the next meeting.

The Commission accepted the 2013-2014 Annual Report (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014).

The Commission directed staff to provide a report on the status of FPPC filings by LGCSD and LCCSD and, if necessary, recommend action at the next LAFCO meeting.

Motion: LeZotte

Second: Wasserman

AYES: Chavez, Hall, Khamis, Abe-Koga, LeZotte, Wasserman, Wilson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED

6. AMENDMENT OF LAFCO'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

The Commission noted the non-substantive changes to LAFCO's Conflict of Interest Code.

7. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

7.1 UPDATE ON THE CITY OF MORGAN HILL'S SOUTHEAST QUADRANT PROPOSAL

In addition to the written staff report, Ms. Palacherla provided an overview of more current information on the Southeast Quadrant (SEQ). She informed that the four agencies, LAFCO, the County, Morgan Hill and the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority (OSA) continue to work on developing a plan to preserve agricultural lands and accommodate Morgan Hill's growth needs consistent with existing policies and with minimal conversion of agricultural lands. She noted that the group met several times since June, and OSA hired a consultant to work on a scope of work for developing a SEQ agricultural preservation plan.

Ms. Palacherla continued that, on a parallel track, Morgan Hill is working on its General Plan Update 2035 (GPU). She advised that the GPU process, with the EIR to begin in Spring 2015, is also considering various land use alternatives including further boundary expansions, but the SEQ is not included in the GPU process. On another parallel track, while the partner agencies work is occurring, she reported that the City is continuing to pursue the original SEQ project which involves conversion of half of the agricultural lands in the SEQ. She stated that the partner agency efforts intend to put together an alternative preservation plan that reduces the conversion of agricultural lands with a commitment from the City for a stable growth boundary. She noted that the City Manager expects to receive further direction from the City Council on this issue at its Strategic Planning Session on Friday.

Doug Muirhead, a resident of Morgan Hill, requested that LAFCO prepare a response to assertions that Morgan Hill must annex lands in order to prevent development of homes in the SEQ.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Chavez, Ms. Palacherla advised that the three separate tracks may or may not converge into a common process. She indicated that the ideal situation is for the SEQ project to occur within the GPU process and that the City allow the partner agencies process to be completed before taking further actions on the SEQ. She continued that Morgan Hill has decided instead, to complete the SEQ proposal before beginning the EIR for the GPU in order to establish the SEQ as an existing condition. Ms. Palacherla noted that Morgan Hill plans to complete the SEQ proposal by December 2014; however, she opined that the partner agency process will take longer than that. Commissioner Chavez acknowledged Morgan Hill's position where they receive feedback but make their own decisions on the SEQ.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Chavez, Ms. Palacherla advised that there was no written agreement among the four agencies for Morgan Hill to put a hold on the process but that it was the understanding amongst the partners. Chairperson Wilson informed that Morgan Hill's SEQ proposal will come to LAFCO for approval. She also noted that Morgan Hill's Final EIR has not addressed the deficiencies identified in LAFCO's comment letter.

7.2 A SUMMIT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL FARMLAND TO SANTA CLARA VALLEY'S FUTURE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Ms. Palacherla presented a brief video on the highlights of the Summit, prepared by Emmanuel Abello and informed that a video of the entire Summit will be posted on the LAFCO website.

Commissioner Chavez expressed appreciation to staff for organizing the Summit. **Commissioner LeZotte** informed that she received positive comments that the event was well-planned with representation from different public agencies and private organizations. **Chairperson Wilson** expressed agreement and noted that given the interest that this event has generated, a similar event in the future may be organized for a full day.

7.3 SANTA CLARA COUNTY SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Ms. Palacherla presented the report.

7.4 INTER-JURISDICTIONAL GIS WORKING GROUP MEETING

Ms. Palacherla presented the report.

7.5 PACHECO PASS WATER DISTRICT

Ms. Palacherla presented the report.

In response to an inquiry by **Commissioner Hall**, Ms. Palacherla informed that the Pacheco Pass Water District's (PPWD) North Fork dam is within Santa Clara County. She also indicated that San Benito LAFCO must determine the assets and liabilities of PPWD as part of the dissolution process.

8. PENDING APPLICATIONS

There are none.

9. COMMISSIONER REPORT

There is none.

10. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES / NEWSLETTERS

There are none.

11. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

There is none.

12. ADJOURN

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m. to the next regular meeting on December 3, 2014 in the Board Meeting Chambers, County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose, California.

Approved:

Susan Vicklund Wilson, Chairperson
Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Clara County

By: _____
Emmanuel Abello, LAFCO Clerk