



**LAFCO MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

The following commissioners were present:

- **Chairperson Cat Tucker** (left at 2:09 p.m.)
- **Vice Chairperson Mike Wasserman**
- **Commissioner Sequoia Hall**
- **Commissioner Johnny Khamis** (arrived at 1:04 p.m., left at 1:38 p.m.)
- **Commissioner Linda J. Lezotte**
- **Commissioner Susan Vicklund Wilson**
- **Commissioner Ken Yeager**
- **Alternate Commissioner Yoriko Kishimoto** (arrived at 1:08 p.m.)
- **Alternate Commissioner Tara Martin-Milius**
- **Alternate Commissioner Terry Trumbull**

The following staff members were present:

- **LAFCO Executive Officer Neelima Palacherla**
- **LAFCO Assistant Executive Officer Dunia Noel**
- **LAFCO Counsel Malathy Subramanian**

2. CHANGE IN LAFCO MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson Tucker welcomed Commissioner Ken Yeager as the new LAFCO member and noted that Commissioner Cindy Chavez will now serve as the new Alternate Commissioner.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Burch, a resident of 23310 Mora Glen Drive in an unincorporated area outside the Town of Los Altos Hills, requested the Commission to allow sewer service to his property.

In response to an inquiry by **Commissioner Wasserman**, Ms. Palacherla informed that LAFCO staff is aware of the situation and has had extensive discussions with the property owners, the Town of Los Altos Hills and the County Department of Environmental Health regarding the request for sewer service to the property. She indicated that the Town has to apply to LAFCO if it opts to provide sewer service outside its boundary; or the property could be annexed by the Town without LAFCO approval since it is already within its urban service area. She further informed that the

Town has indicated interest in annexing the property. In response to an inquiry by **Commissioner Khamis**, Ms. Palacherla advised that Los Alto Hills staff are aware of these options and are presently working with Mr. Burch.

4. MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2015 LAFCO MEETING

The Commission approved the minutes of December 2, 2015 LAFCO meeting.

Motion: Wasserman Second: Wilson

AYES: Hall, Khamis, LeZotte, Tucker, Wasserman, Wilson, Yeager

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED

5. CUPERTINO SANITARY DISTRICT 2015-02

The Commission adopted **LAFCO Resolution No. 2016-01**, approving the annexation of approximately 96.28 acres, consisting of four parcels located in the City of Saratoga, to the Cupertino Sanitary District.

Commissioner Hall announced his abstention from voting on the item.

Motion: Wasserman Second: Khamis

AYES: Khamis, LeZotte, Tucker, Wasserman, Wilson, Yeager

NOES: None ABSTAIN: Hall ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED

6. COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT ON THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF AGRICULTURE IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Joe Deviney, Agricultural Commissioner, Santa Clara County Consumer and Environmental Protection Agency, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the contributions of agriculture to the local economy.

Commissioner Hall suggested that future reports track data on urban agriculture as well as the market value of urban produce that is donated to the food banks. **Alternate Commissioner Kishimoto** inquired about agribusiness trends and greenhouses. Mr. Deviney reported that greenhouses are stable and successful business model in the County, producing a year-round supply of vegetables. **Alternate Commissioner Milius** inquired about the availability of data on the value generated by organically-grown products. Mr. Deviney informed that the data is included in the annual crop reports but that it has not been separated for this presentation.

7. UPDATE ON THE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL LANDS POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR SOUTHERN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Rob Eastwood, Planning Manager, Santa Clara County Department of Planning and Development, provided a PowerPoint presentation on Sustainable Agricultural Lands Policy Framework for Southern Santa Clara County. Andrea Mackenzie, General Manager, Open Space Authority, discussed the benefits of adopting the Framework,

including the County's increased competitiveness in obtaining State grants for agricultural conservation easements.

Commissioner LeZotte requested clarification on the data about the loss of prime farmlands. She also commented on the proposed composition of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the County study. **Commissioner Wasserman** suggested that this process may provide opportunities to consider potential changes to regulations related to lot sizes and configurations in the area. **Commissioner Wilson** reiterated the importance of a well-balanced TAC and effective meeting facilitation. **Commissioner Hall** observed that community leaders and public officials at the Agricultural Summit in September 2014 expected that something must be done to protect agriculture and open space, and noted that the current effort is a step in that direction. He proposed tracking of data on urban agriculture. **Alternate Commissioner Trumbull** noted the decrease in the conversion of agricultural lands during the last 15 years. **Alternate Commissioner Milius** inquired about the transition areas that are located between urban and agricultural or open space lands.

8. FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

The Commission established a Finance Committee composed of Chairperson Tucker, Commissioner Wasserman and Commissioner Wilson to work with staff to develop and recommend the proposed FY 2016-2017 LAFCO budget for consideration by the full commission.

Motion: Hall

Second: Wilson

AYES: Hall, LeZotte, Tucker, Wasserman, Wilson, Yeager

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Khamis

MOTION PASSED

9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

9.1 SANTA CLARA COUNTY SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Commission noted the report.

9.2 DISCUSSIONS WITH LOMA PRIETA RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT STAFF

The Commission noted the report.

9.3 MEETINGS REGARDING THE MORGAN HILL 2015 URBAN SERVICE AREA AMENDMENT APPLICATION

The Commission noted the report.

9.4 MEETING WITH CITY OF MONTE SERENO STAFF, LANDOWNER, AND LANDOWNER'S ATTORNEY RE: POTENTIAL MONTE SERENO URBAN SERVICE AREA AND SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AMENDMENTS

The Commission noted the report.

9.5 UPDATE ON JARDIN DRIVE PROPERTY OWNERS' REQUEST FOR DETACHMENT FROM MOUNTAIN VIEW AND ANNEXATION TO LOS ALTOS

The Commission noted the report.

9.6 SANTA CLARA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF PLANNING OFFICIALS (SCCAPO) MEETING

The Commission noted the report.

9.7 INTER-JURISDICTIONAL GIS WORKING GROUP MEETING

The Commission noted the report.

**10. CALAFCO RELATED ACTIVITIES
10.1 2016 CALAFCO STAFF WORKSHOP**

The Commission authorized staff to attend the 2016 CALAFCO Staff Workshop and authorized travel expenses funded by the LAFCO budget.

Motion: Wilson Second: LeZotte

AYES: Hall, LeZotte, Tucker, Wasserman, Wilson, Yeager

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Khamis

MOTION PASSED

10.2 INTER-JURISDICTIONAL GIS WORKING GROUP MEETING

The Commission noted the report.

11. PENDING APPLICATIONS / UPCOMING PROJECTS

11.1 MORGAN HILL URBAN SERVICE AREA AMENDMENT 2015

Ms. Palacherla informed that the application will be heard on March 11, 2016, that the public hearing notices have been provided pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act, and that staff has received several comment letters regarding the application which will be provided with the staff report.

In response to an inquiry by **Commissioner Wilson**, Ms. Palacherla informed that the staff report will be available on February 12, 2016.

12. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

There was none.

13. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES / NEWSLETTERS

The Commission noted the newspaper article provided.

14. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

The Commission noted the correspondence provided.

15. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Chairperson Tucker announced that she will recuse herself from participation in the Closed Session and requested Alternate Commissioner Milius to attend in her place.

The Commission adjourned to Closed Session at 2:09 p.m.

13. REPORT FROM THE CLOSED SESSION

The Commission reconvened to an open meeting at 2:31 p.m. Ms. Subramanian, LAFCO Counsel, announced that there is no report from the Closed Session.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 2:32 p.m., to the Special LAFCO meeting on Friday, March 11, 2016, at 10:00 AM in the Board Meeting Chambers, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose.

Approved:

Cat Tucker, Chairperson
Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Clara County

By: _____
Emmanuel Abello, LAFCO Clerk