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**LAFCO MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2020**

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Chairperson Jimenez congratulated staff and consultants on their work for the Communications and Outreach Plan. **Commissioner Ellenberg** noted that the Plan is unique as the first of its kind in the State and that the material is both informative and beautiful. She expressed hope that it is being widely used by the Commission and encouraged staff to submit a nomination for the APA award at the national level.

6.2 Comment Letter on City of Gilroy's 2040 General Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report

The Commission noted the report.

6.3 Comment Letter on Plan Bay Area 2050 Blueprint Strategies

The Commission noted the report.

6.4 Presentations on LAFCO

The Commission noted the report.

6.5 Comprehensive Review and Update of LAFCO Policies

The Commission noted the report.

6.6 Meetings with County, San Jose and ABAG/MTC on RHNA Allocation for Unincorporated County

Commissioner Constantine proposed that LAFCO should request that the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) for the unincorporated areas be reduced but not redistributed to the cities in the County. In response to the **Chairperson, Ms. Subramanian** indicated that this item is for information only and she advised that it be agendized for Commission's consideration at the December meeting.

Ms. Palacherla informed that there is limited possibility of an overall reduction. She indicated that LAFCO is seeking reduction for unincorporated areas as the large RHNA allocation for the unincorporated county is unprecedented and does not take into account Santa Clara LAFCO and County goals and policy for development in the unincorporated areas and adversely impacts orderly growth and development.

Commissioner Constantine added that he is supportive of letting the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) know that LAFCO does not support development in unincorporated areas as they lack urban services but noted that the allocations should not be shifted to the cities as they are also seeing large increases in their numbers. **Alternate Commissioner Kishimoto** suggested that LAFCO should be included in the discussion among the cities and the County to ensure that the unincorporated county is not impacted too much. **Commissioner Ellenberg** proposed that under Item #9, members may request that this issue be agendized for future discussion.

6.7 Meetings with Mountain View Staff and NASA Representatives on Proposed Provision of City Recycled Water to NASA Ames Site

The Commission noted the report.

6.8 Meetings on San Jose General Plan Update

The Commission noted the report.

6.9 Meeting on Update of County Specific Definition of Farmland of Local Importance

The Commission noted the report.

6.10 Quarterly Meeting with County Planning Staff

The Commission noted the report.

6.11 Santa Clara County Special Districts Association Meeting

The Commission noted the report.

6.12 Santa Clara County Association of Planning Officials Meeting

The Commission noted the report.

6.13 Sustainability County Working Group Meeting

The Commission noted the report.

6.14 Inter-Jurisdictional GIS Working Group Meeting

The Commission noted the report.

7. CALAFCO RELATED ACTIVITIES

7.1 Report on CALAFCO Legislative Meetings

The Commission noted the report.

7.2 CALAFCO Monthly Meetings for Executive Officers

The Commission noted the report.

7.3 CALAFCO University Webinar Series

The Commission noted the report.

8. PENDING APPLICATIONS / UPCOMING PROJECTS

There were none.

9. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Constantine requested that staff agendize a report on the RHNA allocation for the unincorporated county for the Commission's discussion at the December meeting.

Commissioner Ellenberg requested that staff agendize an item to consider the prioritization of the Countywide Fire Service Review over other service reviews, at the December LAFCO meeting. She indicated that there was an overwhelming public

interest in fire protection services during the October 6, 2020 County Board of Supervisors meeting. **Commissioner Wasserman** expressed agreement with Commission Ellenberg for prioritizing the fire service review and noted that almost all of the emails that he received at the Board of Supervisors meeting were opposed to fire district consolidation. **Chairperson Jimenez** requested staff to provide background information on previous fire service reviews when bringing the item for LAFCO's consideration. He expressed agreement with Commissioner Wasserman that it is difficult for LAFCO commissioners to exercise their independent judgement on behalf of the public as a whole, but that he is confident that all members try to wear their LAFCO hat during LAFCO meetings.

Chairperson Jimenez announced that a virtual meeting of San Jose city officials with the San Jose State University Wildfire Interdisciplinary Research Center is scheduled for October 10 at 6:00 p.m.

10. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES / NEWSLETTERS

There were none.

11. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

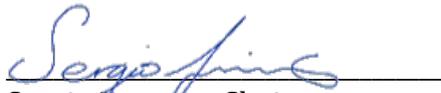
12. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 1:53 p.m., and reconvened at 2:09 p.m., with no report.

13. ADJOURN

The Commission adjourned at 2:11 p.m., to the next regular LAFCO meeting on December 2, 2020 at 1:15 p.m., by teleconference.

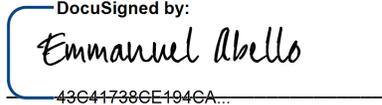
Approved on December 2, 2020.



Sergio Jimenez, Chairperson

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Emmanuel Abello, LAFCO Clerk