

**LAFCO MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

The following commissioners were present:

- **Chairperson Linda J. Lezotte**
- **Vice Chairperson Cat Tucker**
- **Commissioner Cindy Chavez**
- **Commissioner Sequoia Hall** (arrived at 1:03 p.m.)
- **Commissioner Johnny Khamis** (left at 1:43 p.m.)
- **Commissioner Mike Wasserman**
- **Commissioner Susan Vicklund Wilson**
- **Alternate Commissioner Yoriko Kishimoto** (arrived at 2:02 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

3. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2015 LAFCO MEETING

The Commission approved the minutes of October 7, 2015 LAFCO meeting.

Motion: Wasserman

Second: Khamis

AYES: Chavez, Khamis, Tucker, Wasserman, Wilson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: LeZotte

ABSENT: Hall

MOTION PASSED

4. CITIES SERVICE REVIEW REVISED DRAFT REPORT

Commissioner Tucker requested clarification on how the City of Gilroy's comments regarding its emergency response times for certain priority calls will be reflected in the

Final Report. Staff stated that the Final Report will be revised based on the information provided by the city as indicated in the staff report's response table.

This being the time and place for the public hearing, the Chairperson declared the public hearing open, determined that there no members of the public who wished to speak on the item, and declared the public hearing closed.

The Commission:

1. Determined that the Cities Service Review Report which includes sphere of influence updates for fifteen cities and the recommendations of this staff report are exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under the State CEQA Guidelines: §15306 Class 6; §15061(b)(3) General Rule; §15378(b)(5); and §15320 Class 20.
2. Accepted comments and considered any further revisions to the Cities Service Review Revised Draft Report.
3. Adopted the Cities Service Review Report (Service Review Report) including revisions presented in Attachment C, and other revisions, as necessary.
4. Adopted service review determinations for each of the fifteen cities as included in the Service Review Report.
5. Adopted sphere of influence (SOI) updates along with sphere of influence determinations for each of the fifteen cities and as included in the Service Review Report:
- 5a. Reaffirmed the existing SOI for each of the fifteen cities as recommended in the Service Review Report.
6. Directed staff to prepare the Final Report for the Cities Service Review and distribute the Final Report to all affected agencies.

Motion: Wilson

Second: Khamis

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY DON WEDEN: FOOD AND FARMLANDS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Don Weden, retired Santa Clara County planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation on food and farmlands in Santa Clara County. A discussion ensued amongst the commissioners and Mr. Weden on the various aspects of his presentation and how to best preserve the remaining agricultural lands.

6. 2016 SCHEDULE OF LAFCO MEETINGS

Commissioner Hall informed that he is unable to attend the April 6, 2015 meeting and **Alternate Commissioner Kishimoto** indicated that she will be available to attend in his place.

The Commission adopted the schedule of LAFCO meetings and application filing deadlines for 2016.

Motion: Wilson

Second: Hall

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Khamis

MOTION PASSED

7. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR 2016

Commissioner Chavez indicated that she will be the Chairperson of the Valley Transportation Authority in 2016 and requested Commissioner Wasserman to serve as LAFCO Vice Chairperson for 2016. **Commissioner Wasserman** expressed agreement.

The Commission expressed appreciation to Chairperson LeZotte for her service as chairperson in 2015.

The Commission appointed Commissioner Cat Tucker as Chairperson for 2016 and Commissioner Mike Wasserman as Vice-Chairperson.

Motion: Chavez

Second: Wilson

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Khamis

MOTION PASSED

8. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

8.1 LAFCO WORKSHOP ON SERVICE EXTENSIONS OUTSIDE OF JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES

The Commission noted the report.

In response to an inquiry by **Commissioner Wilson**, Ms. Palacherla indicated that at the workshop, San Jose and Milpitas had expressed interest in a similar workshop for each of the cities but have not contacted LAFCO subsequently.

8.2 MEETINGS WITH SANTA CLARA COUNTY STAFF

The Commission noted the report.

8.3 MEETING WITH MORGAN HILL BIBLE CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES ON MORGAN HILL 2015 URBAN SERVICE AREA AMENDMENT APPLICATION

The Commission noted the report.

8.4 MEETING WITH THE COMMITTEE FOR GREEN FOOTHILLS ON MORGAN HILL 2015 URBAN SERVICE AREA AMENDMENT APPLICATION

The Commission noted the report.

8.5 BAY AREA LAFCOs MEETING

The Commission noted the report.

8.6 **SANTA CLARA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF PLANNING OFFICIALS (SCCAPO) MEETING**

The Commission noted the report.

8.7 **CALAFCO LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Commission noted the report.

8.8 **INTER-JURISDICTIONAL GIS WORKING GROUP MEETING**

The Commission noted the report.

9. **PENDING APPLICATIONS / UPCOMING PROJECTS**

Ms. Palacherla presented the staff report and informed that Morgan Hill is expected to submit the remaining information today..

Andrew Crabtree, Community Development Director, Morgan Hill, expressed appreciation to staff and the Commission and informed that the city has been working on the USA expansion project for over 12 years now.

In response to an inquiry by **Commissioner Chavez**, Ms. Palacherla informed that staff's goal was to make the staff report available a week earlier than usual. **Commissioner Chavez** proposed that the project be considered in two meetings, the first meeting for the Commission to hear from all the parties and the second meeting, if necessary, to make its decision. In response to an inquiry by **Commissioner Chavez**, Ms. Palacherla informed that the USA proposal has two areas that are completely non-contiguous and, as such, staff will have two separate recommendations. In response to a follow-up inquiry by **Commissioner Chavez**, Ms. Palacherla indicated that the staff report will present the various available options, and added that the Commission has the ability to modify staff recommendations.

In response to an inquiry by **Commissioner Tucker**, Ms. Palacherla advised that special meetings were held to consider the San Martin Incorporation proposal. Commissioner Tucker expressed agreement with **Commissioner Chavez** for the staff report to include all the available options. **Commissioner Hall** indicated that he is unable to attend the April 6, 2015 meeting and expressed support for the special meeting. Ms. Palacherla indicated that staff will poll members to find a common date for a special meeting in March. **Chairperson LeZotte** requested that the date of the March special meeting be announced at the February meeting. She also proposed that the agenda be limited to focus on the Morgan Hill project.

Commissioner Hall stated that LAFCO is mandated with long-term preservation of agricultural land and not with individual decisions relating to individual parcels. He encouraged the cities to consider their long-term growth through their general plans.

Commissioner Wilson suggested that the special meeting be held in the early part of March.

10. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

11. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES / NEWSLETTERS

The Commission noted the CALAFCO Quarterly Report.

12. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 Letter from the El Camino Hospital re. El Camino Hospital Corporation - Notice of Intent to Purchase Real Property (dated November 19, 2015)

The Commission noted the correspondence.

13. ADJOURN

The Commission adjourned at 2:33 p.m., to the next regular meeting on February 3, 2016 at 1:00 p.m., in the Board Meeting Chambers, County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose, California.

Approved:

Linda J. LeZotte, Chairperson
Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Clara County

By: _____
Emmanuel Abello, LAFCO Clerk