

## ***MINUTES OF MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2005***

The Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission met this fifth day of January, 2005, at 5:30 P.M., in Board Chambers, Sacramento County Administration Center, 700 H Street, Sacramento, California.

**PRESENT:** Illa Collin, Chair; Lauren Hammond, Vice Chair; Commissioners Charles Rose, Elliot Mulberg, Christopher Tooker; Alternate Commissioner John Jachens.

**ABSENT:** Sophia Scherman; **Not Present:** Steve Miklos, Gay Jones, Don Nottoli.

**STAFF:** Peter Brundage, Executive Officer; Donald Lockhart, Assistant Executive Officer; Madeline Miller, Commission Counsel; Marilyn Ann Flemmer, Commission Clerk.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Lauren Hammond at 5:45 P.M. The Clerk called the roll.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

On a motion made by Commissioner Tooker, seconded by Commissioner Mulberg, the Minutes of the meeting of December 1, 2004, and Claims dated December 31, 2004, were unanimously approved.

### **Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update For Herald Fire Protection District**

The Executive Officer reviewed the staff report; he recommended the Commission maintain the Sphere of Influence for the Herald Fire Protection District as its currently coterminous district boundary and that the Commission adopt the Municipal Service Review. There was Commission discussion.

Mr. Glen Hendrickson, Chief, Herald Fire Protection District, answered Commission questions. [Commissioner Illa Collin arrived at 5:55 P.M.] Commissioner Tooker stated his concern for an apparent inconsistency in the determinations of the Municipal Service Review and requested that staff review the language and report back at the next meeting. Staff agreed to do so.

### **Open Space Policy Discussion**

The Assistant Executive Officer reviewed the report back on open space issues stating this is not an action issue. Mr. Lockhart reported that staff has circulated the policies presented to the Commission and that discussions with stakeholders would allow staff to modify the proposal prior to a Spring Workshop and any further modifications that the Commission

would make prior to adoption of these policies. There was Commission discussion regarding the draft policies and SACOG's Blueprint.

Mr. Mike Eaton, Nature Conservancy, addressed the Commission. Mr. Eaton stated four principles that should guide the Open Space Workshop discussions: knowledge of a level playing field (uniformity of approach); fee-based mitigation programs do not work; a sense of history; and the concept of "in perpetuity".

Ms. Jude LaMar, Friends of the Swainson's Hawk and Sierra Club, addressed the Commission. Ms. LaMar stated she supported the proposed discussions and stated LAFCo is the best place for cities and the County to talk. Ms. LaMar stated the County General Plan Urban Services Boundary has been a means of mitigation; the SACOG Blueprint is another way to go about that; fees don't work; ECOS is bringing a broader range of people together to talk with LAFCo staff.

Ms. Alta Tura, Sacramento Urban Creeks Council, Habitat 20/20, addressed the Commission. Ms. Tura supported the remarks of Mike Eaton and Jude LaMar, stating the proposed policies must address the preservation of agriculture and wild life habitat and be strong enough to direct development away from prime agricultural land. We are looking forward to the development of these policies concluded Ms. Tura.

Mr. Ardie Zahedani, Building Industry Association, addressed the Commission. Mr. Zahedani briefly stated "The BIA is very interested in the open space issue; we look forward to being involved."

Ms. Anna Whalen, Project Manager, South Sacramento Habitat Planning, Sacramento County Planning Department, addressed the Commission. Ms. Whalen encouraged the Commission to adopt policies that speak to conservation, particularly habitat plans.

There was Commission discussion regarding the role/ responsibility of cities in protecting agricultural land, LAFCo's role of protecting open space in terms of the jurisdiction of previously adopted city/County General Plans, and the necessity of a willingness for all jurisdictions to work toward the benefit of the region as in the SACOG Blueprint model.

### **Property Tax Policy White Paper**

Mr. Brundage presented his written report to the Commission. There was Commission discussion. Mr. Brundage requested the Commission to direct staff to review Special District Advisory Committee language regarding the negotiation of property tax and determine whether or not it is congruent with the language of cities and the County regarding revenue neutrality in an annexation process and report back to the Commission. Commissioner Hammond moved staff's recommendation; Commissioner Collin seconded the motion. There was additional Commission discussion. The motion passed.

**Freeport Reorganization Update**

Mr. Lockhart reported that an election is required for the proposed Freeport Reorganization (annexation to the City of Sacramento). The City Clerk has been notified and Commission staff is working with City staff and the Registrar of Voters to supply any information the City needs to proceed with the election.

The Monthly Budget Report and Work Plan Update were not discussed.

**Commission Chair/Vice Chair**

On a motion made by Commissioner Collin, seconded by Commissioner Rose, Lauren Hammond was nominated as Commission Chair; Christopher Tooker was nominated as Vice-Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

**Announcements**

Mr. Brundage announced Sacramento LAFCo will host an information meeting on LAFCo's purpose and process. Peter Detwiler will be the featured speaker at LAFCo 101 on the evening of March 3, 2005, at 6:00 P.M., Board Chambers, Sacramento County Administration Center, 700 H Street, Sacramento. Commissioners, special district representatives, city and county officials are welcome to attend.

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

***SACRAMENTO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION***

Marilyn Ann Flemmer  
Commission Clerk

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