

MINUTES OF THE

LAFCO MEETING

May 28, 2009

The Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) convened a regular meeting on Thursday, May 28, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. in the Imperial County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 940 Main Street, El Centro, California.

Commissioners present were Ludwig, Leimgruber Snively, Ours and Stapleton. Commissioners Carrillo and Benson were absent.

Staff present was the Executive Officer Heuberger, Legal Counsel Becker and Secretary Buenrostro.

1. Approval of Minutes:

A motion made by Commissioner Snively, by unanimous roll call vote approved the minutes of March 26, 2009.

2. Discussion/Direction on projects where City land use entitlement process may not have addressed a range of issues, such as impacts identified in a CEQA document, or long range services, etc:

The Executive Officer provided the Commission with a spreadsheet on active projects for 2009. The Commission adopted the motion by Commissioner Leimgruber to approve the recommendations of the Executive Officer to continue with direct authority for approval of documentation submitted to LAFCO. The motion carried on the affirmative roll call of all Commissioners present.

1. Direct the Executive Officer to send a letter to each city requesting that LAFCO be considered as a co-lead agency in the preparation of any environmental document for a project that will ultimately require LAFCO approval.
2. Authorize the Executive Officer to return to the city any and all documentation that in the opinion of the Executive Officer does not meet the standard of Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act, the Local Agency Formation Commission guidelines and/or in the determination of Counsel may be legally insufficient.
3. Authorize the Executive Officer to appear on behalf of the Commission at any City Planning Commission/City Council hearing for a project, to inform the Planning Commission or Council of LAFCO requirements, LAFCO standards and/or deficiencies on a project as determined by Executive Officer's review of the project.

3. Discussion/Direction and information on current special district issues and concerns:

The Executive Officer alerting the Commission regarding special districts such as Niland Sanitary, Ocotillo Fire, Winterhaven Fire/County Water being in dire state. The Imperial County Economic Development will be working in the next couple of months to assist at least one district. The Executive Officer will be meeting with Ralph Cordova, Chief Executive Officer, and Jerry Santillan, Assistant Chief Executive Officer for other options and pursuing grants.

4. Approval of the proposed (final) Budget for fiscal year 2009-2010:

Currently an Audit is being done and Executive Officer will have a report by the end of July. The Executive Officer announced that by the time LAFCO closes the budget it will be substantially below our budgeted expenses and will have cash flow from last year. The Commission adopted the motion by Commissioner Leimgruber to approve the recommendations of the Executive Officer on the adoption of the Budget Resolution for fiscal year 2009-2010. The motion carried on the affirmative roll call of all Commissioners present.

5. Informational Items (Public/Commission/Staff).

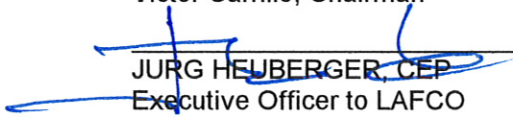
Commissioner Leimgruber met with Senator Feinstein in San Diego. They discussed LAFCO application and from the Senators perspective and AB32 in California the Federal government is concerned about carbon emissions. New restrictions are coming from the federal level even though there is statewide in place now.

The Executive Officer mentioned for the June LAFCO meeting we are planning to have 2 annexations. Project West Main Mutual (EC 01-03) west of El Centro was approved sometime ago. There has been some controversy from residents wanting to process a de-annexation. The other annexation would be from the City of Calexico. Reminder, regarding CALAFCO Conference will be held in October 28, 2009, notice was via-emailed by Secretary Buenrostro.

6. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Victor Carrillo, Chairman



JURG HEUBERGER, CEP
Executive Officer to LAFCO