

MINUTES OF THE LAFCO MEETING
May 23, 2013

The County of Imperial Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) convened a regular meeting on Thursday, May 23, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. in the IID Board Chambers, 1285 Broadway, El Centro, California.

Commissioners present: Campbell, Kelley, Terrazas, Snively, and Ours.

Staff present: Executive Officer Heuberger, Clerk Bruce, Accountant Carter, and Legal Representative Childers.

Alternate Commissioner West was present in the audience.

3. Approval of Minutes from April 25, 2013.

Motion made by Commissioner Snively and passed by the unanimous vote of all commissioners present to approve the minutes.

4. Approval of Consent Items:

A. Project Status Report

Motion made by Commissioner Snively and passed by the unanimous vote of all commissioners present to approve the updated Project Status Report.

5. Public Comments: *None.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. A. Announcements by the Commissioners:

Commissioner Snively made a point of recognizing alternate Commissioner, David West, seated amongst the audience.

Commissioner Snively updated the Commission regarding the most recent meeting of the CCL (Coalition of California LAFCOs) in Santa Ana on May 20, 2013. He said that the CCL discussed changing our name to the "Southern Region".

Also, Commissioner Snively expressed his concern for the amount of cities falling into bankruptcy. The City of San Bernardino may be falling into bankruptcy, and it is expected that if the city does fall, 200 other cities throughout California are likely to follow. This will result in a huge responsibility falling upon the Counties to pick up whatever services a City will no longer be able to provide.

B. Announcements by the Executive Officer: *None.*

ACTION/DIRECTION ITEM(s)

7. Discussion/Direction regarding the renovation of Suite B at 1122 State Street.

Mr. Heuberger discussed his plans with the renovation of Suite B located within the LAFCO building. His plans include dividing the suite into two separate suites, adding windows and doors as necessary, painting, new carpeting, etc. The current tenants are only using a small portion of the large suite.

Motion made by Commissioner Kelley and passed by the unanimous vote of all commissioners present to approve the segregation of the suite as presented by the Executive Officer.

8. Discussion/Direction on shared services by public agencies in Imperial County and LAFCO's role.

Mr. Heuberger reviewed his slideshow on the approach he would like to take in proposing shared services to the local agencies of Imperial County. The first step would be to send a survey to all cities, special districts, and the County containing questions regarding their interest/knowledge in shared services. After which the results will be analyzed and a series of workshops will be organized with local agencies to discuss the results.

Commissioners Campbell, Snively, Terrazas, and Kelley were all in full support of this plan.

No motion was made. The Commission approved unanimously to go forth with Mr. Heuberger's plan.

9. Discussion/Direction/Approval regarding the LAFCO 2013/2014 Final Budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Mr. Heuberger had previously met with the City Managers of Brawley, El Centro, and Imperial regarding the LAFCO budget. After the budget was outlined and explained for them, they were all supportive of the proposed budget.

Commissioner Kelley asked if staff would be receiving their salary increases. He answered that they would.

Commissioner Campbell asked why the office expenses were so high. Mr. Heuberger replied that public noticing, equipment supplies & maintenance are a few items that will add up quickly.

Commissioner Terrazas asked if all of the costs from the fire were reimbursed. Mr. Heuberger replied that all costs were reimbursed with the exception of \$3k. Also, our insurance company has cancelled our policy therefore we will be looking for a new carrier.

Motion made by Commissioner Snively and passed by the unanimous vote of all commissioners present to approve the adoption of the LAFCO 2013/2014 Final Budget.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(s)

No Public Hearing Items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session Items.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Ray Castillo, Chairman



Jurg Heuberger, AICP, CEP
Executive Officer to LAFCO