

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
COLUSA COUNTY  
MINUTES OF MEETING ON APRIL 7, 2005

PRESENT:

DAVID WOMBLE, Chair, County Member  
CHRISTY SCOFIELD, County Member  
MARY WINTERS, Public Member, Alternate  
STAN WALKER, Vice Chair, City Member  
MIKE RITTMANN, City Member

ALSO PRESENT:

SCOTT BROWNE, Legal Counsel  
JOHN BENOIT, Executive Officer  
LORA CECCON, Clerk to the Commission

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Chair, D. Womble called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. There was a quorum.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**On motion of Commissioner S. Walker, second by Commissioner M. Winters, the Commission approved the March 3, 2005 minutes as presented. Passed on a role call vote with Commissioner M. Rittmann abstaining.**

**3. Public Comment** - There was no public comment.

**4. Consent Agenda**

**On motion of Commissioner S. Walker, second by Commissioner M. Rittmann, the Commission approved payment of the March 2005 claims. Passed on a role call vote.**

**5. Conduct Public Hearing**

3:05 – Public Hearing Opened

*Public Hearing to consider Resolution 2005-02 deleting 40.73 acres from the SOI from Glenn-Colusa Irrigation district and Resolution 2005-03 detaching 40.73 acres from the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation district.*

J. Benoit presented the Executive Officer's Report regarding LAFCO #2004-02, Valley Ranch Detachment #2 from the Glenn Colusa Irrigation District. Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District has passed resolution 04-07 requesting LAFCO to take proceedings for an amendment to its SOI and detachment of 40.73 acres of inhabited lands owned by Frank Ruggieri, et al. This territory is within the City Limits and SOI for the City of Williams and is no longer in compliance with the SOI for GCID after having been annexed to the City. Two hundred and fifty residents received a copy of the notice. Staff recommends

that LAFCO approve a minor sphere amendment for the GCID and this detachment of inhabited territory from the GCID subject to the terms and conditions included in the attached resolutions.

A short discussion followed regarding negative declarations and environmental impacts.

3:09 – Closed Public Hearing

**Commissioner C. Scofield made the motion to adopt LAFCO Resolution 2005-02, making determinations and approving a minor Sphere of Influence Amendment for the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District deleting 40.73 acres, and Resolution 2005-03, making determinations and approving the Detachment of 40.73 acres from the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, Commissioner M. Rittmann seconded, motion carries on a roll call vote as follows:**

**Ayes: Commissioners M. Winters, C. Scofield, M. Rittmann, S. Walker and D. Womble**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**Abstain: None**

**6. Conduct Public Hearing**

**3:11 p.m. – Opened Public Hearing**

*Conduct Public Hearing and Consider Resolution 2005-04 deleting 135.86 acres from the Sphere of Influence from Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District and Resolution 2005-05 detaching 135.86 acres from the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District.*

J. Benoit presented the Executive Officer's Report regarding LAFCO #2004-03, Valley Ranch Detachment #1 from the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District. Frank Ruggieri, et al have applied to LAFCO to detach 135 acres of uninhabited territory from the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID). This territory is within the City Limits and SOI for the City of Williams and is no longer in compliance with the SOI for GCID after having been annexed to the City. Staff recommends that LAFCO approve a minor sphere amendment for the GCID and this detachment of territory from the GCID subject to the terms and conditions included in the resolutions.

Commission M. Winters asked is this area included the ditch that runs north and south along the development. John responded no, the ditch is not included.

Ben Pennock, District Engineer with GCID, reported that the ditch was built by the developers to prevent seepage. There are issues that were never dealt with. The ditch is not in their right-of-way, and so they can only advise. GCID has offered dirt to fill in the ditch. Mr. Pennock provided a history of the project and explanation of the detachment process. Mr. Pennock suggested that all of the ditches should be closed in.

3:24 p.m. – Closed Public Hearing

**Commissioner C. Scofield made the motion to approve Resolution 2005-04, making determinations and approving a minor Sphere of Influence Amendment for the**

**Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District to delete 135 acres and Resolution 2005-05, making determinations and approving the Detachment of 135 acres of uninhabited territory from the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, Commissioner S. Walker seconded, motion carries on a roll call vote as follows:**

**Ayes: Commissioners M. Winters, C. Scofield, M. Rittmann, S. Walker and D. Womble**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**Abstain: None**

**7. Conduct Public Hearing**

*Conduct Public Hearing and Consider Resolution 2005-06 annexing 892.72 acres to the Davis Water District.*

J. Benoit presented the Executive Officer's Report regarding LAFCO #2005-06, King Annexation to the Davis Water District. Court King Trustee – Kathryn H. King 1996 Revocable Trust has applied to LAFCO to add lands to the Davis Water District for irrigation water service. This project is an annexation of 892.72 acres of uninhabited territory to the Davis Water District for agricultural water service on property located north of Leesville Road, East of Highway 20 and south and southwest of King Road, approximately 5 miles west of the City of Williams. Staff recommends that the Colusa County LAFCO approve this annexation.

3:26 p.m. – Opened Public Hearing

A condition of getting water is annexation into the district.

S. Browne recommends adding, under finding #3 of Resolution 2005-06, pursuant to 15303 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

3:29 p.m. – Closed Public Hearing

**Commissioner S. Walker made the motion to adopt Resolution 2005-06, approving the proposed annexation subject to recommended terms and condition and to include suggested additional language under Finding #3, Commissioner M. Winters seconded, motion carries on a roll call vote as follows:**

**Ayes: Commissioners M. Winters, C. Scofield, M. Rittmann, S. Walker and D. Womble**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**Abstain: None**

**8. Proposed 2005-2006 LAFCO Budget**

J. Benoit reviewed with Commissioners the Executive Officer's Memo regarding the proposed budget for FY 2005-2006. Lafco is an independent agency with an established budget. Lafco is insured under the County of Colusa, however has not yet gone to the Board of Supervisors. Insurance cost is around \$1,000 annually. On the open market,

the cost would be closed to \$5,500. This issue needs to be resolved at the B.O.S. John included a modest amount in fee revenue. The Calafco membership has increased; most amounts will remain the same as last year. The cost to the Cities and County will not change.

**Commissioner M. Rittmann made the motion to adopt LAFCO Resolution 2005-07, approving the proposed budget for FY 2005-2006, Commissioner C. Scofield seconded, motion carries on a roll call vote as follows:**

**Ayes: Commissioners M. Winters, C. Scofield, M. Rittmann, S. Walker and D. Womble**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**Abstain: None**

**9. Executive Officer's Monthly Report**

J. Benoit received a letter from the Princeton Water Works District regarding a landowner that wishes to develop some property south of the community of Princeton. John will respond in writing explaining the process and timeline. They have to go to the County first.

John reported on a meeting of the Consortium of Developers that he attended and a joint Cities/County meeting he attended.

LAFCO Training in Sacramento – John provided a 5-minute version of the training; information is included in today's packet.

**10. Commissioner Reports** - C. Scofield reported that she receives calls daily from developers.

**11. Correspondence – Covered previously.**

**12. Adjournment** - Meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.