

Local Agency Formation Commission Of  
Colusa County

Minutes

The Local Agency Formation Commission of Colusa County meets in Regular Session this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2007 at the hour of 3:00 PM.

Commissioners Present: Brandon Ash, Chairman, Kay Hosmer, Gary Evans, Angie Fulcher and Thomas Indrieri. Commissioners Absent: Don Barker Dan Yerxa None.

Present: John Benoit, Executive Officer.  
Andy Harris, Legal Counsel.  
Alicia Draves, Commission Clerk.

Chairman Ash calls the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

Chairman Ash declares time for approval of the Minutes of July 5, 2007.

Mr. Harris states in the Executive Officers Monthly Report on page 4 the word Workman's needs to be changed to Worker's and should read as follows:

Mr. Benoit updates the Commission on the progress being made regarding GIS mapping within the County. He notes that he will be contacting several different County departments for use of maps already completed, and then working from there to see what still needs to be done. He speaks to the need for LAFCO Commissioners to look into **Worker's Compensation**. He notes that this is something that has be handled by the County Board of Supervisors

He further notes that on page 3 Chairman Ash's name needs to be capitalized.

It is moved by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Commissioner Hosmer to approve the Minutes of July 5, 2007 as corrected. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Evans, Hosmer, Fulcher, and Ash.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners Yerxa and Barker.

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Indrieri.

Chairman Ash declares time for a period of public comment.

No comment being heard, Chairman Ash closes the period of public comment.

Chairman Ash declares time for approval of the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Evans inquires about the listing for Tri Counties Fire MSR.

Mr. Benoit states that that is the newspaper announcement cost.

Consent Agenda: It is moved by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Commissioner Indrieri to approve payment of claims for July 2007. Motion carried. All yes. Absent: Commissioners Yerxa and Barker.

Chairman Ash declares time for the continued public hearing on policy amendments to LAFCo's adopted policies regarding municipal service reviews and sphere of influence studies for non-growth inducing municipal services and districts solely providing non-growth inducing municipal services.

Mr. Benoit states that this is the second reading on this resolution. He further states that this is to prepare abbreviated sphere reviews and updates for agencies providing non-growth-inducing services. He notes that since sphere plans have the potential to be subject to CEQUA, this resolution will allow LAFCo to make a finding that they are not subject to CEQUA. He further notes that this policy would cover agricultural irrigation districts, cemetery districts, and parks and recreation districts. He further states that this does not apply to fire districts, wastewater districts, roads, or the cities.

It is moved by Commissioner Hosmer, seconded by Commissioner Evans to adopt **Resolution 2007-04**, A Resolution of the Colusa County Local Agency Formation Commission Amending LAFCo's Policies, Standards and Procedures. Resolution passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner, Evans, Hosmer, and Indrieri, Fulcher, and Ash.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners Yerxa and Barker.

Chairman Ash declares time for a public hearing regarding Fire and EMS Municipal Service Reviews for Fire and EMS Services within Colusa County.

Mr. Benoit states that the current draft sitting before the Commission has been rewritten to include comments from all of the fire districts.

He further states that due to input from the different districts he has removed all references to a recommendation by LAFCo to consolidate the districts.

Commissioner Ash inquires if there were comments from the districts which came in after the final draft was written.

Commissioner Fulcher states that Chief Gilbert had requested that a graph be added to the report.

Mr. Benoit states he will take care of it.

Discussion is held regarding the life span of the volunteer fire departments with no action taken.

Commissioner Evans states on page 25 section 3.6 there are comments from Bear Valley, stating the County of Colusa has reduced it's development impact fees, thereby reducing revenue to the fire protection districts. He inquires if this has happened.

Commissioner Indrieri states that it has not happened.

Mr. Benoit states that he will change the wording on section 3.6 on page 25 to that of Section 3.6 on page 20. He further states it will read as follows:

"Since Fire protection districts do not have the power to develop ordinances promoting full cost-recovery of expenses associated with the new development, the Bear Valley Fire Protection District needs to be assured by the County that mandatory implementation measures be used so that new development bears its proportionate share of its impact upon increased demand for fire services and facilities including new fire stations, if needed. The district and its present customers should not incur the costs of providing services and facilities to new customers."

Commissioner Evans states that East Park Reservoir is not in Mendocino National Forrest, noting that it is in the rolling foothills of western Colusa County.

Hearing no further comment Chairman Ash closes the public hearing.

It is moved by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Commissioner Fulcher to adopt **Resolution 2007-05**, A Resolution of the Colusa County Local Agency Formation Commission adopting MSR for Fire and EMS Services with the above-mentioned changes. Resolution passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner, Evans, Hosmer, Indrieri, Fulcher, and Ash.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners Yerxa and Barker.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT:**

Mr. Benoit updates the Commission on the Agricultural Policy meetings he has been attending, noting that they have been working with one of the conservancies regarding agricultural mitigation. He further states that he has begun the MSR for the City of Williams, but has not completed it, due to the fact that he is awaiting the completion of their General Plan. He further states that he is working with the County Risk Manager on insurance for LAFCo Commissioners, noting that at this time the Commissioners should be covered by their respective municipalities.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

Commissioner Indrieri states that the County continues to work on their budget for fiscal year 2007-2008, and will soon begin budget hearings.

Commissioner Hosmer states that CALAFCO conferences are coming up, and reminds everyone that there will be a barbecue at her house after the October 4, 2007 meeting.

Chairman Ash adjourns the meeting at 3:56 PM to reconvene in Regular Session on Thursday, October 4, 2007 at the hour of 3:00 PM.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brandon Ash, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alicia Draves, Commission Clerk