

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COLUSA COUNTY
MINUTES OF MEETING ON FEBRUARY 3, 2005

PRESENT:

DAVID WOMBLE, Chair, County Member
GARY EVANS, County Member, Alternate
MIKE RITTMANN, City Member
STAN WALKER, City Member, Alternate
BRANDON ASH, Public Member, Alternate

ALSO PRESENT:

DON BARKER, City Member, Alternate
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 3:00 p.m. There was a quorum.

2. Approval of Minutes

On motion of Commissioner S. Walker, second by Commissioner B. Ash, the Commission approved the December 2, 2004 minutes as presented. Passed on a role call vote with Commissioners G. Evans and D. Barker abstaining.

3. Public Comment - There was no public comment.

(3:02 Commissioner M. Rittmann arrived)

4. Consent Agenda

On motion of Commissioner S. Walker, second by Commissioner G. Evans, the Commission approved payment of the December and January claims. Passed on a role call vote with Commissioner M. Rittmann abstaining.

5. Conduct Public Hearing on the Arbuckle Municipal Service Review

3:03 – Public Hearing Opened

- a. Presentation of Executive Officer's Report
- b. Conduct Public Hearing
- c. Consider adoption of LAFCO Resolution 2005-01 approving a Municipal Service Review of Water and Wastewater Services Provided by and within the Arbuckle Area in Colusa County and Adopting Written Determinations Thereon

J. Benoit presented information on the Arbuckle MSR. The limiting factor for growth is wastewater; water is not a concern. This MSR sets the stage for the Sphere of Influence (SOI) update.

Les Portello had some questions regarding agriculture mitigation. He would like to see some discussion to maintain agriculture. We need to look 20, 30 and 40 years down the line and determine what we really want.

Jim Scheimer, Arbuckle PUD, noted that he worked with John to complete the MSR.

Stephen Hackney, Colusa County Planning, reported that he has not read the entire draft, but what he has read disturbs him. Some of the conclusions are inaccurate, and he asks that the Commission not approve the MSR as presented. The SOI needs to be expanded irrespective of the wastewater capacity today, and that is the responsibility of Lafco. They are currently processing 6 or 7 subdivisions in the Arbuckle area alone. Six hundred hookups available to the district, 415 units now in process, so those 600 will be quickly used up. Some discussion followed regarding number of hookups, capacity and years. S. Browne pointed out that the fundamental issue is capacity. This is why we do an MSR. Now we have information on which to base the SOI.

Jim Scheimer reported that he would take the information to his board to determine what needs to be done (for the next 5 years). They are moving forward.

Stephen Hackney is concerned that if the Commission approves a plan that is based on numbers that are difficult to support, than the document has no value. Commissioner D. Womble pointed out that nothing in the MSR is set in stone; they are assumptions.

J. Benoit stated that if Stephen's concern is the number of years included in the report, than the years can be eliminated from the document. We do not need to use years for the assumption. The district has 500 more units unless they do something to augment that.

Commissioner D. Womble asked that John, Stephen and Jim get together and formulate some different numbers and bring the MSR back for review. He asked why Stephen hadn't contacted John sooner about his concerns as we have been working on this MSR for some time now. The MSR will be continued for one more meeting, and then it will be finalized.

3:53 – Closed Public Hearing – No action taken

6. Workshop and Presentation by LAFCO Staff on the Challenges Facing LAFCOs

- a. Workshop on the Basic Fundamentals of LAFCOs**
- b. Workshop on the Special Requirements for LAFCOs**

J. Benoit presented today's training. He has brochures available for anyone that wants one.

7. Selection of a Public Member for the Local Agency Formation Commission

- a. Review letters of interest received.**
- b. Discuss letters of interest with potential public members.**

c. **Consider selection of Public Member to sit on the LAFCO Commission**

Commissioner D. Womble presented the letters of interest received.

Commissioner S. Walker made the motion to appoint Brandon Ash as the Public Member; Commissioner G. Evans seconded the motion.

S. Browne asked if the Commission wanted to conduct interviews. Commissioner D. Womble asked those interested to step forward if they would like to comment.

Harold Wilsey, Jr., Colusa, stated that his interest was indicated in his letter. He has been interested in planning for many years. He feels he could constructively contribute to Lafco's work.

Brandon Ash was appointed as the Alternate last year and is interested in continuing as a representative.

The motion stands. No comments. Motion carries on a roll call vote.

Commissioner D. Womble made the motion to appoint Mary Winters as the Public Member Alternate, Commissioner G. Evans seconded the motion, motion carries on a roll call vote with Commissioners B. Ash and S. Walker voting no.

8. Executive Officer's Monthly Report

Proposed Community Services District – Working with a group in Arbuckle to provide roads, lighting, and landscape services. Must be initiated by voters. The district will be right next to the Arbuckle PUD; there will be lots of discussion. Important to make sure the district is viable and engineering is correct. There will be a workshop.

Applications Received – One for Davis water district – wants to annex – should be easy.

City Alternate Members – The law says one alternate for the Cities. Some discussion followed. The Cities are supposed to get together to decide on an alternate. They will do that, and bring the decision back to the Commission.

LAFCO Training in Sacramento on March 3rd – Good speaker; 30 years in Lafco.

9. Commissioner Reports – None

10. Correspondence - None

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.