

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

PRESENT:

DAVID WOMBLE, Chair, County Member
CHRISTY SCOFIELD, County Member
DON BARKER, City Member, Alternate
STAN WALKER, Vice Chair, City Member
BRANDON ASH, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT:

MARY WINTERS, Public 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 February 3, 2005 minutes as presented. Passed on a role call vote with Commissioner C. Scofield abstaining.

3. Public Comment - There was no public comment.

4. Consent Agenda

On motion of Commissioner S. Walker, second by Commissioner C. Scofield, the Commission approved payment of the February 2005 claims. Passed on a role call vote.

4. Conduct Public Hearing on the Arbuckle Municipal Service Review

3:04 – Public Hearing Opened

- a. Presentation of Executive Officer's Report and Addendum
- a. Conduct Public Hearing
- a. 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 the addendum to the hearing draft for the Arbuckle MSR. John met with Stephen Hackney of the County Building and Planning Department to hear his concerns. Recommended changes are outlined in the addendum.

Stephen Hackney noted that he agrees with the changes, however would like to add that the sphere be expanded (page 2, number 3.4.). John suggested that he and Stephen look closely at certain areas of the Arbuckle area map to determine sphere of influence expansion.

Stephen Hackney suggested that the question of whether or not to change agricultural land to urban development zoning will be coming to the Board of Supervisors for determination.

Stephen noted that the 300 vacant acres mentioned on page 4, number 14 should be changed to 165 acres considering the development proposals currently on his desk.

S. Browne noted that if the demand is that huge, it will not be met anytime soon. It will take the district 5 to 10 years to expand to meet the demand.

J. Benoit suggested that this conversation needs to take place during the SOI update process.

3:28 – Closed Public Hearing

Commissioner C. Scofield made the motion to adopt 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 with changes as outlined in the March 3, 2005 Addendum and one change to the Addendum as noted: page 4, #14, change 300 vacant acres to 165 vacant acres, Commissioner S. Walker seconded, motion carries on a roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners D. Barker, C. Scofield, B. Ash, S. Walker and D. Womble

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

4. Work plan for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

a. Review and Discuss Work Program for Fiscal year 2005-2006

J. Benoit presented the 2005-2006 Proposed Work Program noting that this is not a final copy. The costs approximately add up to the current budget. It is possible that toward the middle of the fiscal year there will be up to four municipal annexations. Environmental reviews are a concern. Normally Lafco does not like to be the lead agency, however when we get to the SOI updates, we will be the lead agency. A proposed budget will be presented in April with the final adopted on June 15, 2005. Commissioner S. Walker asked if the budget will stay the same. John responded that he is trying to keep it as low as possible. His goal is to stay the same as last years budget.

S. Browne informed the Commission that there is not enough money in the budget to do the MSR's. In order to complete them in a timely fashion, the Cities and County will need to come up with more money.

Commissioner S. Walker made the motion to approve the Proposed Work Program for FY 2005/2006 with the understanding that it can be revised upon approval of the budget; Commissioner B. Ash seconded the motion. Motion carries on a roll call vote.

8. Executive Officer's Monthly Report

J. Benoit attended a CSD formation committee meeting. It is very costly to form a district. A discussion of some alternatives is taking place. It could be viable for the existing PUD to provide the services. John distributed a summary of the engineer's estimate of costs.

John is coordinating with the Planning Departments in all three entities.

The City Select Committee met prior to the LAFCo meeting. Commissioner Don Barker is the official City Alternate with the cities alternating every two years. An M.O.U. will be drafted.

The LAFCO training in Sacramento is this evening.

**5. Closed Session – Subject: Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: LAFCO Executive Officer**

3:50 p.m. Commission went into Closed Session.

4:05 p.m. Commission out of Closed Session

Employee evaluation completed. A copy was given to the Executive Officer.

9. Commissioner Reports – None

10. Correspondence - None

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.