

FRESNO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCo)
(Fresno County, California)
“MINUTES”

REGULAR LAFCo MEETING – DECEMBER 18, 2009

Call to Order: Chairman Victor Lopez called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Members Present: Commissioners Susan Anderson, Larry Fortune, Henry Perea, Trinidad Rodriguez, Victor Lopez and Alternate Commissioner Joe Chaidez

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Rick Ballantyne, LAFCo Executive Officer
Kenneth Price, LAFCo Counsel

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

CLOSED SESSION

**2. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
Title: Executive Officer**

Ken Price, LAFCo Counsel, reported that the Commission selected Jeff Witte as the new Executive Officer and that an ad hoc committee was appointed and authorized to determine the new Executive Officer's benefits.

OPEN SESSION

3. LAFCo “INDEPENDENCE”

Ken Price, reported that at the last meeting there was some discussion on how to structure an agreement with the County with respect to providing services for LAFCo. Mr. Price said that an opinion had previously been rendered that a non-County employee could not supervise a County employee. Mr. Price reported that he had just met with the current County Counsel, Kevin Briggs, and that it was his opinion that while the County would retain ultimate discretion with respect to firing County employees, a non-County Executive Officer could supervise the two LAFCo staff members that are County employees.

Ken Price presented two options the Commission could consider with regard to its employees. Mr. Price said he would place the item on the next meeting and at that time would have the costs associated with the two options.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

THE NEXT LAFCO MEETING will be held on January 13, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Chamber - Hall of Records, Room 301, Fresno, California.