

FRESNO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCo)

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 8, 2020

Members Present: Commissioners Mendes, Pacheco, Parra, Santoyo

Members Absent: Commissioner Lander

Staff Present: David E. Fey, LAFCo Executive Officer
Amanda Olivas, Clerk to the Commission
George Uc, Senior LAFCo Analyst
Juan Lara, LAFCo Analyst II
Kenneth Price, LAFCo Counsel

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Santoyo called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Clerk to the Commission Amanda Olivas noted Commissioner Lander will not be in attendance at the hearing and Commissioner Pacheco will be late.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Santoyo asked Commissioner Mendes to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

4. Potential Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5-A. Minutes from the LAFCo Meeting of February 12, 2020.**
- 5-B. City of Kerman "Whitesbridge-Siskiyou No. 2018-1 Reorganization."**
- 5-C. Amended 2020 LAFCo Hearing and Office Calendar.**
- 5-D. Automatic Clearing House Invoicing for County of Fresno Invoices.**

Commissioner Mendes made a motion to approve consent agenda items 5-A through 5-D seconded by Commissioner Parra. The Commission approved consent agenda items 5-A through 5-D by a vote of 3-0-2-0.

Commissioner Pacheco is now in attendance.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

6. Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update for the City of Reedley. (LAFCo File No. RSOL-195)

Senior LAFCo Analyst George Uc presented staff's report. There are 14 services provided by the City of Reedley that the MSR being discussed covers. Currently, the Reedley Sphere of Influence contains 4,760 acres with approximately 74% of the land within the SOI has been annexed into the city. The SOI update includes two properties totaling 178 acres: 1) the property at Frankwood and South Avenues and 2) the Reedley Municipal Airport which was identified during the MSR process. The MSR recommends adding the Municipal Airport to the SOI. Staff recommended the Commission to adopt the changes found the in the MSR by entertaining three separate actions:

- 1) Find that the MSR is exempt from CEQA
- 2) Conclude that the SOI update and MSR has been evaluated for environmental impacts by the Reedley General Plan
- 3) Adopt the MSR

There were no comments from the Commission.

Rob Terry from the City of Reedley spoke highly of the team at LAFCO and expressed gratitude for the collaboration on the project and the amount of work that was involved in the SOI update.

Commissioner Mendes made a motion to approve the first action pertaining to CEQA, Commissioner Parra seconded. The Commission approved agenda item six action one by a vote of 4-0-1-0.

Commissioner Mendes made a motion to approve agenda item six action two: finding the SOI update has been evaluated for its environmental impact. Commissioner Parra seconded the motion. The Commission approved agenda item six action two by a vote of 4-0-1-0.

Commissioner Mendes made a motion to approve agenda item six action 3: adopting the SOI update and MSR for the City of Reedley. Commissioner Parra seconded. The Commission approved agenda item six action 3 by a vote of 4-0-1-0.

7. City of Reedley “Frankwood-South Reorganization.” (LAFCo File No. RO-19-7)

Juan Lara presented the staff report; a proposed reorganization consisting of the annexation of 41.2 acres to the City of Reedley and detachment from the Fresno County Fire Protection District and the Kings River Conservation District for territory located on the northeast corner of East South and South Frankwood Avenues. Staff recommends the Commission approve the reorganization by entertaining two separate actions:

- 1) Address the reorganization's CEQA component.
- 2) Find that no written opposition to the reorganization proposal was filed prior to the Hearing and approve the proposal

There were no comments from the Commission.

Rob Terry from the City of Reedley addressed the Commission again and expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the team at LAFCo during the process of both the reorganization and the SOI update/MSR.

Commissioner Mendes made a motion to approve agenda item seven action one: addressing the reorganization's CEQA component. Commissioner Parra seconded the motion. The Commission approved agenda item seven action one by a vote of 4-0-1-0.

Commissioner Mendes made a motion to approve agenda item seven action two: the absence of opposition and approval of the reorganization proposal. Commissioner Pacheco seconded the motion. The Commission approved agenda item seven action two by a vote of 4-0-1-0.

8. Workshop: Preliminary Budget and Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Executive Officer Fey presented the staff report. Fey reminded the Commission that the preliminary budget is followed by the proposed and final budget and is being presented as an opportunity for the Commission to make any comments and recommendations. The budgetary impact of AB 5 in relation to the addition of a bookkeeper as a part-time employee were the only big items of interest according to Fey.

Chair Santoyo asked Fey about the timing of the Executive Officer performance evaluation and salary agreement. Fey suggested to the Commission to start that process soon. Chair Santoyo brought up the creation of an executive officer evaluation sub-committee and asked for volunteers. Commissioners Parra and Santoyo volunteered.

There were no comments from the Commission.

There were no comments from the public.

9. Executive Officer Comments

Executive Officer Fey reminded the Commission members of the financial statements and

recently adopted calendar available at the dais and went over what the Commission could expect for the May hearing.

10. Commission Comments/Reports

Commissioner Pacheco suggested moving the May hearing to June considering the COVID-19 restrictions. The Commission and staff explored different options for the next Hearing.

11. Adjournment

Commissioner Mendes made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Parra seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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