



**SAN LUIS OBISPO
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
OCTOBER 17, 2024, MEETING MINUTES**

Call to Order

The San Luis Obispo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2024, by Vice Chair Steve Gregory in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the County Government Center, 1055 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Vice Chair Steve Gregory, Commissioners Debbie Arnold, Robert Enns, Jimmy Paulding, and Ed Waage, and Alternate Commissioners Ed Eby and David Watson

Absent: Chairperson Marshall Ochylski, and Alternate Commissioners Dawn Ortiz-Legg and Carla Wixom

Staff: Rob Fitzroy, LAFCO Executive Officer
Imelda Marquez-Vawter, LAFCO Analyst
Morgan Bing, LAFCO Analyst
Brian Hamblet, LAFCO Legal Counsel

Approval of the Minutes: September 19, 2024

Vice Chair Gregory announced the consideration of approval of the September 19, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Vice Chair Gregory asked for Commissioner comments.

Vice Chair Gregory opened the item for public comment, announcing it was closed shortly after hearing none.

Vice Chair Gregory asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Paulding motioned to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Waage seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Paulding, Waage, Arnold, Enns, Watson, Eby, and Vice Chair Gregory

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

The motion passed.

Non-Agenda Public Comment Period

Vice Chair Gregory opened the item for public comment, announcing it was closed shortly after hearing none.

Consent Agenda

A-1: Amendment to the 2024 Regular Meeting Calendar and Adoption of the 2025 Regular Meeting Calendar

Mr. Fitzroy introduced the consent agenda item.

Vice Chair Gregory asked for Commissioner comments.

Vice Chair Gregory opened the item for public comment, announcing it was closed shortly after hearing none.

Commissioner Watson motioned to approve staff recommendation.

Commissioner Paulding seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Watson, Paulding, Arnold, Enns, Waage, Eby, and Vice Chair Gregory

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

The motion passed.

Regular Matters

B-1: LAFCO File No. 1-E-23 | Oceano Community Services District Divestiture of Fire Protection Services and Designation of the County of San Luis Obispo as Successor Agency for Fire Protection Service

Ms. Bing presented the item.

Vice Chair Gregory asked for Commissioner comments.

Commissioner Paulding asked if any protests had been received.

Ms. Bing responded to questions and provided comment.

Commissioner Watson inquired about the protest hearing schedule.

Ms. Bing responded to questions and provided comment.

Commissioner Eby asked for clarification on the property tax sharing agreement.

Ms. Bing responded to questions and provided comment.

Vice Chair Gregory opened the item for public comment, announcing it was closed shortly after hearing none.

Commissioner Enns asked if a representative from Oceano Community Services District or Five Cities Fire Authority was available to provide comment.

Peter Brown, General Manager of Oceano Community Services District, provided comment.

Commissioner Enns inquired about response times and staffing.

Scott Hallett, Fire Chief for the Five Cities Fire Authority, responded to questions and provided comment.

Commissioner Paulding commented on the proposal and motioned to approve staff recommendation for Action 1.

Commissioner Arnold seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Paulding, Arnold, Enns, Waage, Watson, Eby, and Vice Chair Gregory

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

The motion passed.

Commissioner Paulding made a motion to approve staff recommendation for Action 2.

Commissioner Arnold seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Paulding, Arnold, Enns, Waage, Watson, Eby, and Vice Chair Gregory

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

The motion passed.

B-2: Public Member Appointment

Mr. Fitzroy presented the item and discussed the proposed interview process.

The following public member candidates provided presentations and were interviewed by the Commission:

- Michael Draze
- Roland Haga
- James Irving
- Mark Miller
- Carmen Morales-Board
- David Watson

Vice Chair Gregory opened the item for public comment.

John Joyce, resident of Nipomo, stated his support for Carmen Morales-Board.

Vice Chair Gregory thanked all candidates for applying and attending the meeting.

Commissioner Paulding provided comment on all candidates and stated his support for appointing David Watson as the public member and Michael Draze as the alternate public member.

Commissioner Waage also stated support for appointing David Watson as the public member and Michael Draze as the alternate public member.

Commissioner Eby stated support for appointing David Watson as the public member and Michael Draze as the alternate public member.

Commissioner Enns stated support for appointing David Watson as the public member and for appointing Roland Haga or Michael Draze as the alternate public member.

Commissioner Arnold stated support for appointing David Watson and for appointing James

Irving or Michael Draze as the alternate public member.

Vice Chair Gregory stated support for appointing David Watson as the public member and Michael Draze as the alternate public member.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to appoint David Watson as the public member and Michael Draze as the alternate public member.

Commissioner Waage seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Eby, Waage, Arnold, Enns, Waage, and Vice Chair Gregory

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

B-3: Contract for Legal Services

Mr. Fitzroy presented the item.

Vice Chair Gregory asked when the new legal counsel first meeting is.

Mr. Fitzroy responded to questions.

Commissioner Waage motioned to approve staff recommendation.

Commissioner Enns seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Waage, Enn, Arnold, Paulding, Watson, Eby, and Vice Chair Gregory

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

Commissioner Comments: **Commissioner Watson** thanked the Commission for their support.

Legal Counsel Comments: None

Executive Officer Comments: **Mr. Fitzroy** announced the tentative schedule for upcoming hearings, updated the Commission on the Commission Clerk position recruitment, and provided an update on the information request for the Dana Reserve hearing.

Adjournment: With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m. until the next meeting of the Commission in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the County Government Center in San Luis Obispo.

THESE MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL NOR ARE THEY A PERMANENT PART OF THE RECORD UNTIL THEY ARE APPROVED BY LAFCO COMMISSIONERS AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING.

Respectfully submitted,
Morgan Bing, LAFCO Analyst

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