



**SAN LUIS OBISPO
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
APRIL 16, 2026, MEETING MINUTES**

Call to Order

The San Luis Obispo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2026, by Chairperson Heather Moreno 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: Chairperson Heather Moreno, Vice Chair Dave Watson, Commissioners Ed Eby, Steve Gregory, Dawn Ortiz-Legg, and Ed Waage

Absent: Commissioner Navid Fardanesh, and Alternate Commissioners Michael Drazé, Bruce Gibson, and Carla Wixom

Staff: Rob Fitzroy, LAFCO Executive Officer
Imelda Marquez-Vawter, LAFCO Senior Analyst
Morgan Bing, LAFCO Analyst
Melissa Morris, Commission Clerk
Holly Whatley, LAFCO Legal Counsel (remote)

Approval of the Minutes: March 19, 2026

Chairperson Moreno announced the consideration of approval of the March 19, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Chairperson Moreno asked for Commissioner comments, announcing that it was closed shortly after hearing none.

Chairperson Moreno opened the item for public comment, announcing that it was closed shortly after hearing none.

Chairperson Moreno asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Waage motioned to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Ortiz-Legg seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Waage, Ortiz-Legg, Eby, Vice Chair Watson, and Chairperson Moreno

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Gregory

The motion passed.

Non-Agenda Public Comment Period

Chairperson Moreno opened public comment, announcing it was closed shortly after hearing none.

Consent Matters

A-1: Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Status and Work Plan Report

Chairperson Moreno opened the item and invited **Mr. Fitzroy** to provide comment.

Mr. Fitzroy provided an update to the Staff Report for Item A-1.

Chairperson Moreno opened the item for Commissioner questions and comments.

Chairperson Moreno opened the item for public comment, announcing that it was closed shortly after hearing none.

Commissioner Waage motioned to approve the Consent Matters.

Commissioner Gregory seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Waage, Gregory, Eby, Ortiz-Legg, Vice Chair Watson, and Chairperson Moreno

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Matters

B-1: LAFCO File No. 1-S-25: Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Study for the California Valley Community Services District

Mr. Fitzroy invited **Ms. Marquez-Vawter** to present the item.

Chairperson Moreno opened the item for Commissioner questions and comments. Shortly

after providing comment on conserved parcels, she inquired about local taxes.

Mr. Fitzroy responded to questions and provided comment.

Commissioner Eby inquired about conserved land.

Chairperson Moreno responded to questions and provided comment.

Commissioner Ortiz-Legg provided comment and inquired about conservation trusts and the possibility of having affected parties enter into an agreement.

Chairperson Moreno responded to questions, provided comment, and invited **Mr. Fitzroy** to provide comment.

Mr. Fitzroy responded to questions and provided comment.

Vice Chair Watson inquired about an assessment process.

Chairperson Moreno responded to questions and provided comment.

Commissioner Waage inquired about local voting requirements.

Chairperson Moreno responded to questions and provided comment.

Chairperson Moreno opened the item for public comment, and invited district representatives to provide comment.

Ruth Legaspi, Board President of the California Valley Community Services District, provided comment regarding challenges in the district.

Piper Wilson, Board Vice President of the California Valley Community Services District, also provided comment.

Chairperson Moreno closed public comment and opened the item for Commissioner questions and comments.

Commissioner Ortiz-Legg provided comment, and made a motion in support of the staff recommendation for Item B-1, Action 1: Find, by motion, the Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Study prepared for the California Valley Community Services District (LAFCO File No. 1-S-25) to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Categorical Exemption Section 15306 and CEQA General Rule Exemption 15061(b)(3).

Commissioner Waage seconded the motion.

Vice Chair Watson inquired about Commission approval of the MSR and shared concern

regarding the agency’s financial health.

Chairperson Moreno, Mr. Fitzroy, and Commissioner Ortiz-Legg responded to questions and provided comment.

Chairperson Moreno directed staff to return with a district update in six months.

Commissioner Waage provided comment.

Chairperson Moreno called for the vote.

AYES: Commissioners Ortiz-Legg, Waage, Eby, Gregory, and Chairperson Moreno

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Vice Chair Watson

The motion passed.

Commissioner Waage made a motion in support of the staff recommendation for Item B-1, Action 2: Approve, by resolution, the California Valley Community Services District Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Study (LAFCO File No. 1-S-25) as contained in Attachments A and B, and reaffirm the District’s Sphere of Influence as depicted in Attachment A, Exhibit C, as amended.

Commissioner Ortiz-Legg seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Waage, Ortiz-Legg, Eby, Gregory, Vice Chair Watson, and Chairperson Moreno

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Waage inquired about vote abstention.

Mr. Fitzroy invited legal counsel to provide comment.

Ms. Whatley responded to questions and provided comment.

B-2: LAFCO File No. 4-R-24: Annexation No. 32 to Nipomo Community Services District (Robins)

Mr. Fitzroy invited **Ms. Bing** to present the item.

Chairperson Moreno opened the item for Commissioner questions and comments.

Commissioner Eby provided comment on future annexation proposals.

Chairperson Moreno opened the item for public comment.

David Cross, the applicant’s agent, provided comment regarding the proposal.

Chairperson Moreno closed public comment, opened the item for Commissioner questions, and asked for a motion.

Commissioner Eby made a motion in support of the staff recommendation for Item B-2, Action 1: Find, by motion, the proposal to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15319, Class 19(a).

Vice Chair Watson seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioner Eby, Vice Chair Watson, Commissioners Gregory, Ortiz-Legg, Waage, and Chairperson Moreno

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Eby made a motion in support of the staff recommendation for Item B-2, Action 2: Approve, by resolution, the proposed Annexation No. 32 to Nipomo Community Services District, as contained in Attachment A, subject to conditions of approval, and waive protest proceedings pursuant to Government Code Section 56662(a).

Vice Chair Watson seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioner Eby, Vice Chair Watson, Commissioners Gregory, Ortiz-Legg, Waage, and Chairperson Moreno

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed unanimously.

B-3: Public Hearing to Consider Annual Workforce Vacancy Report in Compliance with

Assembly Bill 2561

Mr. Fitzroy presented the item.

Chairperson Moreno opened the item for Commissioner questions and comments, announcing it was closed shortly after hearing none.

Chairperson Moreno opened the item for public comment, announcing it was closed shortly after hearing none.

Chairperson Moreno opened the item for Commissioner questions and asked for a motion.

Commissioner Waage made a motion in support of the staff recommendation for Item B-3: Conduct the statutorily required public hearing regarding LAFCO's current workforce vacancy status and receive and file the report below.

Chairperson Moreno seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioner Waage, Chairperson Moreno, Commissioners Eby, Gregory, Ortiz-Legg, and Vice Chair Watson

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed unanimously.

B-4: Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget and Work Plan

Mr. Fitzroy presented the item.

Chairperson Moreno opened the item for Commissioner questions and comments.

Commissioner Gregory inquired about reserve funds.

Mr. Fitzroy responded to questions and provided comment.

Commissioner Waage inquired about pension contributions.

Mr. Fitzroy responded to questions and provided comment.

Chairperson Moreno closed Commissioner questions, opened the item for public comment, announcing it was closed shortly after hearing none.

Chairperson Moreno opened the item for Commissioner questions and asked for a motion.

Commissioner Gregory made a motion in support of the staff recommendation for Item B-4, Action 1: Approve, by roll call vote, the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget and Work Plan (Attachment A).

Commissioner Ortiz-Legg seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Gregory, Ortiz-Legg, Eby, Waage, Vice Chair Weston, and Chairperson Moreno

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Gregory made a motion in support of the staff recommendation for Item B-4, Action 2: Direct the Executive Officer, by roll call vote, to distribute the Proposed Budget and Work Plan to contributing agencies per Government Code requirements and set the Final Budget and Work Plan hearing for May 21, 2026.

Commissioner Ortiz-Legg seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Gregory, Ortiz-Legg, Eby, Waage, Vice Chair Weston, and Chairperson Moreno

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session Matters

C-1: Regular Public Employee Performance Evaluation

*Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b)
Employee: Rob Fitzroy, Executive Officer*

Chairperson Moreno introduced the Closed Session item, stated the Commission would reconvene in Open Session immediately following the Closed Session, and invited **Ms. Whatley** to provide comment.

Ms. Whatley provided comment on the Closed Session.

Chairperson Moreno opened the item for public comment, announcing it was closed shortly

after hearing none.

Chairperson Moreno called the meeting into Closed Session at 10:18 AM.

At 10:51 AM, **Chairperson Moreno** called the Open Session back into order and invited **Ms. Whatley** to report on the Closed Session.

Report on Closed Session: **Ms. Whatley** stated that there were no reportable actions for Closed Session Item C-1.

Commissioner Comments: **Chairperson Moreno** provided Board of Supervisors scheduling updates.

Legal Counsel Comments: None.

Executive Officer Comments: None.

Adjournment: With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:54 AM until the next meeting of the Commission in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the County Government Center in San Luis Obispo.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Morris, LAFCO Commission Clerk