
**SAN JOAQUIN
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

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SUMMARY MINUTES

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MAY 20, 2011

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44 N. SAN JOAQUIN STREET, 6th FLOOR
STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

LARRY RUHSTALLER
COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

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SONNY DHALIWAL
LATHROP CITY COUNCIL

STEVEN NILSSEN
PUBLIC MEMBER

Chairmen Vogel called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Sonny Dhaliwal, Steven Nilssen,
Larry Ruhstaller and Ken Vogel

ALTERNATE MEMBERS

LEROY ORNELLAS
COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Brent Ives

ELDEN "RED" NUTT
RIPON CITY COUNCIL

**ALTERNATE MEMBERS
PRESENT:** Commissioners Elden Nutt, Leroy Ornellas and
Pat Stockar

PATRICK STOCKAR
PUBLIC MEMBER

**ALTERNATE MEMBERS
ABSENT:** None

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

JAMES E. GLASER

OTHERS PRESENT: James Glaser, Executive Officer; Thomas
Shephard Sr., Legal Counsel; Elizabeth
Contreras, LAFCo Analyst and Linda Lund,
Commission Clerk

COUNSEL

THOMAS SHEPHARD SR.

ANALYST

**ELIZABETH
CONTRERAS**

CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Commissioner
Nilssen with a second by Commissioner
Nutt to approve the minutes of the
April 15, 2011 regular meeting and one
request from the City of Stockton to provide
Out-of-Agency sanitary sewer service. The
motion passed by the unanimous of all
Commissioners present with Commissioner
Ornellas abstaining from voting on the minutes

COMMISSION CLERK

LINDA LUND

At this time Chairman Vogel announced that item #4 on the Agenda would be heard before Agenda item #3

SPECIAL MATTERS

4. DRAFT MUNICIPAL SERVICED REVIEW ON RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

Staff presented a general overview of the municipal service review conducted on the County rural fire districts

Mr. Glaser gave a detailed presentation on the findings of the Municipal Service Review conducted on the County rural fire districts. He began by thanking other County agencies who were involved in the creation of the report. He also said that this report included comments and input from all the fire districts within the County. He concluded his presentation by advising that at the June 17, 2011 meeting further information would be discussed as to the financial impacts of City annexations; fire service in the Delta area; coordination of station locations and boundaries, and governance alternatives.

Commissioner Nilssen asked what the goal would be for the June 17th meeting and he further questioned whether any input from the general public was solicited during this process.

Mr. Glaser said that at the June meeting the Commission would be asked to adopt the findings of the Municipal Service Review and no specific comments had been collected from the general public although an extensive outreach effort was made.

Commissioner Ruhstaller said that he found the report very informative but still had great concerns with the financial impact to the rural fire districts when annexations into the cities are granted.

Chief Alfred Nero from the Tracy Fire Department came forward and stated that on per capita costs all Tracy and Tracy rural firefighters have the same salary structure and they see themselves as one department. He further said that when there are annexations into the City they do not require detachment from the rural fire district therefore they do not suffer an economic loss.

Chief Ed Martell from the Montezuma Fire District said that since 1997 his department has had the same issues with the loss of revenue due to annexations. Therefore they support the determinations of this report.

Bob Benz, citizen of Stockton came forward said that his area is served by the Lincoln Fire District and he was concerned as to what would happen to his service if there was no longer a Lincoln Fire District. He asked what would happen if AMR was made part of the fire districts.

Chief Gene Neely from the Lathrop-Manteca Fire District said that one of his fire stations was suffering economically so severely that it was only receiving half of what it costs to run the station.

There being no further discussion this matter will be addressed at the next regular meeting on June 17, 2011.

PUBLIC HEARING

3. FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 AND SCHEDULE OF FEES
Proposal of a final budget for year 2011-2012 and a proposed Schedule of Fees

Mr. Glaser after offering highlights from the new budget and schedule of fees concluded by recommending the Commission approve the final budget and schedule of fees as presented.

Chairman Vogel opened the public hearing. No one came forward. Chairman Vogel closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Nilssen made a motion to approve the Final Year 2011-2012 Budget and Schedule of Fees, Commissioner Nutt seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Dhaliwal, Nilssen, Nutt, Ornellas, Ruhstaller, Stockar and Vogel

NOS: None

CORRESPONDENCE

5. A letter from Martin Harris, property owner within the Lathrop-Manteca Fire District was distributed to the Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

6. Persons wishing to address the Commission on matters not otherwise on the agenda.

No one came forward

EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENTS

7. Comments from the Executive Officer

Mr. Glaser gave an update on the status of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District project.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

8. Comments, reports, or questions from LAFCo Commissioners.

None

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. to the next regular meeting.