

SAN BENITO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

December 3, 2015

Board of Supervisors Chambers
Hollister, CA

1. Chair Velazquez called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present were Commissioners Barrios, Bettencourt, Botelho and Edge, Executive Officer Bob Braitman and Legal Counsel Matthew Granger. Alternate Commissioners Gomez, Rivas and Tognazzini were not present.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public Comment Period - There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Botelho, second by Bettencourt, the minutes of the October 22, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

Ayes: Barrios, Bettencourt, Botelho, Edge, Velazquez
Noes: None
Abstain: None

BOUNDARY CHANGE PROPOSALS

5. LAFCO No. 502A – El Cerro Annexation to the City of Hollister

Commissioner Velasquez recused himself from this hearing based on a business relationship with one of the past speakers on this matter and exited the hearing room for the remainder of this item. Vice Chair Botelho assumed the Chair.

The Executive Officer presented the staff report. Staff noted the annexation is inhabited, having 29 registered voters as verified by County Elections.

Testimony was provided by affected landowners Cruz Arballo, Christina Salvin and Christian Trejo. Ms. Salvin read a statement from Tajni Diller, president of the El Cerro Homeowners Association. Also speaking were William Avera representing the City of Hollister and Matt Kelley representing property owners in the Hillcrest Annexation area.

After due consideration, upon motion by Barrios, second by Bettencourt, the Commission found the proposal to be Categorically Exempt and approved the proposal conditioned

upon the property being liable for existing or authorized taxes, charges, fees or assessments comparable to properties within the City.

The staff was directed to properly notice and conduct a protest hearing for landowners and registered voters within the annexation area and report the results to the Commission. The staff was directed not to complete the proceeding until the map and legal description are found to be acceptable by the County Surveyor.

Ayes: Barrios, Bettencourt, Botelho, Edge
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Recused: Velazquez

6. LAFCO No. 502B – Hillcrest Annexation to the City of Hollister

Commissioner Velasquez returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

The Executive Officer presented the staff report.

There was no public comment.

After due consideration, upon motion by Botelho, second by Edge, the Commission affirmed the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approved the proposal conditioned upon the property being liable for existing or authorized taxes, charges, fees or assessments comparable to properties within the City. Finding the territory is uninhabited, all landowners have given written consent and the annexing agency consents to the waiver of conducting authority proceedings, the Commission directed staff to complete the proceeding when the County Surveyor finds the map and legal description are acceptable.

Ayes: Barrios, Bettencourt, Botelho, Edge, Velazquez
Noes: None
Abstain: None

BUSINESS ITEMS

7. Land Use Law and Planning Conference at UCLA

There was no public comment.

After due consideration, upon motion by Barrios, second by Edge, the Executive Officer was authorized to represent the Commission at the 30th Annual UCLA Land Use and Planning Conference to be held January 22, 2016.

Ayes: Barrios, Bettencourt, Botelho, Edge, Velazquez
Noes: None
Abstain: None

8. Commissioner Announcements and Requests for Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Bettencourt asked that there be an update on the proposed dissolution of the Pacheco Pass Water District. The Executive Officer he would pursue this matter and provide information to the Commission.

INFORMATIONAL

9. Staff Announcements

There were no staff announcements.

10. Adjournment

Upon motion by Botelho, second by Barrios, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM to the next regular meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2016, unless canceled by the Chair or a special meeting is called

Final Minutes Approved by the Commission
on January 28, 2016

By _____
Chair