

SAN BENITO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

July 23, 2015

Board of Supervisors Chambers
Hollister, CA

1. Chair Velazquez called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present were Commissioners Bettencourt, Barrios, 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 Barrios, second by Botelho, the minutes of the May 28, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

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

SELECTION OF OFFICERS

5. After due consideration, upon motion by Barrios, second by Bettencourt, the Commission appointed Commissioner Botelho to serve as Vice Chair for the remainder of calendar year 2015.

There was no public comment.

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

BOUNDARY CHANGE PROPOSALS

6. LAFCO No. 491 – Dissolution of Pacheco Pass Water District

Testimony was provided by Jeff Cattaneo representing the San Benito County Water District who requested a continuance of this matter until March, 2016, Garth Hall representing the Santa Clara Valley Water District and interested citizens Robert Bernosky and Greg Swet.

After due consideration, upon motion by Botelho, second by Bettencourt, the Commission continued its consideration of this proposal until March, 2016.

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

7. LAFCO No. 496 – Gonzalez Annexation to the City of Hollister

Testimony was provided by Greg Ledeboer representing potential property owner Highland Partners Group.

After due consideration, upon motion by Barrios, second by Edge, the Commission affirmed the Mitigated Negative Declaration, approved the proposal with the condition the property be liable for any existing or authorized taxes, charges, fees or assessments comparable to properties within the City, find (1) the subject territory is uninhabited, (2) all affected landowners have given written consent to the waiver of conducting authority proceedings, waive the conducting authority proceedings and direct the staff to complete the proceeding.

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

8. LAFCO No. 497 – Water Well and Reservoir Annexation to the City of San Juan Bautista

There was no public comment.

After due consideration, upon motion by Edge, second by Botelho, the Commission found the proposal to be Categorically Exempt (Class 19), approved the proposal with the condition the property be liable for any existing or authorized taxes, charges, fees or assessments comparable to properties within the City, find (1) the subject territory is uninhabited, (2) all affected landowners have given written consent to the waiver of conducting authority proceedings, waive the conducting authority proceedings and direct the staff not to record the annexation until the map and legal description are found to be acceptable.

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

9. CALAFCO Annual Business Meeting

There was no public comment.

After due consideration, upon motion by Barrios, second by Edge, the Commission designated Chair Velasquez or in his absence Vice Chair Botelho or in their absence the Executive Officer as the Commission's voting delegate at the Annual Business Meeting.

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

10. Report on LAFCO-related Legislation

The Commission received the staff report on pending legislation and directed staff to continue to monitor legislation relevant to LAFCO.

11. Commissioner Announcements and Requests for Future Agenda Items

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Bettencourt indicated he felt the Executive Officer, when participating on the CALAFCO Legislative Committee, should represent the Commission's adopted position on legislation.

INFORMATIONAL

12. Oral Staff Report on Pending Proposals

The Executive Officer reported on the status of pending proposals.

There was no public comment.

13. Staff Announcements

There were no announcements from the staff.

14. Adjournment

Upon motion by Bettencourt, second by Barrios, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM to the next regular meeting on Thursday, August 27, unless canceled by the Chair or a special meeting is called.

Final Minutes Approved by the Commission
on September 24, 2015

By _____
Ignacio Velazquez, Chair

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