



# LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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## MINUTES

Madera County Government Center  
205 West 4th Street  
Madera, CA 93637

Regular LAFCO Meeting  
Wednesday, April 24, 2019  
6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Andrew Medellin, Chair Pro Tem, City Member  
Waseem Ahmed, City Member  
Tom Wheeler, County Member

Commissioners Absent: J. Carol Graham, Public Member  
Max Rodriguez, City Member

Others Present: Dave Braun, Executive Officer  
Doug Nelson, Legal Counsel  
Candie Fleming, Clerk to the Commission

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

### CONSENT AGENDA

4. Minutes – Review and Approval of the March 27, 2019 Meeting

Commissioner Wheeler moved to approve the March 27, 2019, Minutes as presented and Commissioner Ahmed seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a 3-0 vote with Commissioners Graham and Rodriguez being absent.

amount of staff time it takes to process an application. Braun said staff would probably need to do a rate study to more accurately determine fees. Commissioner Medellin suggested getting staff together with the departments that are involved with processing applications to determine how much time they spend on LAFCo applications.

Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to approve the final budget and fee schedule and to direct staff to do a rate study and re-evaluate the fee schedule in six months. Commissioner Ahmed seconded the motion. The motion was passed on a 3-0 vote with Commissioners Graham and Rodriguez being absent.

#### 7. Increase in Commissioners' Stipend

Braun presented staff's report and read the current policy to the Commission. Braun said that the Commission has been receiving \$100 per meeting at least since 2002. Braun said that the Planning Commission, Airport Land Use Commission, and Assessment Appeals Boards all receive \$100 per meeting which has been the case for a long time and that it was mentioned that the Air Pollution Control Board has raised their stipend. Braun said he did a survey of other LAFCOs as to what their stipends were and attached it to staff's report. Braun said San Diego received the highest at \$200 per meeting; however, some Commissioners don't receive any stipend. In response to a question from Commissioner Wheeler, Braun said Tulare's Public Member only receives mileage for attending meetings and their Commissioners do not receive a stipend. Braun also said Del Norte's Public Member gets \$40 but the other Commissioners don't get anything.

Regarding some of the Boards they sit on, Commissioner Medellin said they sometimes have to travel quite a distance and that even though a meeting may only last an hour, they may have spent countless hours preparing for and attending a meeting and was not opposed to any kind of increase.

Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to approve an increase to the regular members' and alternate members' stipend to \$125.00 and to \$150.00 for the Chairman's stipend. Commissioner Ahmed seconded the motion that passed on a 3-0 vote with Commissioners Graham and Rodriguez being absent.

#### 8. Commissioners Reports

There were no reports from the Commission.

#### 9. Executive Officer Reports

Braun said he was contacted by the City of Madera about LAFCO's June meeting. He was told that the City wanted to hold a budget meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup>, which is the same day that LAFCo is scheduled to meet. Braun said he wasn't positive that LAFCo was going to hold a June meeting, but if so, he asked if they could move the meeting up to 4:00 or 5:00.

The Commission agreed to move the June meeting up to 4:00, or 3:00 if the agenda looked like it would take longer.

Braun then asked if the Commission liked holding their meetings at 6:00, or would they like to start their meetings earlier in the day. Commissioner Wheeler said he thought 3:00 was a good time to start meetings. Commissioner Medellin said his only concern was that it might be harder for the public to attend if they don't get off of work until 5:00. Commissioner Wheeler said that if it looked like a meeting may have a lot of people wanting to attend, they could move the meeting back to 6:00. Commissioner Ahmed felt that 4:00 or 5:00 might be a good time for people that work.

The Commissioners that were present all said they were ok with having an earlier meeting time and instructed staff to bring this matter back to the Commission in June to formally change the meeting time.

#### 11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.