



LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES

Madera County Government Center
Board of Supervisors' Chamber
200 West 4th Street, 1st Floor
Madera, California 93637

LAFCO Meeting
Wednesday, December 14, 2022
11:00 A.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Waseem Ahmed called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

A. Roll Call

Roll call given by LAFCO Clerk Joann Zuniga.

Commissioners Present: Waseem Ahmed, City Member (Chowchilla)
Robert Poythress, County Member
Laura Young, Public Member At-Large
Mark Stamas, Alternate Public Member At-Large

Commissioners Absent: Jose Rodriguez, City Member (Madera)
Tom Wheeler, County Member

Others Present: Dave Braun, Executive Officer
Joann Zuniga, LAFCO Clerk
Laurie Avedisian-Favini, Attorney at Law, LAFCO Legal Counsel
Wally Nishimoto, Business Systems Analyst, Tech Assistance

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Waseem Ahmed.

**C. Adoption of a Resolution of the Madera Local Agency Formation Commission
proclaiming the continuing need to meet by teleconference pursuant to
Government Code Section 54953(e).**

Dave Braun recommended the Commission adopt a resolution to continue to allow remote meeting participation by teleconferencing within the requirements of Assembly Bill 361.

Legal Counsel Regina Garza addressed the Commission; stated Assembly Bill 2449 was implemented in March 2020, which allowed the option of attending a public meeting by remote teleconferencing; stated more recently the legislature put together a new law that would be going into effect on January 1, 2023; stated she would like to return to the Commission at a future meeting to give a presentation on what the new law covers.

Commissioner Poythress moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Young; motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0, with 2 members absent.

Vote: Yes - Poythress, Young, Ahmed
 No - None
 Absent - Rodriguez, Wheeler
 Abstain - None

The Commission passed Resolution No. 2022-010 approving remote meeting participation by teleconferencing during a declared State of Emergency in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e) (Assembly Bill 361).

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Waseem Ahmed called for public comment. There was none. The Chair closed the public comment period.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2022.

Commissioner Poythress moved to approve the September 28, 2022, meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Young; motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0, with 2 members absent.

Vote: Yes - Poythress, Young, Ahmed
 No - None
 Absent - Rodriguez, Wheeler
 Abstain - None

The Consent Agenda was approved. The September 28, 2022, meeting minutes were approved and filed as presented.

4. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Presentation to LAFCO Commissioner Tom Wheeler for his years of service on the LAFCO Commission

[Tom Wheeler was not present at the meeting.]

Executive Director Dave Braun recognized Commissioner Tom Wheeler for his valuable contributions and many years of dedicated service to the Madera Local Agency Formation Commission; stated in 2010 Tom Wheeler was appointed to the LAFCO Commission; stated during his 12-year tenure, he had been an anchor member of the Commission; stated in January 2023 Tom Wheeler would be retiring from government service as a member of the Madera County Board of Supervisors.

Dave Braun stated the certificate of appreciation would be presented to Tom Wheeler later.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. 2023 Commission Meeting Schedule

Dave Braun presented the 2023 Commission meeting schedule.

Commissioner Poythress moved to adopt the 2023 meeting schedule as presented, seconded by Commissioner Young; motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0, with 2 members absent.

Vote: Yes - Poythress, Young, Ahmed
 No - None
 Absent - Rodriguez, Wheeler
 Abstain - None

The motion passed and the 2023 Commission meeting schedule was adopted.

B. LAFCO Work Program 2022-2023 – Municipal Service Review Updates

Dave Braun stated the Sphere of Influence (SOI) of cities and districts in Madera County were required to be reviewed every five years or as needed; stated whenever there was an update to a district's Sphere of Influence, the preparation of a Municipal Service Review (MSR) was required; stated in the past at least one MSR had been conducted on all the special districts in the County with the exception of County Service Areas 7, 9, and 13, which only provided road maintenance, and County Service Areas 5 and 14, which were quite small in area and provided other services.

Dave Braun stated in 2022 a Municipal Service Review was completed for the Madera and Chowchilla Cemetery Districts, the Madera County Mosquito and Vector Control District, the Chowchilla Memorial Healthcare District, and the Bass Lake/North Fork Area.

Dave Braun stated the Commission adopted a policy in 2018 regarding the evaluation of future MSR's; stated there were two determining factors that the Commission would evaluate, (1) how long since the last Municipal Service Review and (2) any issues that had arisen since the last evaluation.

Dave Braun stated there had been many water-related issues in Madera County in recent years that warranted a comprehensive Municipal Service Review of all 9 water districts in the County; stated 4 of the 9 water districts in Madera County had not been reviewed since 2008; stated another area due for evaluation was the Rio Mesa Area in Southeast Madera Country.

Dave Braun recommended the Commission adopt the LAFCO work program for 2022-2023 to prepare a Municipal Service Review on the 9 County water districts; stated \$35,000 had been budgeted in FY2022-2023 for consultant services for the preparation of municipal service reviews.

6. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Young stated the mountain community of Coarsegold planned a crafts faire at the Coarsegold Village in Coarsegold. Everyone was invited, Santa would be there, and there would be a chili cookoff.

Commissioner Poythress stated the CALAFCO Conference in October was good; stated he built new relationships and received updates on issues and challenges faced by the State.

Chair Ahmed stated he had been elected to another four-year term on the Chowchilla City Council; stated the City of Chowchilla would be hosting a Christmas program, and everyone was invited to attend.

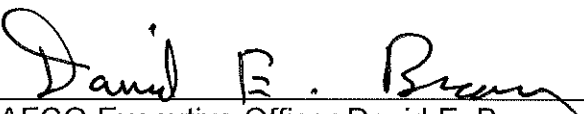
7. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

Dave Braun stated there had been a good group attending the CALAFCO Annual Conference in October; stated next year's conference would be in Monterey. Braun stated the Triangle T Water District annexation would be considered by the Commission in early 2023.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ahmed adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Submitted by:



LAFCO Executive Officer David E. Braun

Approval Date: February 22, 2023