

05/23/02

MINUTES
March 28, 2002

Present Robert E. Hird, Chair
Commissioners: Terry Henderson, Vice Chair
Bob Buster
Robin Lowe
John Tavaglione
Kevin Jeffries

Absent: Jack McFadden

Present Staff: George J. Spiliotis, Executive Officer
Wayne Fowler, Local Government Analyst
Adriana Hernandez, Local Government Analyst
Crystal Craig, Local Government Analyst
Elizabeth Solander, Office Assistant
Joe S. Rank, Legal Counsel

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG.**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2002 and FEBRUARY 28, 2002.**

The minutes were not available.

3. **HEARINGS:**

Consent:

- a. LAFCO 2001-41-3 Reorganization to Include Concurrent Annexations 44, 45 & 46 to County Service Area 84.

Moved (Henderson) seconded (Buster) to approve LAFCO 2001-41-3 Reorganization to Include Concurrent Annexations 44, 45 & 46 to County Service Area 84.

5/0 (Tavaglione and McFadden absent)

- b. LAFCO 2001-44-1 Reorganization to Include Concurrent Annexations to Lee Lake Water District, Western Municipal Water District and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Moved (Henderson) seconded (Buster) to approve LAFCO 2001-44-1 Reorganization to Include Concurrent Annexations to Lee Lake Water District, Western Municipal Water District and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

5/0 (Tavaglione and McFadden absent)

Continued:

- c. LAFCO 2001-24-2 Reorganization to Include Annexation 95 to the City of Corona and Concurrent Detachment from the Riverside County Waste Resources Management District. **(Continued from February 28, 2002)**

Commissioner Tavaglione telephoned and requested this item be tabled until he arrived.

The Commission agreed to postpone the proposal until the arrival of Commissioner Tavaglione.

New:

- d. LAFCO 2001-35-4 Reorganization to Include Annexation 12 to the City of La Quinta, and Concurrent Detachments from the Southern Coachella Valley Community Services District, County Service Area 125 and the Riverside County Waste Resources Management District.

Mr. Fowler presented the proposal. He stated there were letters of support by the residents in the proposed area. He said that the applicant and representatives of the City of La Quinta were in attendance in support of the reorganization. Staff recommended approval of the reorganization.

Commissioner Buster asked if all 14 residents were notified by mail.

Mr. Fowler responded that all residents and property owners were notified within the boundary of the annexation and within 500' radius of the annexation area.

Chair Hird opened the public hearing.

Jerry Herman, City of La Quinta, P.O. Box 1504, La Quinta, CA 92253. Mr. Herman requested adoption of the staff recommendation.

Chair Hird closed the public hearing.

Moved (Lowe) seconded (Buster) to approve LAFCO 2001-35-4 Reorganization to Include Annexation 12 to the City of La Quinta, and Concurrent Detachments from the Southern Coachella Valley Community Services District the Riverside County Waste Resources Management District as recommended by staff.

5/0 (Tavaglione and McFadden absent)

- e. LAFCO 2001-38-3 Reorganization to Include Annexation 01-145 to the City of Hemet and Concurrent Detachments from the Riverside County Waste Resources Management District and County Service Area 152.

Mr. Spiliotis presented the proposal.

Chair Hird opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Steve Temple, City Manager, City of Hemet. Mr. Temple stated that there was a community meeting at the Diamond Valley Lake Visitors Center and during that meeting, most issues of concern were resolved.

Commissioner Lowe asked what were some of the specific concerns of the residents.

Mr. Temple stated that the residents were concerned about their ability to continue to keep animals and that this would not change once annexed into the City. Mr. Temple stated the flooding issues on Gibbel Road would be resolved once the City completed the major street improvement project.

Stacey Jentzsch, 40100 Gibbel Road Hemet, CA. 92543. Ms. Jentzsch stated she was opposed to this reorganization and submitted to the Commission a letter signed by her neighbor opposing the proposed reorganization. Ms. Jentzsch requested the Commission to deny the proposed reorganization.

Commissioner Buster asked her what were her specific concerns if the area was annexed to the city.

Ms. Jentzsch responded that she was satisfied with county services, such as police and 911 emergency services, and that building a tract of homes near her property would compromise her.

Commissioner Buster asked about the plans for urban development.

Ron Running, Planning Department, City of Hemet. Mr. Running stated that the proposed area to the south of Gibbel is proposed for annexation to the City of Hemet. On the north side of Gibbel, the density was restricted due to the slope. Archeological sites and sensitive habitats would be severely restricted as it is in the county's zoning.

Steve Temple, City Manager, City of Hemet, 445 East Florida Avenue, Hemet, CA. 92543. Mr. Temple stated that the hillside area along State Street & Gibbel Road might have development in the future due to flood control improvements. Those improvements by the City would allow floodwaters to cross under Gibbel Road and State Street. These improvements would dramatically improve public safety.

Chair Hird closed the public hearing.

Moved (Henderson) seconded (Buster) to approve LAFCO 2001-38-3 Reorganization to Include Annexation 01-145 to the City of Hemet and Concurrent Detachments from the Riverside County Waste Resources Management District and County Service Area 152 as recommended by staff.

(5/1 Jeffries opposed, McFadden and Tavaglione absent)

4. **Executive Session:**

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session held pursuant to Section 54957.6:

No items scheduled.

5. **STATUS REPORT ON LOCAL AGENCY FUNDING OF LAFCO. (ORAL REPORT ONLY)**

Mr. Spiliotis stated that the San Gorgonio Health Care District had not paid its share of the LAFCO budget. He said that LAFCO had asked that the Auditor-Controller's Office take the funds out of property tax proceeds as allowed by statute. Mr. Spiliotis stated that there was legislation introduced by senators to exempt Health Care Districts from participation in LAFCO funding. He stated that those funds would be distributed among the special districts so LAFCO would not take a loss. Mr. Spiliotis stated that CALAFCO had not taken a position regarding this issue.

Chair Hird asked when the next workshop would be held.

Mr. Spiliotis responded that the annual CALAFCO workshop would be in November. He also stated that the executive board meets quarterly.

Chair Hird requested Mr. Spiliotis to follow the legislation closely.

6. **INFORMATION ITEMS: Proposals Received (56857, 56751)**

The Commission acknowledged five proposals received as information items.

7. **MISCELLANEOUS STAFF REPORTS.**

Mr. Spiliotis explained the events regarding the "flood" in the LAFCO office on March 21, 2002. He stated the repairs to the office would consist of replacing the carpet, re-painting, wallpapering, and fixing the drywall. He also stated how LAFCO would be replacing the cardboard boxes that the previous year's proposals are currently stored in with plastic containers costing approximately \$1500 - \$2000.

Chair Hird stated that to date he had not received his conflict of interest statement and asked Mr. Spiliotis to follow up on this for him.

Commissioner Henderson requested that the LAFCO Hearing scheduled for July be rescheduled so that cities representatives the will be able to attend.

Chair Hird stated for the record that Mr. Tavaglione arrived and the Commission will once again take up item 3.c.

3.c. LAFCO 2001-24-2 Reorganization to Include Annexation 95 to the City of Corona and Concurrent Detachment from the Riverside County Waste Resources Management District.

Mr. Fowler presented the proposal. Mr. Fowler stated that this item had been continued since the December 10, 2001 Commission hearing. He stated staff recommended approval and recommends that the Commission waives the LAFCO application fees for the area referenced in the proposed condition.

Commissioner Hird opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Brad Robbins, City of Corona, P.O. Box 940, Corona, CA. 92878-0940. Mr. Robbins stated he supported the application and would like to see it approved today. He stated the only difference was that the City had decided to go all the way to the Orange County line and will be attempting to annex the Green River Golf Course.

Chair Hird closed the Public Hearing.

Moved (Tavaglione) seconded (Lowe) to approve LAFCO 2001-24-2 Reorganization to Include Annexation 95 to the City of Corona and Concurrent Detachment from the Riverside County Waste Resources Management District.
6/1 (McFadden absent)

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

Gary Grant, Representative for the Meadowbrook Community of Interest, 27068 Jarvis Street, Perris, CA. 92570. Mr. Grant stated he was concerned with what is going on with the county in relationship to the community and likelihood of community change. He requested that City Hall be used as the next location of the LAFCO Hearing due to the amount of attendance expected.

The Commission agreed to meet at the County Administration Center next month at the regular hearing time of 9:00 a.m., Chair Hird requested that Mr. Spiliotis make the arrangements.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**

The Commission adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully,

George J. Spiliotis
Executive Officer