

**MINUTES**  
**June 27, 2002**

Present                    Robert E. Hird, Chair  
Commissioners:        Terry Henderson, Vice Chair  
                              Bob Buster  
                              Jack Van Haaster  
                              Kevin Jeffries  
                              Jack McFadden  
                              John Tavaglione

Absent:                    Robin Lowe

Present Staff:        George J. Spiliotis, Executive Officer  
                              Wayne Fowler, Local Government Analyst  
                              Adriana Hernandez, Local Government Analyst  
                              Crystal Craig, Local Government Analyst  
                              Elena Medina, LAFCO Assistant  
                              Joe Rank, Legal Counsel

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

2.        **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2002.**

The Minutes were approved as presented.

3.        **HEARINGS:**

**Consent:**

- a.        LAFCO 2002-01-3-Sphere of Influence Amendments to County Service Areas 86 (removal) and 145 (addition) and Reorganization to Include Annexation to County Service Area 145 and Detachment from County Service Area 86.

Moved (Henderson) seconded (Buster) to approve LAFCO 2002-01-3-Sphere of Influence Amendments to County Service Areas 86 (removal) and 145 (addition) and Reorganization to Include Annexation to County Service Area 145 and Detachments from County Service Area 86.  
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- b.        LAFCO 2002-06-3-Annexation to Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District.

Moved (Henderson) seconded (Buster) to approve LAFCO 2002-06-3-Annexation to Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District.

**New:**

c. LAFCO 2001-39-1-Annexation 44 to County Service Area 103.

Ms. Craig presented the proposal.

Moved (Tavaglione) seconded (Henderson) to approve LAFCO 2001-39-1-Annexation 44 to County Service Area 103.

d. LAFCO 2002-03-4-Sphere of Influence Amendment (addition) to the City of La Quinta, and

e. LAFCO 2002-04-4-Reorganization to Include Concurrent Annexation 13 to the City of La Quinta Lighting & Landscape Maintenance District 89-1 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 both proposals.

Chair Hird opened the Public Hearing.

**IN FAVOR:**

John Gamlin, 79-285 Rancho La Quinta Drive, La Quinta, CA 92253. Mr. Gamlin spoke on behalf of the applicant. He said he was here to answer any questions the Commission might have.

Jerry Herman, P. O. Box 1504, La Quinta, CA 92253. Mr. Herman stated that he was representing the City of La Quinta and was available to answer any questions.

Commissioner Buster asked Mr. Herman if the City had the ability to provide adequate fire protection services.

Mr. Herman responded that the city had adequate services to provide the area without a new fire station.

Joe Hammer, P. O. Box 278, Palm Desert, CA 92261. Mr. Hammer expressed his support for the annexation.

**OPPOSITION:**

Ellen Lloyd Trover, 82-150 Avenue 54, Vista Santa Rosa, President of the Vista Santa Rosa Association.

Gayle Cady, 82-831 Avenue 54, Vista Santa Rosa.

Lee Anderson Jr., 59-777 Calhoun Street, Thermal, CA 92274.

**REBUTTAL:**

John Gamlin, 79-285 Rancho La Quinta Drive, La Quinta, CA 92253. He discussed the issue of piece-meal annexation. He said that Vista Santa Rosa

was excluded from the proposed annexation. He stated that regarding the Trails, Coral Mountain was very much a part of the trails concept. He stated that they believed that all issues of concern had been addressed, therefore, he asked the Commission to approve their proposal.

Commissioner Van Haaster asked Mr. Gamlin why the area was being annexed in three different parts. Mr. Gamlin responded that Coral Mountain was geographically master planned in three different areas to respond to the needs of the diverse area. He said that there were three different developers developing the area under the same master plan.

Chair Hird closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Tavaglione stated that he could only support annexation west to Monroe and not E. of Monroe. He stated that at this time, there was still a lot of work that needed to be done to bring the communities together.

Commissioner Buster asked Mr. Spiliotis if it was appropriate for the City to annex E. of Monroe and include the provision of services at this time. Mr. Spiliotis stated that the City had done a general plan amendment and included a study area that it went well beyond the discussed area at least three miles out east of Monroe.

Commissioner Buster asked Mr. Spiliotis that after hearing all the discussion if it was appropriate for the Commission to recommend including the area E. of Monroe in the City's sphere of influence although they were not annexing that area at this time. Mr. Spiliotis responded that staff did not have any problem with the annexation. He said that it was consistent with discussions that occurred last year during the Community of Interest hearing. He did not know what benefit it would be to include it only in the sphere and not in the annexation at this time.

Commissioner Tavaglione stated that his reason for excluding the teal section E. of Monroe from the annexation was because there was still a lot to be done before it became in place.

Commissioner McFadden stated that he cannot see the owners of the teal area held hostage by the equestrian group. He moved to approve both proposals subject to the specific recommendations by staff.

Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion.

Moved (McFadden) seconded (Henderson) to approve LAFCO 2002-04-4-Reorganization to Include Concurrent Annexation 13 to the City of La Quinta Lighting & Landscape Maintenance District 89-1 and Concurrent Detachments from the Southern Coachella Valley Community Services District, County Service Area 125 and the Riverside County Waste Resources Management District.

6/1 (Jeffries voted No)

The Commission decided to take Item 7 at this time.

7. **REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FEES FOR RECONSIDERATION OF WOODCREST COI #17-LAFCO 2001-43-1.**

Mr. Fowler presented the report.

Moved (Tavaglione) seconded (Buster) to approve Request for Waiver of Fees for Reconsideration of Woodcrest COI#17-LAFCO 2001-43-1.  
6/1 (Van Haaster No)

3.f. LAFCO 2001-43-1-Request for Reconsideration of LAFCO Resolution Approving Formation of Community of Interest #17.

Mr. Fowler presented the report.

Chair Hird opened the Public Hearing.

**IN FAVOR:**

Rob Attride, Woodcrest COI, Chief Petitioner, 17295 Ridge Canyon, Riverside, CA 92506.

Mr. Fowler made a correction on the map stating that it was hard to discern the detail by the map submitted by the COI.

Don Edwards, 15150 Golden Star Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506.

Art Cassel, 18350 Harley John Road, Lake Mathews, CA 92504.

**IN OPPOSITION:**

David Leonard, 1223 University Avenue #240, Riverside, CA 92507.

Charles Schultz, Representing John Gless and Tom Mazzetti, 2302 Davenport, Riverside, CA 92501.

David Saunders, Representing Cameo Homes, 601 S. Main, Corona, CA 92881.

Matt Webb, 3788 McCray Street, Riverside, CA 92506.

Stephen Whyld, City of Riverside, 3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522.

Ed Adkison, City Council, City of Riverside, 3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92509.

Lynn Garcia, 17130 Van Buren, #369, Riverside, CA 92504.

**NEUTRAL:**

Cynthia Ferry, 16115 Rocky Bluff Road, Gavilan Hills, CA 92570-7471.

Mike Van Daele, 6201 Appian Way, Riverside, CA 92506.

**REBUTTAL:**

Rob Attride, 17295 Ridge Canyon, Riverside, CA 92506. Mr. Attride expressed that the developers had not notified the COI of their future intentions in regards to the area and had not notified them or included them

in the process. He stated that their request will not delay the development of Alta Cresta.

Commissioner Tavaglione commented that the COI representatives should be meeting with City of Riverside regarding their issues of concern and not the developers.

Chair Hird closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Tavaglione stated it was important that the City work closely with the residents of the unincorporated areas to determine their destiny. He also stated that he did not support the reconsideration request and piece-meal annexation of Alta Cresta.

Commissioner Buster stated that one of the main issues of concern was the road situation. Commissioner Buster also commented that the cost of road improvement alone was going to be very costly.

Commissioner Jeffries stated that although he was a strong supporter of COIs, he was not in support of the reconsideration.

Moved (Tavaglione) seconded (Hird) to deny LAFCO 2001-43-1-Request for Reconsideration of LAFCO Resolution Approving Formation of a Community of Interest #17 specifically relating to Alta Cresta. It is strongly recommended ongoing communication between the City and the Community to discuss issues of mutual concern.

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The Commission recessed for executive session at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

4. **Executive Session:**

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session held pursuant to Section 54957.8:

a. **OFFICE SPACE LEASE**

Mr. Rank stated that there was nothing to report.

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

The Commission acknowledged five proposals received as information items.

The Commission decided to take Item 10 at this time.

10. **REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FISCAL IMPACT REPORT REQUIREMENT FOR CITY OF NORCO.**

Mr. Spiliotis presented the report indicating that, based on new information provided by the City, he was now recommending approval of the waiver.

Chair Hird acknowledged two speakers.

James Daniels, 2870 Clark Avenue, Norco, CA 92860. Mr. Daniels stated that he was available to answer any questions.

Jim Real, Jurupa Area Recreation & Parks District, 4776 Villa Woods, Riverside, CA 92509. Mr. Real requested the Commission to deny the City's request.

Commissioner Tavaglione moved to approve the request based on the new information provided to the Commission.

Moved (Tavaglione) seconded (Hird) to approve Request for Waiver of Fiscal Impact Report Requirement for City of Norco.

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**6. LAFCO 2002-15-3-BANNING BENCH UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY FIVE-YEAR REPORT.**

Mr. Spiliotis presented the report.

Moved (Van Haaster) seconded (Jeffries) to receive and file the Banning Bench Unincorporated Community Five-Year Report.

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3.g. LAFCO 1996-03-1-Community of Interest #11-Warm Springs-Final Report, Request for Designation as an Unincorporated Community and Amendment to the City of Lake Elsinore Sphere of Influence (removal)

Mr. Fowler presented the proposal.

Chair opened the public hearing.

Kathy Flores, 28391 Red Gum, Lake Elsinore, CA 92532. Ms. Flores read a letter from Mary Venerable who was not able to wait.

George Etzel, 29315 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Lake Elsinore, CA 92532. Mr. Etzel expressed his opposition to terminating the UC Designation.

William Flores, 28391 Red Gum, Lake Elsinore, CA 92532. Mr. Flores expressed his opposition to terminating the UC Designation.

Art Cassel, 18350 Harley John Road, Lake Mathews, CA 92504. Mr. Cassel expressed his opposition to staff's recommendation.

Thelma Grant, Ms. Grant expressed her support for the Warm Springs COI.

Chris Vance, 17366 Avenida Manzana, Sky Valley, CA 92241-7200. Mr. Vance expressed his opposition to staff's recommendation.

Chair Hird closed the public hearing.

Mr. Spiliotis suggested to the Commission that this proposal be continued at a later time to bring Cleveland Ridge and Meadowbrook at the same time to discuss their future.

Moved (Buster) seconded (Henderson) to continue LAFCO 1996-03-1-Community of Interest #11-Warm Springs-Final Report, Request for Designation as an Unincorporated Community and Amendment to the City of Lake Elsinore Sphere of Influence (removal) to February 27, 2003.

6/1 (Henderson opposed)

Commissioner Tavaglione left at 1:55p.m.

8.a. **LAFCO 2001-27-1-COMMUNITY OF INTEREST #16-LAKE MATHEWS.**

b. **LAFCO 2001-43-1-COMMUNITY OF INTEREST #17-WOODCREST.**

**(Continued from April 25, 2002)**

Mr. Spiliotis presented the reports and stated that Mr. Cassel had submitted a letter requesting an election to determine how the boundaries were going to be divided. He stated that the official recommendation from both COIs was to approve the COIs as they were with overlapping boundaries.

Commissioner Van Haaster suggested that both COIs be combined into one group.

Mr. Spiliotis stated that part of staff's recommendation was to appoint five Committee members to the Lake Mathews COI and four members to the Woodcrest COI. He recommended to not approve the Woodcrest COI members at this time.

Chair Hird asked for clarification of staff's recommendation. Mr. Spiliotis stated that there were two purposes of staff's recommendation one was to appoint the COIs Committee and the other was to decide the COIs boundaries. It was also recommended to wait to approve the Woodcrest COI Committee until the remainder of the Woodcrest COI Committee members have been appointed and submitted.

Moved (Buster) seconded (Hird) to approve LAFCO 2001-27-1-Community of Interest #16-Lake Mathews and LAFCO 2001-43-1-Community of Interest #17-Woodcrest with overlapping boundaries. The Commission also appointed the five people submitted by the petitioners.

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Supervisor Buster left at 2:20 p.m.

9. **SURVEY FROM SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.**

Mr. Spiliotis presented the report and asked the Commission if they want to send a supplemental response with the questionnaire.

He stated that there had been discussion among other LAFCOS to make the service reviews discretionary.

He said that within the statute itself there were 9 determinations that the Commission must make.

The Commission directed Mr. Spiliotis to send the supplemental response (distributed to the Commissioners) with the questionnaire.

11. **REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FISCAL IMPACT REPORT REQUIREMENT FOR PALM DESERT GREENS/SUNCREST ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF PALM DESERT.**

Moved (Henderson) seconded (Van Haaster) to approve the Request for Waiver of Fiscal Impact Report Requirement for Palm Desert Greens/Suncrest Annexation to the City of Palm Desert.  
6/0 (Buster absent)

12. **ESTABLISHMENT OF A STANDING BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE (Continued from May 23, 2002).**

Mr. McFadden stated that he was recommending that the Committee stay as it currently was with the addition of paying for mileage. He also asked that someone else be appointed to this Committee to replace him.

13. **MISCELLANEOUS STAFF REPORT.**

There were no miscellaneous reports.

14. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

Chris Vance, 17366 Avenida Manzana, Sky Valley, CA 92241-7200. Mr. Vance expressed his recommendation to review the sphere of influence of Lake Elsinore. He stated that this process will help alleviate the COI problems.

15. **ADJOURNMENT.**

The Commission adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully,

George J. Spiliotis  
Executive Officer