

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MENDOCINO COUNTY

The Local Agency Formation Commission convened a regular meeting on Monday, November 3, 2003 at 10:00 AM, at the City of Ukiah Council Chambers, 300 Seminary, Ukiah.

AGENDA ITEM 1 — CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chairwoman Ranker called the regular meeting of the Local Agency Formation Commission of Mendocino County to order at 10:03 AM. The following Commissioners were present and seated: Delbar, O'Brien, Simon, Oslund, Melo and Chairwoman Ranker. Also present were Alternate Commissioners Orth and Ward as well as Executive Officer McMichael. Alternate Commissioner Wagonet was absent but had called to indicate that they he would be unable to attend; Commissioner Colfax was absent at roll call but arrived at 10:08 AM. Alternate Commissioner Larson was absent.

AGENDA ITEM 2 — PUBLIC EXPRESSION

There was no one from the public who expressed an interest in speaking.

AGENDA ITEM 3 — APPROVAL/CORRECTION/ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- A. Upon a motion by Commissioner Simon and seconded by Commissioner Delbar the minutes of August 4, 2003 were approved as submitted. (Ayes: Simon, Delbar, Melo, Oslund, O'Brien and Chairwoman Ranker; Nays: None. Absent: Colfax)
- B. Upon a motion by Commissioner Ranker and seconded by Commissioner Simon the minutes of September 8, 2003 were approved as submitted. (Ayes: Simon, Delbar, Melo, Oslund, O'Brien and Chairwoman Ranker; Nays: None. Absent: Colfax)
- C. Upon a motion by Commissioner Ranker and seconded by Commissioner Simon the Executive Committee minutes of October 15, 2003 were approved as submitted. (Ayes: Delbar, Simon, and Chairwoman Ranker; Nays: None).

AGENDA ITEM 4 — DISCUSSION/DIRECTION OF DRAFT LETTER

SUBMITTED BY COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN TO ASSEMBLY MEMBER
PATTI BERG PLACING MENDOCINO LAFCO ON RECORD IN
SUPPORT OF DISTRICTS NOT PAYING APPORTIONMENT COSTS AS
REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 56381

After a presentation by Commissioner O'Brien and questions and discussion by the Commissioners, the Commission declined to support the letter as presented. The Commission gave direction to Executive Officer McMichael to draft a letter to Assemblywoman Berg, Senator Chesbro and Governor Elect Schwarzenegger regarding their continuing concern of the State imposing unfunded mandates upon local governments as represented by Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg for consideration at the next regular meeting of LAFCO.

AGENDA ITEM 5 — DRAFT LETTER TO MENDOCINO COUNTY PLANNING
COMMISSION REGARDING PROCESS FOR OUT-OF-AREA SERVICE
AGREEMENTS

Upon review of the draft letter the Commission made several changes and then directed that the letter be signed by the Chair and forwarded to the Planning Commission.

AGENDA ITEM 6 — DRAFT LETTER TO DISTRICTS FROM LAFCO
REGARDING CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM MENDOCINO
COUNTY RCD, MENDOCINO FPD, COMPTCHE CSD

Upon review of the draft letter by the Commission, several editing changes were made; the most significant was that the letter was to reflect the decision of the Commission on Agenda Item 4 above.

City of Ukiah, City Manager Candace Horsley asked that the letter also be sent to cities and city managers.

With these changes the Chair was directed to sign the letter and forward it to the Districts and Cities.

AGENDA ITEM 7 — REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
REGARDING OUTLINE OF PROPOSED UKIAH VALLEY/RUSSIAN RIVER
WATERSHED MUNICIPAL SERVICE FOR WATER

The Commission received the report from the Executive Committee and reviewed the proposed work plan and questionnaire from the Committee. While this was not a public hearing, Chair Ranker allowed discussion from the audience.

Jean Harmon, from Russian River Estates, stated “LAFCO was growing like topsy” and the Commission should find ways to reduce its budget or do more for the agencies.

Judy Hatch, President of the Russian River Flood Control District, indicated that she thought the report should include information as to the sources of water in the Ukiah Valley and each agency’s availability of water via permit should be included.

Lee Howard, Redwood Valley, indicated that he thought that Potter Valley Irrigation District should be included in the study.

Upon completion of the discussion the Commission directed that the process should continue as appropriate to the proposed work plan. No direction was given as to whether to include Potter Valley or not.

AGENDA ITEM 8— DISCUSSION/DIRECTION REGARDING LETTER FROM CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION FOR BALLOT INITIATIVE TO PREVENT THE STATE FROM TAKING LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR STATE PURPOSES

After review of the letter from CSDA, direction was given to the Executive Officer to forward a copy to all special districts in Mendocino County for their awareness and that a support Resolution be developed for Commission review for the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 9—CORRESPONDENCE

The Commission received the letter sent to David Severin, Board Member, Anderson Valley CSD from E.O. McMichael and the letter sent to Pamela Townsend, County of Mendocino from E.O. McMichael without comment or direction.

AGENDA ITEM 10—ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business the Commission adjourned at 11:22 AM.