

**MENDOCINO
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION**

LAFCo Resolution No. 12-13-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF
MENDOCINO COUNTY
ADOPTING PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES**

WHEREAS, the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) is required by Section 56300(a) of the California Government Code (Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000) to establish written policies and procedures and to exercise its powers pursuant to the authority given by the CKH Act; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino LAFCo adopted policies and procedures in 2002 and 2004 which are now out of date; and is currently in the process of developing a comprehensive update; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino LAFCo conducted an on-line survey to solicit input from the public regarding their satisfaction with local government services, ideas regarding values, and suggestions for principles and priorities; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino LAFCo conducted a facilitated workshop, open to the public, on October 18, 2012 to review the survey results and to craft draft principles and priorities; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino LAFCo held a public meeting on December 3, 2012, which has been duly noticed and provided opportunity for the citizens of Mendocino County to comment on the proposed principles and priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED by the Mendocino Local Agency Formation Commission as follows:

LAFCo Principles

Commissioners and Staff will uphold the following principles in carrying out their duties:

- LAFCo is dedicated to hearing and responding to community needs through an open and engaged process;
- LAFCo looks beyond individual agencies and seeks the greater good for citizens;
- LAFCo is committed to delivering an excellent level of service and emphasizes transparency, efficiency, integrity and fairness in its operations;
- LAFCo strives to optimize its independent cross-boundary perspective to advance goals of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act; and

- LAFCo's desired result is the efficient delivery of services by local entities including the County, cities, special districts, and service delivery companies throughout Mendocino County.

LAFCo Priorities

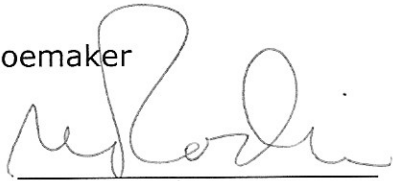
1. Complete the Municipal Service Reviews in accordance with the schedule approved by the Commission.
2. Outreach to special districts, educate the public, and train the Commissioners.
3. Facilitate district consolidations.
4. Enhance LAFCo's communication and credibility.
5. LAFCo's internal practices are structured to be efficient and to provide for an annual work plan, regularly updated policies and procedures, Commissioner orientation, staff succession planning, and streamlined office management.
6. Update LAFCo's policies and procedures on a regular basis.
7. Facilitate agency problem solving [title not yet finalized].
8. Revenue Sharing: LAFCo will encourage a facilitated revenue sharing agreement by providing comments and other support.
9. Participate in conservation efforts [title not yet finalized].

The Commission hereby directs that the above listed principles be incorporated into the Commission's updated Policies and Procedures Manual.

The Commission also directs the Chair to appoint a Committee to prepare draft Policies and Procedures for review and adoption by the full Commission; with assistance from LAFCo Staff.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on this 3rd day of December, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Dan Hamburg, Doug Hammerstrom, Michael Kisslinger, Guinness McFadden and Mari Rodin
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Commissioners John McCowen and Richard Shoemaker


MARI RODIN, Vice Chair

ATTEST:


BRUCE C. BARACCO, Executive Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM


THOMAS R. PARKER, LAFCo Counsel