

2022

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MINUTES

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF MONTEREY COUNTY

Adopted April 25, 2022

Monday, March 28, 2022

All Commissioners and public participated in the meeting on Monday, March 28, 2022 by Zoom video conference or telephone, in order to avoid public gatherings and until further notice.

Call to Order

The Local Agency Formation Commission was called to order by Chair Lopez at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Commissioner Alejo
Commissioner Root Askew
Commissioner Craig
Commissioner Gourley
Commissioner Oglesby
Commissioner Poitras
Commissioner Snodgrass
Commissioner Stephens
Commissioner Velazquez
Vice Chair Leffel
Chair Lopez

Members Absent (Excused Absence)

None

Staff Present

Kate McKenna, Executive Officer
Jonathan Brinkmann, Senior Analyst
Safarina Maluki, Clerk to the Commission/Office Administrator

Also Present

Kelly L. Donlon, General Counsel

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Leffel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

General Public Comments

Anyone may address the Commission briefly about items not already on the Agenda.

There were public comments from Paul Rodriguez and Michael Bloom.

Consent Agenda

All items on the Consent Agenda will be approved in one motion and there will be no discussion on individual items, unless a Commissioner or member of the public requests a specific item to be pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

1. Approve finding, pursuant to AB 361 and in order for the Commission to continue to meet remotely, that the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom is still in effect; that the Commission has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and that the Monterey County Health Officer continues to recommend social distancing measures for meetings of legislative bodies.

Recommended Action: Approve finding.

2. Approve Draft Minutes from the February 28, 2022 LAFCO Regular Meeting.

Recommended Action: Approve Minutes.

3. Approve Bank Warrant Register for February 2022.

Recommended Action: Approve Bank Warrant Register.

4. Accept Report on Anticipated Agenda Items and Progress Report on LAFCO Special Studies.

Recommended Action: Accept Report

Commissioner Action:

Upon motion by Commissioner Craig, seconded by Commissioner Gourley, Consent Items #1 -#4 were approved by a Roll Call Vote.

Motion Carried (Roll Call Vote)

AYES: Commissioner Alejo, Craig, Gourley, Oglesby, Poitras, Leffel and Lopez

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ALTERNATES: Commissioners Root Askew, Snodgrass, Stephens, Velazquez (non-voting)

ABSTAIN: None

New Business

5. Consider Public Member Appointments to LAFCO.

Recommended Actions:

- (1) Receive the Executive Officer's report;
- (2) Invite public Member Candidates to make introductory statements;
- (3) Invite public comments, and
- (4) Consider and appoint one Public Member Commissioner and one Alternate Public Member Commissioner to represent the general public on LAFCO for four-year terms expiring in May 2026, or continue consideration of appointments to the next regular LAFCO meeting on April 25, 2022.

Executive Officer, Kate McKenna gave a report.

Public Member candidates Matt Gourley, John T. Heyl, Gary D. Hoffmann, Jerrold A. Malkin, Ronald J. Roland and Steve Snodgrass made statements.

There was public comment from Melodie Chrislock.

There were questions and comments from Commissioners Craig, Velasquez, Lopez, Oglesby, Root Askew and Leffel.

Commission Action:

Upon motion from Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Commissioner Poitras, Matt Gourley was nominated and re-appointed Public Member Commissioner for a four-year term expiring in May 2026.

Motion Carried. (Roll Call Vote):

AYES: Commissioner Alejo, Craig, Poitras, Leffel and Lopez

NOES: Oglesby

ABSENT: None

ALTERNATES: Commissioners Root Askew Snodgrass, Stephens, Velazquez (non-voting)

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Gourley

Commission Action:

Upon motion from Commissioner Craig, seconded by Commissioner Leffel, Steve Snodgrass was nominated and re-appointed Alternate Public Member Commissioner for a four-year term expiring in May 2026.

Motion Carried. (Roll Call Vote):

AYES: Commissioner Alejo, Craig, Oglesby, Poitras, Leffel and Lopez

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ALTERNATES: Commissioners Root Askew, Snodgrass, Stephens, Velazquez (non-voting)

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Gourley

Public Hearings

6. Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider the Draft Annual Work Program for Fiscal Year 2022-2023:

Recommended Actions (by Budget and Finance Committee):

- (1) Receive a report from the Executive Officer;
- (2) Open the public hearing and receive any public comments;
- (3) Provide for questions or follow-up discussion by the Commission;
- (4) Close the public hearing; and
- (5) Discuss a motion to adopt a Resolution approving the Draft Annual Work Program for Fiscal Year 2022-2023;

Senior Analyst, Jonathan Brinkmann presented the report.

There were no comments from members of the public.

There were comments from Commissioner Leffel.

Commission Action:

Upon motion by Commissioner Leffel, seconded by Commissioner Oglesby, the Commission adopted the Resolution approving the Draft Annual Work Program for Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023.

Motion Carried. (Roll Call Vote):

AYES: Commissioners Alejo, Craig, Gourley, Oglesby, Poitras, Leffel and Lopez

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ALTERNATES: Commissioners Root Askew, Snodgrass, Stephens, Velazquez (non-voting)

ABSTAIN: None

7. Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider a Proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 (First Hearing).

Recommended Actions (by Budget and Finance Committee):

- (1) Receive a report from the Executive Officer;
- (2) Open the first public hearing and receive any public comments;
- (3) Provide for questions or follow-up discussion by the Commission;
- (4) Close the public hearing, and;
- (5) Discuss and adopt a motion to adopt a Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023.
- (6) Direct the Executive Officer to distribute the Adopted Proposed Budget to the County, Cities and Independent Special Districts for review and comments, and
- (7) Direct the Executive Officer to schedule a second Public Hearing on April 25, 2022, to consider adoption of a Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Executive Officer, Kate McKenna gave a report.

There were no comments from members of the public.

There were comments from Commissioners Velazquez, Leffel and Oglesby.

Commission Action:

Upon motion by Commissioner Alejo, seconded by Commissioner Leffel, the Commission:

(1) Adopted the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023;

(2) Directed the Executive Officer to distribute the Adopted Proposed Budget to the County, Cities and Independent Special Districts for review and comments, and

(3) Directed the Executive Officer to schedule a second Public Hearing on April 25, 2022 to consider the adoption of a Final Budget for Fiscal Year of 2022-2023.

Motion Carried. (Roll Call Vote):

AYES: Commissioners Alejo, Craig, Gourley, Oglesby, Poitras, Leffel and Lopez

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ALTERNATES: Commissioners Root Askew, Snodgrass, Stephens, Velazquez (non-voting)

ABSTAIN: None

Executive Officer's Communications

The Executive Officer may make brief announcements about LAFCO activities, for information only.

8. Communications

- a) Personnel Announcement – Safarina Maluki appointed Clerk to the Commission/Office Administrator.
- b) Support of Legislation.
 - (1) Monterey LAFCO support letter for SB 938.
 - (2) Monterey LAFCO support letter for SB 2957.

Executive Officer, Kate McKenna provided reports for information only.

Commissioner Comments

Individual Commissioners may comment briefly on matters within the jurisdiction of LAFCO. No discussion or action is appropriate, other than referral to staff or setting a matter as a future agenda item.

Commissioner Snodgrass expressed his thanks to the Commission for his re-appointment as the Alternate Public Member representative.

Commissioner Gourley thanked the Commission for his re-appointment as the Public Member representative.

Adjournment to the Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. The next Regular LAFCO Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

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