

**2023
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**AGENDAS
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION
OF MONTEREY COUNTY**

SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, January 23, 2023
4:00 p.m.

**Immediately Followed by the
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**
Monday, January 23, 2023

The Commission will hold these meetings virtually only, without a physical location for public participation. The meeting is accessible by phone or video conference and livestreaming.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19

In order to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus, please do the following:

Public Participation Instructions

1. **To Participate in the Meetings:** Use the Zoom app on your smart phone, laptop, tablet or desktop and click on this link: <https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/96542825416>

The meeting ID is: [965 4282 5416](https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/96542825416). There is no password. To make a public comment, please “Raise your Hand.”

***Please note that you shall only sign in once to attend both meetings.**

2. **To View these Meetings:** Please click on the following link to the LAFCO of Monterey County YouTube site: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIF6pPx2hn3Ek94Wg0UI7QA>

Then click on the Live Stream of the scheduled meetings.

3. **To Participate by Phone:** Please call: +1 669 900 6833
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4. **To Make Remote Public Comments Via Email:** Written comments can be emailed to the Clerk to the Commission at: malukis@monterey.lafco.ca.gov. Please include the following Subject Line: “Public Comment – Agenda Item #__”. Written comments must be received by noon on the day of the meeting. All submitted comments will be provided to the Commission for consideration, compiled as part of the record, and may be read into the record.

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Special Commission Meeting

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Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

General Public Comments

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

Special Business

- 0.1 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: Pursuant to AB 361 and in order for the Commission to continue to meet remotely, the Commission finds: 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 of local agencies.

(CEQA: Not a Project under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378).

Adjournment to the Next Meeting

The next regular (remote) LAFCO Meeting on January 23, immediately follows this special meeting.

The Political Reform Act requires that a participant in a LAFCO of Monterey County proceeding who has a financial interest in a change of organization or reorganization proposal and who has made a campaign contribution of more than \$250 to any commissioner in the past year must disclose the contribution. If you are affected, please notify the Commission's staff before the hearing.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.5, public records that relate to open session agenda items that are distributed to a majority of the Commission less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting will be made available to the public on the LAFCO of Monterey County website at www.monterey.lafco.ca.gov.

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Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Special Business

- a. Resolution of Appreciation – Luis Alejo for Distinguished Service
Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Commission receive a presentation by Chair Leffel and adopt a Resolution.
(CEQA: Not a Project under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378).
- b. Resolution of Appreciation – Chris Lopez for Distinguished Service
Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Commission receive a presentation by Chair Leffel and adopt a Resolution.
(CEQA: Not a Project under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378).
- c. Oath of Office for County Member Commissioners Wendy Root Askew, Glenn Church, and Mary Adams.
Recommended Action: It is recommended that Chair Leffel administer the Oath of Office to Commissioners Wendy Root Askew, Glenn Church, and Mary Adams.
(CEQA: Not a Project under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378).
- d. Oath of Office for City Member Commissioner Kimbley Craig.
Recommended Action: It is recommended that Chair Leffel administer the Oath of Office to Commissioner Kimbley Craig.
(CEQA: Not a Project under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378).

Public Comments on Closed Session Items

The Commission Recesses for Closed Session Agenda Items

Closed Session may be held at the conclusion of the Commission's Regular Agenda, or at any other time during the course of the meeting, before or after the scheduled time, announced by the Chairperson of the Commission. The public may comment on Closed Session items prior to the Board's recess to Closed Session.

Closed Session

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), the Commission will confer with legal counsel regarding existing litigation: Monterey Peninsula Water Management District v. Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County; Commissioners of the Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County; and DOES 1 through 20, (Monterey Superior Court Case No. 22CV000925).
(CEQA: Statutory Exemption, California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15270.)
2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, the Commission will confer regarding labor negotiations for the position of Executive Officer of LAFCO of Monterey County.
(CEQA: Not a Project under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378)

Reconvene on Public Agenda Items

Roll Call

Read Out from Closed Session by LAFCO General Counsel

Read out by General Counsel will only occur if there is reportable action (s).

General Public Comments

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

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.

3. Approve Draft Minutes from the December 19, 2022 Special LAFCO Commission Meeting.
Recommended Action: Approve minutes.
(CEQA: Not a Project under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378).
4. Accept the November 30, 2022 Draft Balance Sheet and Income Statement.
Recommended Action: Accept statements for information only.
(CEQA: Not a Project under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378).
5. Accept the December 31, 2022 Draft Balance Sheet and Income Statement.
Recommended Action: Accept statements for information only.
(CEQA: Not a Project under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378).
6. Accept Report on Anticipated Agenda Items and Progress Report on LAFCO Special Studies.
Recommended Action: Accept report for information only.
(CEQA: Not a Project under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378).
7. Accept Report on Activities of the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions.
Recommended Action: Accept report for information only.
(CEQA: Not a Project under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378).

New Business

8. LAFCO Budget and Finance Committee Appointment
Recommended Action: Appoint a Commissioner to the Budget and Finance Committee to fill a vacancy.
(CEQA: Not a Project under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378).

9. California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions – Coastal Region County Member Vacancy
Recommended Actions:
 1. Receive information regarding a vacancy on the CALAFCO Board of Directors and
 2. Identify any County Member Commissioner interested in filling the vacancy
(CEQA: Not a Project under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378).

Executive Officer’s Communications

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

Adjournment to the Next Meeting

The next regular hybrid (in person & remote) LAFCO Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2023 at 4:00 pm.

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