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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF MONTEREY COUNTY

Adopted January 23, 2023

Monday, December 19, 2022

All Commissioners and public participated in the meeting on Monday, December 19, 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 Leffel at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Commissioner Alejo

Commissioner Root Askew

Commissioner Craig

Commissioner Kong

(Joined at 4:03 PM)

Commissioner Lopez

Commissioner Oglesby

Commissioner Poitras

Commissioner Snodgrass

Commissioner Velazquez

(Joined at 4:03 PM)

Vice Chair Gourley

Chair Leffel

Members Absent (Excused Absence)

None

Staff Present

Kate McKenna, Executive Officer

Darren McBain, Principal Analyst

Jonathan Brinkmann, Senior Analyst

Safarina Maluki, Clerk to the Commission/Office Administrator

Also Present

Kelly L. Donlon, General Counsel

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Alejo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senior Analyst Brinkmann introduced Ana Vidales, Interpreter for the meeting.

General Public Comments

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

There were no public comments.

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 Draft Minutes from the December 5, 2022 Special and Regular LAFCO Commission Meetings.
Recommended Action: Approve minutes.
(CEQA: Not a Project under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378).

There were no public or commissioner requests to pull the item for separate discussion.

Commissioner Action:

Upon motion by Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Commissioner Poitras, the Commission approved the December 5 Special and Regular Meeting minutes.

Motion Carried: (Roll Call Vote)

AYES: Commissioners: Alejo, Craig, Lopez, Oglesby, Poitras, Vice Chair Gourley, Chair
Leffel
NOES: Commissioners: None
ALTERNATES: Commissioners: Root Askew, Snodgrass, Kong, Velazquez (Non-Voting)
ABSENT: Commissioners: None
ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None

Public Hearing – Continued from the Regular December 5, 2022 LAFCO Meeting

2. **City of Soledad Miramonte proposal** – Adoption of a resolution implementing the Commission’s December 5, 2022 decision directing staff to prepare a resolution approving the full 654-acre Miramonte annexation as proposed by the City, subject to revisions to the City’s proposed agricultural mitigation actions and agricultural buffer (LAFCO file 20-01 – continued from the regular December 5, 2022 LAFCO meeting)
(CEQA: Environmental impact report and subsequent addendum).

Recommended Actions:

1. Receive a report and presentation from the Executive Officer;
2. Receive any comments from City representatives;
3. Receive public comments;
4. Provide for questions or follow-up discussion by the Commission; and
5. Consider new information received from the property owner and City of Soledad regarding the proposal’s agricultural mitigation actions and agricultural buffer and either

- a. Adopt a resolution (Attachment 1) implementing the Commission's December 5, 2022 decision directing staff to prepare a resolution approving the full Miramonte annexation with revisions to the City's proposed agricultural mitigation actions and agricultural buffer, or
- b. Continue this agenda item to the regular January 23, 2023 LAFCO meeting if the Commission finds the new information to be inadequate.

Executive Officer McKenna and Principal Analyst McBain presented the report.

There were comments from City of Soledad representative, Brent Slama.

There were comments from members of the public.

There was discussion and comments from Commissioners Velazquez, Snodgrass, Oglesby, Alejo and Leffel.

Commissioner Action:

Upon motion by Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Commissioner Alejo, the Commission adopted a resolution making determinations and approving the City of Soledad’s Miramonte Annexation Proposal on approximately 654 acres, along with detachment from the Soledad Mission Fire Protection District and the Resource Conservation District of Monterey County (LAFCO File No. 20-01). The approved motion included adding a new condition of approval “d” to section 8 of the draft resolution. The additional condition of approval requires the applicant and property owners to identify and carry out agricultural mitigation for the loss of farmland within the affected territory, to the satisfaction of the LAFCO Executive Officer, prior to recordation of a Certificate of Completion for the annexation.

Motion Carried: (Roll Call Vote)

AYES:	Commissioners: Alejo, Craig, Lopez, Poitras, Vice Chair Gourley, Chair Leffel
NOES:	Commissioners: Oglesby
ALTERNATES:	Commissioners: Root Askew, Snodgrass, Kong, Velazquez (Non-Voting)
ABSENT:	Commissioners: None
ABSTAIN:	Commissioners: None

Executive Officer’s Communications

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

There were no items to report.

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 Alejo wished all the Commissioners and Staff a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Adjournment to the Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Leffel at 4:59 p.m. The next regular hybrid (in person & remote) LAFCO Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

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