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Special Meeting *MINUTES* LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF MONTEREY COUNTY

Adopted January 22, 2024

Monday, November 27, 2023
Monterey Room – Second Floor
Monterey County Government Center
168 West Alisal Street
Salinas, California

All Commissioners and public participated in the meeting on Monday, November 27, 2023 in person or by Zoom video conference.

Call to Order

The Local Agency Formation Commission was called to order by Chair Gourley at 2:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Commissioner Root Askew
Commissioner Bikle
Commissioner Church
Commissioner Kong
Commissioner Leffel
Commissioner Oglesby
Commissioner Poitras
Commissioner Velazquez
Vice Chair Craig
Chair Gourley

Arrived at 2:10 p.m.

Members Absent (Excused Absence)

Commissioner Adams

Staff Present

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

Also Present

Reed Gallogly, General Counsel

Pledge of Allegiance

All Commissioners participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business

1. Conduct Workshop Regarding LAFCO's Policies and Implementation Practices for Agricultural Preservation and Mitigation.

Recommended Actions:

1. Receive a report from the Executive Officer;
2. Receive public comments;
3. Conduct a Commission workshop on LAFCO's policies and implementation practices for agricultural preservation and mitigation;
4. Consider
 - a. Affirming the Commission's adopted (2010) Policy for Preservation of Open-Space and Agricultural Lands; **and**
 - b. Providing direction on a draft Policy Implementation Guidelines document to guide how the existing Policy should be applied to future City annexations of farmland;
5. Direct staff to:
 - a. Bring back a refined Policy Implementation Guidelines document, reflecting outcomes of today's workshop discussion, to the January 22, 2024 regular meeting for consideration and adoption; or
 - b. If the Commission determines that more review and discussion of next steps is warranted after today's workshop, then continue this agenda item to the December 4, 2023 regular meeting; or
6. Provide other direction to staff.
(CEQA: Not a Project under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378).

Executive Officer McKenna introduced the Commission Workshop. Chair Gourley welcomed Commissioners and members of the public and outlined the objectives and goals of the workshop.

Principal Analyst McBain presented the report.

There were comments from twenty (20) members of the public.

There was Commission discussion and comments on whether or not to affirm the existing (2010) policy for Preservation of Open Space and Agricultural Lands (4a). By general direction, the Commission deferred consideration of 2010 policy (4a) until first providing direction on draft Policy Implementation Guidelines (4b).

Commissioner Craig made the motion to move the agendaized Closed Session to the next Regular Meeting on Monday, December 4, 2023, to allow the workshop to continue for another half hour. The motion was seconded by Chair Gourley.

Motion Carried (Voice Vote):

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

Commissioner discussion continued.

The Commission provided general direction to General Counsel to research options (such as deferring mitigation to future phases) for the time of implementing agricultural mitigation requirements.

Chair Gourley polled the Commissioners about continuing the workshop to occur at the next LAFCO Commission Meeting on December 4 and to start immediately following the completion of the Regular Meeting agenda. All Commissioners were in agreement.

Adjournment to the Next Meeting

Chair Gourley adjourned the special meeting/workshop at 4:59 pm.

The next Regular LAFCO Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 4, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at the Monterey County Government Center (168 W. Alisal Street).

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