

2024

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AGENDA
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION
OF MONTEREY COUNTY

Regular Meeting
Monday, February 26, 2024
3:00 P.M.

Board of Supervisors Chambers
First Floor
Monterey County Government Center
168 West Alisal Street,
Salinas, California

This meeting will be conducted in person at the Monterey County Government Center, Salinas. The Public may attend the meeting, participate by Zoom app, or view the meeting on LAFCO's YouTube channel.

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4. **To Make 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 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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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

1. Oath of Office for City Member Commissioner (Alternate) Anna Velazquez.
Recommended Action: It is recommended that Chair Gourley administer the Oath of Office to Commissioner Anna Velazquez upon her re-appointment to LAFCO for a term ending on May 1, 2028.
(CEQA: Not a Project under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378)

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.

2. Approve Draft Minutes from the January 22, 2024 Regular LAFCO Commission Meeting.
Recommended Action: Approve minutes.
(CEQA: Not a Project under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378).
3. Approve Draft Minutes from the February 8, 2024 Special LAFCO Commission Meeting.
Recommended Action: Approve minutes.
(CEQA: Not a Project under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378).
4. 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).
5. Accept Report on Activities of the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions and Authorize the Executive Officer to convey support for SB 1209 (Cortese), which would add language to State law to explicitly allow LAFCOs to require indemnification by applicants.
Recommended Actions:
 1. Accept report, and
 2. Authorize the Executive Officer to convey support for SB 1209 (Cortese).
(CEQA: Not a Project under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378).

Old Business (Continued from the January 22, 2024 meeting)

6. Adoption of a Resolution Amending the Commission's Adopted Policy for Preservation of Open-Space and Agricultural Lands

Recommended Actions:

1. Receive a report from staff and legal counsel;
2. Receive public comments;
3. Review and discuss revised draft Policy Implementation Guidelines for Agricultural Mitigation, and related policy refinements; and
4. Adopt the Guidelines and policy refinements.

(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.

7. Communications
 - a. Proposed Sale of 132 W. Gabilan Street, Salinas.
 - b. Independent Special Districts Representative nomination and selection process.

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.

Public Comments on Closed Session Items

Closed Session

The Commission Recesses for Closed Session Agenda Item

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.

8. 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 County Superior Court Case No. 22CV000925).
(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).

Adjournment to the Next Meeting

The next regular LAFCO Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 25, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Monterey County Government Center.

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 meeting.

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