

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

Del Norte Local Agency Formation Commission

September 24, 2012

4:00 pm

Members Present: Chairman Gerry Hemmingsen, Vice-Chairman Kelly Schellong, Leslie McNamer, and Rick Holley

Members Absent: Public Member Sparky Countess

Others Present: George Williamson, Executive Director and Karen Phillips, PS Business Services

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Hemmingsen called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Public Hearings

A. Del Norte Library District MSR & SOI Update (Continuation)

The Del Norte Library District MSR hearing was continued, from the August 24th meeting, at 4:01 p.m. Staff reported that Rebecca Tipton, Library Manager, was asked to attend the meeting to answer questions for the Commission; however, they were not at the hearing. The matter was tabled until later in the meeting to allow Ms. Tipton to appear. The continued hearing was recessed at 4:05 p.m.

At 4:25 p.m. the hearing was reconvened. Commissioner Shellong asked what would happen if the MSR was not approved for the Library District. Staff indicated that they would write a sternly written letter to get them to attend the next meeting and address the questions. Again, the question was asked, what happens if they do not renew the MSR? Staff will look into what happens if there is nothing approved for an MSR for a special district. Discussion was held regarding what would occur to the district. Staff suggested that he make another try to get the district answer the questions originally asked as listed in staff's letter to the district.

By consensus, the public hearing was recessed at 4:30 p.m. and continued to October 22. Staff will send a harshly worded letter regarding answering the questions, pointing out that the Commission cannot conduct business if the questions are not answered.

3. Regular Business

A. Approval of August 24, 2012 Draft Minutes (ATTACHMENT 3A)

On a motion by Commissioner McNamer, seconded by Commissioner Holley, and unanimously carried a polled vote, the Del Norte Local Agency Formation Commission approved and adopted the minutes of the August 24, 2012 meeting

B. Voting for CALAFCO Delegate at Conference (ATTACHMENT 3B)

Discussion was held regarding the delegate and voting. At least one candidate from our area is expected to run. Josh Sussman, Nevada County, has run for public member on the state commission. There are 11 people running for 8 seats. We are limited to voting for a northern region applicant, of which, Mr. Sussman is the only one on the ballot. Commissioner Holley stated that he might be interested in one of the seats after the November election. A city member from Butte County might also be interested in running for office. Meetings are held in Sacramento and travel expenses are paid.

By consensus Mr. Sussman was approved as the northern appointment.

4. Inquiries, Correspondence, Application Status and Referrals

- A. Staff - The Executive Officer will provide a report of current projects, issues of interest, and pending legislation.

The following staff report was given: 1) Big Rock CSD has completed the Board of Equalization (BOE) filing. Staff helped put the application together and coordinated the BOE review. This process took months for the State to review the application. It was approved and the certificate of completion was filed and the district is appreciative. They will be applying for funding to replace one of the water tanks above Hiouchi; 2) a June media release was passed out regarding the State of California passing AB 885, they finally have their policy document in line. This process has become a burden to areas and CSA's have become identified as the mechanism to assess owners with individual septic systems. This has caused a renewed interest in CSA's to help with wastewater treatment, assessments, fee collection, etc. Discussion was held regarding the City purchasing and construction a special tank for sewer containment by local sewer pumping businesses. The State has put up roadblocks and the sewer is still being transported to Oregon. It will get harder to build and maintain septic systems; 3) Fire fees – the fire fees bill generated by the California Department of Fire (CDF) have hit the community. Senator Chesbro tried valiantly to get the bill overturned and he will try again. The bills sent were for last year and the bill for this year will be coming out in the next few months. There is a protest process, which the Commission was familiar with; 4) Brown Act - changes in the law to postpone the act, other LAFCO officers have indicated that they will go forward with what we are doing currently.

- B. Commission - On their own initiative, Commission members may make brief announcements or reports on their own activities. They may ask questions for clarification, make a referral to staff or request a business matter for a future agenda per Government Code Section 54954.2 (a).

The following Commissioners made comments, requests or clarification: None.

- C. Public - Public comment on items of interest within LAFCo subject matter jurisdiction, and not otherwise appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda.

The following person(s) addressed the Commission: None.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chairman Hemmingsen adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 22, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Phillips, Recording
Secretary