

APPROVED MINUTES

Del Norte Local Agency Formation Commission VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE MEETING August 23, 2021 4:00 pm

REMOTE MEETING:

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 issues, the Governor of the State of California has issued Executive Order N-29-20 and Order N-25-20 establishing social distancing measures and suspending provisions of the Brown Act. Meeting held by teleconference.

Members present: Darrin Short (County Member & Vice Chair), Blake Inscore (City Member), Bob Berkowitz (County Member),

Members absent: Jason Greenough (City Member & Chair), Sparky Countess (Public Member),

Others present: George Williamson (Executive Officer); Emily Morris (Service Specialist); Jason Barnes (GIS Analyst/video-conference host)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Vice Chairman Short called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. A voice roll call was taken. Commissioner Inscore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Hearings

Given the attendance of Hunter Valley Community Services District (CSD) representatives, the Commission revised the agenda to consider hearing item 2B Hunter Valley CSD Park & Recreation Powers prior to hearing item 2A

2B) Hunter Valley CSD Park & Recreation Powers – Rescinded by Resolution 21-06

The Commission received a staff report and Chair Vice-Chair Short requested a staff report. Staff reported that the prior commission action approving the activation of Park & Recreation Powers was not valid due to there not being a property tax revenue sharing agreement in place, per CA Revenue and Taxation Code Section 99(b)(6). Staff outlined the following steps to remedy this:

1. LAFCO Commission rescinds powers activation at this hearing
2. County & District Property Tax revenue agreement (not a LAFCO function)
3. LAFCO Certificate of Filing, after tax share agreement
4. LAFCO hearing on powers activation. After certificate filing.

Vice-Chair Short opened the public hearing; Sally Rogers, representing the Hunter Valley CSD, commented on the frustration the CSD feels over delays in the powers activation process. She acknowledged the community efforts towards park development, including donations of funds and playground equipment, mowing and improvement of a bus stop. She requested that the Commission move quickly to activate powers so that the CSD could request park parcel transfer from the County.

Commissioners asked for clarification on the property tax revenue sharing agreement. Even if the agreement is for no change in property tax allocations, the Del Norte County Board of Supervisors must still take an action per CA Revenue and Taxation Code Section 99(b)(6). Commissioners discussed dates and identified September 14, 2021 as the next Board of Supervisors meeting date where the

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agreement could be considered. The Commission directed Del Norte LAFCo staff to schedule and notice a special meeting to bring back the activation of powers, after the County agreement is complete.

On a motion by Commissioner Inscore, seconded by Commissioner Berkowitz and carried by a 3-0 vote the Commission approved the rescinding of Hunter Valley CSD Park & Recreation Powers by Resolution 21-06.

2A) Crescent City Harbor District MSR/SOI Update (CONTINUED) - by Resolution 21-05

The Commission received a staff report and Vice-Chair Short opened the public hearing. Staff reported that the new CEO/Harbor Master had the opportunity to review the Draft MSR /SOI Update and had provided several comments. The comments have been incorporated into the MSR /SOI Update. Commissioner Inscore commented on the sustainability of relying on grants as a long-term revenue source. He also inquired into the District / County agreement for allocation of Measure C funds and requested that staff inquire as to whether that agreement could be modified.

On a motion by Commissioner Berkowitz, seconded by Commissioner Inscore and carried by a 3-0 vote the Commission approved the Crescent City Harbor District MSR/SOI Update by Resolution 21-05.

3. Regular Business

3A) Draft Minutes June 28, 2021

On a motion by Commissioner Inscore, seconded by Commissioner Berkowitz and carried by a 3-0 vote the Commission approved the June 28, 2021 Minutes

3B) Public Member Recruitment

The Commission directed staff to initiate public member recruitment. They will also make announcements at upcoming City Council and Board of Supervisors meetings to publicize the recruitment.

3C) FY 2020-21 Year End Budget Review & Amendment

Staff presented the FY 2020-21 Year End revenues and expenses, with expenses slightly exceeding revenues. On a motion by Commissioner Berkowitz, seconded by Commissioner Inscore and carried by a 3-0 vote the Commission approved the Budget Amendment and Fund Transfer Request of \$1,458.81 from the Unrestricted reserve fund to the FY 2020-21 Budget.

3D) CALAFCO 2021 Annual Conference Voting Delegates

On a motion by Commissioner Berkowitz, seconded by Commissioner Inscore and carried by a 3-0 vote the Commission approved Commissioner Inscore as the

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CALAFCO 2021 Annual Conference Primary Voting Delegate. The Executive Officer would serve as alternate.

4. Inquiries, Correspondence, Application Status and Referrals

4A) Staff - The Executive Officer will provide a report of current projects, issues of interest, and pending legislation. CALAFCO Award Nomination.

Staff reported that Commissioner Inscore had been nominated for a CALAFCO Award.

4B) 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).

None

4C) 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.

None

5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM. Next Regular Meeting: January 19, 2022.