



Final MINUTES

**LAFCO REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 11, 2008, 9:00 AM
Planning Commission Hearing Room, Hall of Administration
10 Civic Center Plaza
Santa Ana, CA**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Withers called the regular meeting of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to order at 9:03 AM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Susan Wilson led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners and alternates were present:

- **Chair John Withers**
- **Vice Chair Susan Wilson**
- **Commissioner Bill Campbell**
- **Commissioner Cheryl Brothers**
- **Commissioner Peter Herzog**
- **Commissioner John Moorlach**
- **Commissioner Arlene Schafer**
- **Alternate Commissioner Pat Bates**
- **Alternate Commissioner Patsy Marshall**
- **Alternate Commissioner Rhonda McCune**
- **Alternate Commissioner Charley Wilson**

The following Commissioners were absent at roll call:

None

The following LAFCO staff members were present:

- **Legal Counsel Clark Alsop**
- **Executive Officer Joyce Crosthwaite**
- **Assistant Executive Officer Bob Aldrich**
- **Senior Project Manager Carolyn Emery**
- **Commission Clerk Esther Garcia-Negrete**
- **Policy Analyst Benjamin Legbandt**
- **Consultant Joe Serrano**
- **Administrative Assistant Danielle Angela Reyes**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 17, 2008 – Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

Chair Withers called for any changes and approval of the December 17, 2008 regular commission meeting minutes. There were none.

MOTION: Approve December 17, 2008 Regular Commission Meeting minutes without revision (Arlene Schafer)
SECOND: Susan Wilson
FOR: Cheryl Brothers, Bill Campbell, Peter Herzog, John Moorlach, Arlene Schafer, Vice Chair Susan Wilson, and Chair John Withers
AGAINST: None
ABSTAIN: Cheryl Brothers, Patsy Marshall
MOTION PASSED

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Withers requested public comments on any non-agenda item. There were none.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6a. – Quarterly Legislative Report

Chair Withers called for approval of the consent calendar.

MOTION: Approve consent calendar (Arlene Schafer)
SECOND: Bill Campbell
FOR: Cheryl Brothers, Bill Campbell, Peter Herzog, John Moorlach, Arlene Schafer, Vice Chair Susan Wilson, and Chair John Withers
AGAINST: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION PASSED

7. PUBLIC HEARING

None

8. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

8a. – CALAFCO Nomination

Executive Officer Crosthwaite stated that there had been a vacancy on the CALAFCO Executive Board and that, due to the timing of the CALAFCO nomination process, Commissioner Cheryl Brothers had been nominated for the position with Chair Withers's

concurrence. She added that Commissioner Brothers had won the election and she asked that the Commission both nominate Commissioner Brothers and congratulate her on her successful election.

Chair Withers called for a motion for nomination of Commissioner Cheryl Brothers to serve on the CALAFCO Executive Board

MOTION: **Nomination of Commissioner Cheryl Brothers to serve on CALAFCO Executive Board. (John Moorlach)**
SECOND: **Arlene Schafer**
FOR: **Cheryl Brothers, Bill Campbell, Peter Herzog, John Moorlach, Arlene Schafer, Vice Chair Susan Wilson, and Chair John Withers**
AGAINST: **None**
ABSTAIN: **None**
MOTION PASSED

8b. Update on Southwest Anaheim Unincorporated Island

Senior Project Manager Emery provided an update on the Southwest Anaheim Unincorporated Island annexation effort. She stated that an annexation packet was distributed to the each property owner in the area and to-date over 80 applications to annex to the City of Anaheim have been received. Senior Project Manager Emery added that staff was recently invited to attend a community workshop in the La Colonia community, located in the southern portion of the island. She acknowledged Commission Clerk Esther Garcia-Negrete and Consultant Joe Serrano for translating the annexation packet into Spanish. She ended by noting that a separate page for the annexation effort has been established on the OCLAFCO web site.

Commissioner Moorlach requested clarification on some major right-of-ways located within the island.

Chair Withers stated that the Commission would receive and file the update.

8c. – Best Practices Update

Executive Officer Joyce Crosthwaite provided an update on the Best Practices Summit that will be held on March 27th. She stated that an invitation was sent to all cities and special districts inviting them to the summit. Ms. Crosthwaite then introduced Consultant Sharon Browning who summarized the proposed agenda for the summit.

Commissioner Susan Wilson asked for clarification on the role of the facilitator.

Consultant Sharon Browning clarified that a recorder will be taking notes for the facilitator.

Commissioner Bates noted the importance of cities understanding the role of LAFCO and the future of Orange County.

Commissioner Marshall expressed her concern regarding the one-minute time limit for the group presentations.

Executive Officer Crosthwaite stated that the summit will be a public meeting and notice will be published accordingly.

Chair Withers stated that the Commission would receive and file the update.

8d. – LAFCO “101” Presentations

Executive Officer Crosthwaite informed the Commission that staff has been meeting with city councils and special district boards within Orange County to provide an update on the activities of the Commission and staff. She added that to date presentations to approximately 50 percent of the agencies have been completed or scheduled.

Commissioner Moorlach inquired about the presentation date for the City of Los Alamitos. Ms. Crosthwaite responded that it had not been scheduled.

8e. – Orange/Los Angeles County Boundary Report Update

Senior Project Manager Emery provided an update on the potential county boundary adjustments involving Orange and Los Angeles County. She stated that staff met with the staff of affected Orange County cities to prepare for the upcoming boundary workshop. She added that the cities requested that the workshop be postponed to allow more discussion internally and among the city staffs. Senior Project Manager Emery informed the Commission that because of this request that the workshop originally scheduled for Friday, February 27th has been postponed to a date to be determined in the future. She added that a follow up meeting with the staffs will take place in March.

Chair John Withers restated for clarification that the February 27th boundary workshop is canceled.

Chair Withers stated that the Commission would receive and file the update.

8f. Election of New Officers for LAFCO for 2009

Executive Officer Crosthwaite informed the Commission that Commissioner McCune's current term as the Alternate Public Member expires at the end of June and requested direction on process for upcoming vacancy.

Chair John Withers recommended that a press release be sent out to the public. He also asked **Commissioner McCune** if she wanted to comment on the discussion.

Commissioner McCune mentioned that she enjoys serving and would be interested to see others that are interested in the position.

MOTION: Direct Executive Officer to prepare and distribute the required notice advertising the public member vacancy and a press release for the Alternate Public Member seat. (Peter Herzog)

SECOND: Arlene Schafer

FOR: Cheryl Brothers, Bill Campbell, Peter Herzog, John Moorlach, Arlene Schafer, Vice Chair Susan Wilson, and Chair John Withers

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION PASSED

Chair Withers nominated **Commissioner Susan Wilson** and **Commissioner Herzog** for Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

MOTION: Nominate **Commissioner Susan Wilson** as Chair and **Commissioner Peter Herzog** as Vice Chair for 2009. (John Withers)

SECOND: Arlene Schafer

FOR: Cheryl Brothers, Bill Campbell, Peter Herzog, John Moorlach, Arlene Schafer, Vice Chair Susan Wilson, and Chair John Withers

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION PASSED

Chair Susan Wilson recognized **Commissioner Withers** for his outstanding service as LAFCO's Chair for 2008.

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Herzog summarized SB 375 and reiterated his concerns regarding this recently enacted legislation He requested that agenda item 6a be reopened to further discuss SB 375.

Chair Wilson reopened agenda item 6a.

Commissioner Herzog summarized the expected impacts of SB 375. He asked that the Commission recommend that the CALAFCO Executive Board request suspension of the implementation of SB 375 until the State's economy improves.

Commissioner Herzog also expressed his concern about more regional representation on CALAFCO and noted that a recommendation has been made to the Board to change how the CALAFCO board members are selected. He stated that one suggestion from Southern California LAFCOs is to divide the state into six areas and have each of those areas select three members to serve on the board. Currently, board members are selected through a state-wide vote, and the board has recently been dominated by members from Northern California.

MOTION: Reopen agenda item 6a. (Peter Herzog)
SECOND: Susan Wilson
FOR: Cheryl Brothers, Bill Campbell, Peter Herzog, John Moorlach, Arlene Schafer, Vice Chair Susan Wilson, and Chair John Withers
AGAINST: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION PASSED

MOTION: Recommend to CALAFCO Executive Board to request suspension of the implementation of SB 375 until California's economy improves. (Peter Herzog)
SECOND: Bill Campbell
FOR: Cheryl Brothers, Bill Campbell, Peter Herzog, John Moorlach, Arlene Schafer, Vice Chair Susan Wilson, and Chair John Withers
AGAINST: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION PASSED

Executive Officer Crosthwaite informed the Commission of the SB 375 CALAFCO University courses that will take place in March. She stated that one will be held in southern California on March 12 at the Metropolitan Water District headquarters in Los Angeles on and on March 27th in San Jose. The courses will explore the role LAFCOs regarding SB 375.

Commissioner Brothers commented on the position of the State League of Cities on SB 375.

Chair Wilson thanked **Commissioner Brothers** for accepting the assignment of serving on CALAFCO board.

10. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

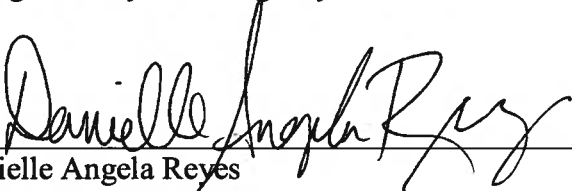
11. CLOSED SESSION

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned 10:15 a.m.

SUSAN WILSON, Chair
Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission

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