



FINAL MINUTES

OC LAFCO REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, May 12, 2021
8:15 a.m.

Due to COVID-19, this meeting was conducted by teleconference pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20, which suspend certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Davert called the meeting of the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (OC LAFCO) to order at 8:22 a.m., announced that the Commission meeting is being conducted by teleconference, and participation by Commissioners and staff are from remote locations.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. BOARD APPOINTMENT - ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER FOLEY

Executive Officer noted the appointment of Commissioner Foley and that the respective oath was completed electronically by the Commission Clerk.

4. ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners and Alternates were present:

- **Chair Douglass Davert**
- **Vice Chair Donald Wagner**
- **Commissioner Lisa Bartlett**
- **Commissioner Wendy Bucknum**
- **Commissioner James Fisler**
- **Commissioner Derek J. McGregor**
- **Alternate Commissioner Katrina Foley**
- **Alternate Commissioner Kathryn Freshley**
- **Alternate Commissioner Peggy Huang**
- **Alternate Commissioner Lou Penrose**

The following Commissioner was absent:

- **Commissioner Mike Posey**

The following OC LAFCO staff members were present:

- Executive Officer Carolyn Emery
- Assistant Executive Officer Raymond Barragan
- Policy Analyst Luis Tapia
- Commission Clerk Cheryl Carter-Benjamin
- Legal Counsel Paula de Sousa

**5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION
(Received After Agenda Distribution)**

Commission Clerk Cheryl Carter-Benjamin noted that no supplemental communication was received.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Davert requested public comments on any non-agenda items. Commission Clerk Cheryl Carter-Benjamin read the public comment received from Mr. Todd Stearns, resident of Ladera Ranch into the record. **Chair Davert** closed public comment.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Davert called for a motion on the consent calendar. **Commissioner McGregor** motioned for approval of the consent calendar and **Commissioner Bucknum** seconded the motion.

The Commission Clerk conducted a roll call vote on the item.

7a. - Approval of Minutes - March 10, 2021 Regular Commission Meeting

7b. - 2021 Update to the Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

MOTION: Approve the consent calendar. (Derek J. McGregor)
SECOND: Wendy Bucknum
FOR: Derek J. McGregor, Wendy Bucknum, Donald Wagner,
Lisa Bartlett, James Fisler, Peggy Huang, Douglass Davert
AGAINST: None
ABSTAIN: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0.

8. PUBLIC HEARING

8a. - 2021-22 OC LAFCO Final Budget

Executive Officer Carolyn Emery presented the staff report on the final budget and recommended actions and noted staff and LAFCO consultant were available to address any questions.

General questions and clarifications asked by the Commissioners were addressed by the **Chair** and the Executive Officer.

Chair Davert opened the public hearing. Commission Clerk Cheryl Carter-Benjamin noted no comments were received by email on the item. **Chair Davert** closed the public hearing and called for a motion on the recommended actions. **Commissioner Bucknum** motioned to approve the recommended actions and **Commissioner Fisler** seconded the motion.

The Commission Clerk conducted a roll call vote on the item.

MOTION: Adopt the Final FY 2021-22 OC LAFCO Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22. (Wendy Bucknum)

SECOND: James Fisler

FOR: Wendy Bucknum, James Fisler, Donald Wagner, Lisa Bartlett, Peggy Huang, Derek J. McGregor, Douglass Davert

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0.

9. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

9a. - Legislative Report (May 2021)

Policy Analyst Luis Tapia presented an overview of proposed bills of LAFCO interest and the recommended actions.

Chair Davert called for Commission discussion and public comments. Commission Clerk Cheryl Carter-Benjamin noted no comments were received by email on the item. **Chair Davert** called for a motion on the recommended actions. **Commissioner Wagner** motioned to approve the recommended actions and **Commissioner Bartlett** seconded the motion.

The Commission Clerk conducted a roll call vote on the item.

MOTION: Adopt the following positions on proposed bills: AB 361 (Support), AB 1053 (Watch), AB 1581 (Support), SB 273

(Support), SB 403 (Oppose Unless Amended), and SB 810, 811, 812 (Support); Direct staff to send position letters to bill authors and sponsors. (Donald Wagner)

SECOND: Lisa Bartlett

FOR: Donald Wagner, Lisa Bartlett, Wendy Bucknum, James Fisler, Peggy Huang, Derek J. McGregor, Douglass Davert

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0.

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

The Commission made general comments.

11. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Executive Officer gave an oral update on the following LAFCO projects and activities that occurred since the last Commission meeting:

- **South County Governance**
- **Establishment of Pension Trust**
- **Santa Margarita Water District Annexation of San Juan Capistrano's Water and Wastewater Utilities**
- **Appointment Process for the Alternate Public Member Seat**
- **Resuming of Commission Regular Meeting In-Person**
- **2021 Strategic Planning Workshop**

12. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

12a. - 2021 LAFCO Strategic Planning Workshop

The **Chair** stated that this item was covered during the Executive Officer's report and that there were no additional items or announcements.

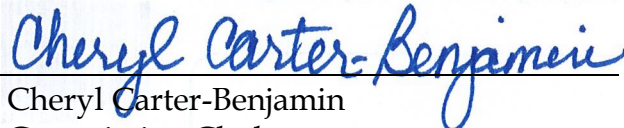
13. CLOSED SESSION

The **Chair** stated that there were no closed session items for discussion.

14. NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

Chair Davert adjourned the Regular Commission Meeting at 8:55 a.m. to the next regular OC LAFCO meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at 8:15 a.m.

Douglass Davert, Chair
Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission

By: 
Cheryl Carter-Benjamin
Commission Clerk

Attachments:

Attachment A: Public Comment for Agenda Item 6a

From: [Todd Stearns](#)
To: [Cheryl Carter-Benjamin](#)
Subject: Public comment for LAFCO meeting
Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 7:48:33 AM

Good morning!

I was just curious what steps LAFCO may take to help Ladera Ranch and interested local organizations consider governance options for the future?

Thank you in advance for comment.

Todd Stearns,
Ladera Ranch resident