LASSEN COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
City Council Chambers 66 N. Lassen St. Susanville, CA 96130

REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 10, 2025

1. Call to Order Meeting called to order at 3:0 p.m. by Chair Eid.

A. **Roll Call** Commissioner Neely, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Bridges, Chair Eid

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Staff Present: Jennifer Stephenson, Executive Officer, and Ruth McElrath, Clerk.

2. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Commissioner Neely, seconded by Commissioner Bridges to approve agenda as submitted. Motion carries. Ayes: Neely, Bridges, Miller and Eid.

3. Correspondence: Ms. Stephenson said there is correspondence, but it will be discussed under Item 10.

4. Approval of minutes: Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Neely to approve the Oct. 21, 2024 meeting minutes**.** Motion carries. Ayes: Miller, Neely, Bridges and Eid.

5. Authorize payment of claims Motion by Commissioner Bridges, seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve payment of claims for October, November and December. Motion carries**.** Ayes: Bridges, Miller, Neely and Eid.

6. Public Comment: Tammy LaBoue, Spalding resident, states there have been 22 cure and corrects for the Spalding Community Services District since last February. LAFCo has been cc'd on every one of them, and she wants to know why they were never discussed.

Ms. Stephenson responds that LAFCo has no direct jurisdiction over a cure and correct, and because of that, LAFCo wouldn't be addressing it until the review of the Municipal Services Review (MSR). She recommends that cure and corrects go to county counsel and the district attorney.

Chair Eid comments that the one-year review is coming up, and that would be a good meeting for Ms LaBoue and her husband to be at.

Ms. LaBoue and her husband discuss ongoing issue with the district.

Ms. Stephenson explains LAFCo is not an enforcement agency. The unfortunate thing about cure and correct is it generally has to be backed by legal action by their own lawyer.

Mr. and Mrs. LaBoue continue discussion about the district.

Ms. Stephenson further explains they can look at the recommendations made, and the status of those recommendations and if there is any improvement. LAFCo's options are limited, but one option can be a zero sphere of influence indicating LAFCo anticipates dissolution and feels the community is better off without the district. A whole new district will have to be formed to provide services, so it's recommended not to go down that road. It depends on where they are at.

7. Elect Replacement of Vice Chair – Motion by Commissioner Neely, seconded by Commissioner Bridges to elect Commissioner Schuster as vice chair. Motion carries. Ayes: Neely, Bridges, Miller and Eid.

8. Approve Regular Meeting Schedule for 2025 – Ms. Stephenson explains it is the standard meeting schedule with the exception of moving the October meeting to the following week due to a holiday.

Motion by Commissioner Bridges, seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve the 2025 meeting schedule. Motion carried. Ayes: Bridges, Miller, Neely and Eid.

9. Recognition of Chris Gallagher's Service - Item moved to next meeting due to Mr. Gallagher being absent from the meeting.

10. CALAFCO Update and Feedback – Ms. Stephenson explains there is a letter from Gordon Mangel, of Nevada County LAFCo and a representative for the northern region on the CALAFCO board. She continues that LAFCo is pushing for reorganization.

She also sits on the leg committee and it was disbanded at the CALAFCO board's bidding. A consultant was hired and they restructured how legislative issues were going to be handled, all without input from executive officers.

Several executive officers wrote a letter to the board demanding the leg committee be reinstated, at least until there could be a transparent process for reorganization. The leg committee was reinstated but there were several other issues and concerns, none of which were addressed by the board. Now there are several LAFCos threatening to leave CALAFCO because of it, Ms. Stephenson explains.

Mr. Mangel is Lassen LAFCo's board representative, and he is looking for input he can bring back to the CALAFCO board that would aid the LAFCo's feeling more comfortable in how things are being operated, Ms. Stephenson says. There will be a retreat in a couple of months, because it was found meetings are far too short to meet the list of demands LAFCo has made. He is looking for input by that time. The regional officers are also soliciting input.

Commissioner Bridges asks if the information sent in is enough to restructure and save the organization.

Ms. Stephenson responds that she thinks so. They were well thought out letters. It's premature to start thinking about leaving CALAFCO, they need the opportunity to be able to address these issues. At this point, they need the opportunity to turn this around.

Chair Eid asks if LAFCo chooses not to participate, who handles annexations.

Ms. Stephenson responds we will continue to exist as a LAFCo, we just wouldn't have state representation or organized leadership. She should be able to report back in April.

11 Executive Officer Report

A. **Form 700s due April 1 –** Ms. Stephenson tells the Commission that form 700s can be done online. She said there might be outdated ethics certificates for a couple of people. They are no longer offered online. The Commission concurs having legal counsel offer it and making it available to special districts.

B. **Seating Special District –** Ms. Stephenson states she is still waiting for the county to adopt a resolution for an alternate funding structure. She is working with the new county administrative officer.

C. **LFCSD MSR Status** – Ms. Stephenson states ideally, they would be seeing this MSR in April, however, if LAFCo is dealing with the Spalding status report, it will be on a different agenda. She is finding out that the district might be OK for a little bit longer than what they understood their situation to be.

12. **Commissioner Reports** – None

11. **Adjournment** – Motion by Commissioner Bridges to adjourn at 3:34 p.m.

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Todd Eid, Chair

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Ruth McElrath, Clerk