

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

REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 21, 2024

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

A. Roll Call Commissioner Neely, Commissioner Miller, Vice Chair Gallagher and Chair Eid.
Absent: Commissioner Schuster

B. Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

3. Correspondence: Ms. Stephenson states she included a letter of support for Senate Bill 1209, which the governor signed. SB 1209 empowers LAFCo to require indemnification by the applicants. This has been a two-year project by CALAFCO, and the bill goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2025.

4. Approval of minutes Motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Neely to approve the Aug. 12, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion carries. Ayes: Miller, Neely, Gallagher and Eid.

5. Authorize payment of claims for June and July Motion by Commissioner Gallagher, seconded by Commissioner Miller to authorize payment of claims. Motion carries: Gallagher, Miller, Neely and Eid.

6. Public Comment: None

7. Seating special districts on LAFCo – Ms. Stephenson states she is still waiting for a resolution from the county approving the alternate funding structure because the county was interested in getting more information. She did receive a resolution from the city.

8. Susanville Sanitary District Municipal Service Review – Ms. Stephenson explains the report has been out for public comment, and she has not received any comments. The district received an admin draft for comment and thought it was fairly accurate. The district was good moving forward with the recommendations.

She explains there is a short-term and a long-term sphere and the major recommendation is making it one sphere of influence. She continues explaining that the district's sphere is similar to the city's sphere, which is at it should be.

Public hearing opened at 3:08 p.m.

No public comment.

Public hearing closed at 3:08 p.m.

Vice Chair Gallagher addresses a few edits to be made in the report. He states SSD hasn't increased rates since 2016. It will all come at once and people will be mad. These are the kind of things general managers need to tell their boards, that they need to adjust for inflation.

He also recommends the district complete the certificate of transparency because it doesn't have some of the things recommended for transparency including recording or livestreaming meetings, which people are looking for.

Commissioner Neely comments about the district following Susanville city limits.

Ms. Stephenson responds there are areas that extend outside of the city's sphere.

Commissioner Neely asks if anyone can hook up to sewer services, even if they aren't annexed into the city.

Ms. Stephenson responds they can if it is within the district's boundaries. She explains there is an exception, particularly to wastewater services. If there is a public health emergency, they can come to LAFCo and ask if they can provide services outside of their boundaries, but there are very few exceptions.

There is further discussion regarding services and the district's boundaries.

Motion by Commissioner Gallagher, seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve Resolution 2024-0004. Motion carries. Ayes: Gallagher, Miller, Neely and Eid.

9. Executive Officer Report -

A. SB 1209 – Item addressed under correspondence.

B. CALAFCO Leg Committee update - Ms. Stephenson explains CALAFCO has a legislative committee comprised of representatives from all four regions, primarily executive officers, but also legal expertise, and associate members that provide input on various legislation and recommended stances the board should take.

The leg committee's meeting was cancelled, and the executive officers were informed they were restructuring the committee and bringing in outside lobbyists. It was not a transparent process. About 30 executive officers signed a letter requesting the CALAFCO board to reconsider. The board held a special meeting, and the leg committee has been re-formed.

Ms. Stephenson also reports she attended the CALAFCO conference. It was well-attended, and they had good sessions. She shares a company has developed software specific to LAFCo and processing applications.

Chair Eid asked what LAFCo is looking at next.

Ms. Stephenson responds there is the MSR for Little Valley.

Vice Chair Gallagher states to keep Clear Creek on the radar. He adds he visited the new Spalding general manager and things are looking good. They want to get back to having the County do its finances.

10. Board reports – None

11. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Todd Eid, Chair

Ruth McElrath, Building Permit Technician

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