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SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AND ANNEXATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Vince DiMaggio, LAFCO Commissioner - *Public Member (Committee Chair)*

Louis R. Calcagno, LAFCO Commissioner - *County Member*

Dennis Donohue, LAFCO Commissioner - *City Member*

MEETING NOTES

SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AND ANNEXATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 30, 2011 9:00 a.m.

**Monterey Room - Monterey County Government Center
168 W. Alisal Street, 2nd Floor
Salinas, CA**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Committee Chair DiMaggio.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Committee Chair Vince DiMaggio

Commissioner Louis R. Calcagno

Commissioner Dennis Donohue (*Arriving at the Beginning of Item 4: Old Business*)

Staff Present

Kate McKenna, AICP, Executive Officer

Thomas A. McCue, AICP, Senior Analyst

Leslie J. Girard, LAFCO General Counsel

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Carrothers presented and discussed census data documenting the County's growth from 2000 to 2010 and the existence of vacant housing in the County.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Consider Draft Policies and Procedures Relating to Spheres of Influence and Changes of Organization and Reorganization. *This Item was Referred Back to the Policy Committee by the Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County on June 28, 2010.*

- a. **Consider a draft compilation of technical, non-substantive, clean-up revisions to the Commission's adopted policies, excluding two policy items to be separately addressed below.**

No members of the public requested to speak on this item. Upon motion of Commissioner Calcagno, seconded by Commissioner Donohue, the Committee unanimously agreed to recommend adoption of the technical, non-substantive, clean-up revisions to the Commission's adopted policies as contained in Attachment 1.

- b. **Consider draft revisions to the adopted Policy on Preliminary Sphere of Influence Reviews.**

Following discussion by the Commission the following public officials from the Salinas Valley spoke: Michael Powers (King City Manager), René Mendez, (Gonzales City Manager), Tom Truskowski (Gonzales Community Development Director), Brent Slama (Greenfield Community Development Director), Steve McHarris (Soledad Economic & Community Development Director), and Vanessa Vallarta (Salinas City Attorney). Also addressing the Commission was Amy White, Executive Director of LandWatch Monterey County.

Commissioner Calcagno moved that the Committee recommend the Commission's adoption of the draft policy revisions as shown in Attachment 2. The motion was seconded by Chair DiMaggio and adopted on a two-to-one vote. Commissioner Donohue stated that he could not support the motion. If State law already grants LAFCO the authority to conduct these reviews, he cannot support voting for this language over the opposition of the cities. Chair DiMaggio thanked everyone who participated in the discussion.

- c. **Consider a draft Policy on Housing and Jobs Information.**

Following discussion by the Commission City Managers Powers and Mendez spoke, as did Community Development Directors Truskowski and Slama, City Attorney Vallarta, and Executive Director White. The City of Gonzales proposed alternate language to that being discussed by the Commission. During the discussion, Commissioner Donohue excused himself from the remainder of the meeting due to a previous commitment.

Chair DiMaggio closed the discussion and moved to substitute section "b" of the Gonzales proposal for the draft policy section of Attachment 3. He also stated that the cities and public could propose changes in this language to the Commission at its April 25 meeting which is roughly 30 days away. Commissioner Calcagno seconded the motion and it was passed by a vote of 2-0, in the absence of Commissioner Donohue.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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