

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF MONTEREY COUNTY

**2015  
Commissioners**

**Chair**  
Sherwood Darington  
*Public Member*

**Vice Chair**  
Joe Gunter  
*City Member*

Fernando Armenta  
*County Member, Alternate*

Matt Gourley  
*Public Member, Alternate*

Maria Orozco  
*City Member, Alternate*

John Phillips  
*County Member*

Warren E. Poitras  
*Special District Member,  
Alternate*

Ralph Rubio  
*City Member*

Simón Salinas  
*County Member*

Steve Snodgrass  
*Special District Member*

Graig R. Stephens  
*Special District Member*

**Counsel**

Leslie J. Girard  
*General Counsel*

**Staff**

Kate McKenna, AICP  
*Executive Officer*

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**Publics Comments**

There were no Public Comments on items not on the Agenda.

**MINUTES  
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
OF MONTEREY COUNTY**

*Approved 12-7-15*

Monday, September 21, 2015  
4:00 p.m.

Board of Supervisors Chambers  
Monterey County Government Center  
168 West Alisal Street, First Floor  
Salinas, California

**Roll Call**

**Members Present**

Commissioner Darington (Chair)  
Commissioner Gunter (Vice Chair)  
Commissioner Gourley  
Commissioner Phillips  
Commissioner Poitras  
Commissioner Salinas  
Commissioner Snodgrass  
Commissioner Stephens

**Members Absent** (Excused Absences)

Commissioners Orozco and Rubio

**Members Not Present** (Presence Not Required)

Commissioner Armenta

**Staff Present**

Kate McKenna, AICP, Executive Officer  
Leslie J. Girard, General Counsel  
Darren McBain, LAFCO Senior Analyst  
Gail Lawrence, Clerk to the Commission

**Call To Order**

The Local Agency Formation Commission was called to order by Chair Darington at 4:00 p.m. in the Monterey County Board of Supervisors Chambers.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Snodgrass led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Consent Calendar

1. Approve Draft Minutes from the June 22, 2015 LAFCO Regular Meeting.
2. Approve Draft Notes from the June 29, 2015 Budget and Finance Committee Special Meeting.
3. Approve a Reclassification and Salary Range for the Administrative Secretary/Clerk to the Commission Position.
4. Approve the Establishment of an Assistant Analyst Job Classification and Salary Range, and Approve an Update of Other Classifications in the Analyst Series.
5. Accept Report on Anticipated Future Agenda Items and Progress Report on Special Studies.
6. Approve Registers of Checks for June, July and August 2015.
7. Accept Report on Activities of the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions.

There were no Public or Commissioner comments for the Consent Items.

### Commission Action

Upon motion by Commissioner Snodgrass, seconded by Commissioner Salinas, the Consent Items were approved. Absent: Commissioners Orozco and Rubio. Abstain: None.

## Public Hearing (Continued from the LAFCO June 22, 2015 Regular Meeting)

8. Continued Public Hearing to Consider a Revised South Monterey County Fire Protection District 2015 Annexation Proposal with a Reduced Proposal Area (LAFCO File No. 13-05);

Following the June 22 LAFCO meeting, the Fire District has reduced the scope of its annexation proposal. The revised proposal area consists of San Lucas, San Ardo, Bryson/Hesperia, and lands near Bradley. **Parkfield, Cholame, Indian Valley, Peachtree Canyon, Priest Valley, Long Valley areas, and other areas east of San Lucas, San Ardo, and Bradley are no longer included in the Fire District's proposal.**

The proposed annexation area consists of approximately 123 square miles of lands adjacent to the Fire District's existing boundaries and within its existing designated Sphere of Influence, plus a proposed 28-acre (0.2-square-mile) Sphere of Influence amendment. The purpose of the proposal is to provide comprehensive fire protection services to these lands, which are currently not within the boundaries of any fire protection district. As the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency, the Fire District has determined the proposal to be exempt from environmental review.

Recommended Actions:

- i. Reopen the public hearing for this item; and following discussion:
- ii. Adopt a Resolution to:
  - a) Consider the finding made by the South Monterey County Fire Protection District that its proposal is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (the "general rule" exemption),

- b) Approve the District's proposed annexation of approximately 123 square miles of lands, including a 0.2-square-mile Sphere of Influence amendment, and
- c) Authorize the Executive Officer to set October 26, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. as the Conducting Authority hearing for the proposed annexation.

Darren McBain, LAFCO Senior Analyst, presented a report.

Chair Darington opened the Public Hearing.

#### Public Comments

Public comments were made by Chief Brennan Blue.

Chair Darington closed the Public Hearing.

#### Staff and Commissioner Comments

Kate McKenna, Executive Officer commented. Commissioner Salinas thanked everyone present for their due diligence.

#### Commission Action

Upon motion by Commissioner Salinas, Seconded by Commissioner Stephens, the Commission received the report for Agenda Item No. 8; Continued Public Hearing to Consider a Revised South Monterey County Fire Protection District 2015 Annexation Proposal with a Reduced Proposal Area (LAFCO File No. 13-05) by the Executive Officer, reopened the continued public hearing and agreed to adopt a Resolution to:

- a) Consider the finding made by the South Monterey County Fire Protection District that its proposal is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (the "general rule" exemption),
- b) Approve the District's proposed annexation of approximately 123 square miles of lands, including a 0.2-square-mile Sphere of Influence amendment; and
- c) Authorize the Executive Officer to set October 26, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. as the Conducting Authority hearing for the proposed annexation.

Absent: (Alternate Commissioner Armenta – presence not required), and Commissioners Orozco and Rubio. Abstain: None. Motion Carried.

#### New Business

##### 9. Consider Appointments to 2016 LAFCO Committees.

Executive Officer Kate McKenna presented a report and indicated she would be bringing a review of the Committees back to the Commission in 2016.

There were no Public or Commissioner comments.

#### Commission Action

Upon motion by Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Snodgrass, the LAFCO 2016 Committee Appointments were adopted. Absent: Commissioners Orozco and Rubio. Abstain: None

#### Executive Officer's Report

10. California Special Districts Association Conference, September 21-24, Monterey (Information).

Executive Officer McKenna gave a report.

### Commissioners Comments

Commissioners Salinas, Gunter, Phillips, and Snodgrass commented on the CALAFCO Conference – September 21-24 in Monterey, CA., and thanked Executive Officer McKenna for her work with Pajaro Sunny Mesa District.

### Adjournment to the Next Meeting

Chair Darington adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

The next Regular LAFCO meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 7, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.