

**Local Agency Formation Commission  
Of Modoc County  
Regular Meeting**

**Minutes of February 10, 2015**

**1. Call to Order:**

Chair Dederick called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, Alturas City Hall. Commissioners Allan, Alves, Dederick and Shea were present. Commissioner Alternate Davis was also present. Commissioner Irvin was absent.

Staff Present: John Benoit, Executive Officer and Kim Hunter, Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Alves made the motion to approve the agenda as submitted; seconded by Commissioner Allen. In favor: Allan, Alves, Dederick and Shea. Absent: Irvin.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Shea made the motion to approve the minutes for the meetings of August 12, 2014; October 7, 2014 and December 9, 2014 as presented; seconded by Commissioner Alves. In favor: Allan, Alves, Dederick and Shea. Absent: Irvin.

**4. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to report.

**5. Public Comment:** None.

**6. Ratify Claims for December 2014 and Authorize Payment of Claims for January 2015.**

*a. Approve payment of expenses for December 2014 and January 2015.*

Commissioner Shea made the motion to approve payment of expenses for December 2014 and January 2015; seconded by Commissioner Alves. In favor: Allan, Alves, Dederick and Shea. Absent: Irvin.

**7. Workshop: Tulelake Irrigation District MSR and SOI.**

*a. Receive Executive Officer's Report and Conduct Workshop*

*b. Schedule Public Hearing for April 14, 2015.*

Chair Dederick opened the workshop at 4:08 p.m.

Executive Officer Benoit gave an overview of the draft service review and sphere of influence document for the Tulelake Irrigation District. The District had offered an ample opportunity to review the draft document and comment. Financially the District appears to be in good shape. There was a mapping issue that had to be resolved which involved the verification of the District boundaries. Based on old maps a new GIS map was created. Now with the corrected maps the MSR and SOI are ready to be reviewed for adoption at a public hearing to be held on April 14, 2015. Commissioner Shea asked if there were any problems obtaining the information of the District boundaries. Executive Officer Benoit that most of the mapping information was actually provided by Siskiyou County. Further discussion then occurred on the annual budget of the District. Chair Dederick as if this was the last MSR and SOI to complete for the irrigation districts within the jurisdiction of the Modoc LAFCo? Executive Officer Benoit confirmed that it was the last MSR and SOI to be updated for irrigation districts.

Chair Irving closed the public hearing at 4:23 p.m.

Commissioner Shea made the motion to set the public hearing for the review of the Tulelake Irrigation District MSR and SOI on April 14, 2015; seconded by Commissioner Allen. In favor: Allan, Alves, Dederick and Shea. Absent: Irvin.

**8. Approve Regular Meeting Schedule for 2015.**

*a. Review and Discuss and approve regular meeting schedule.*

Commissioner Allen made the motion to approve the 2015 regular meeting schedule; seconded by Commissioner Alves. In favor: Allan, Alves, Dederick and Shea. Absent: Irvin.

**9. Authorize staff to attend the Calafco Staff Workshop: April 15-17 in Grass Valley.**

*a. Authorize Staff to attend the Calafco Staff Workshop*

Commissioner Alves made the motion to authorize Executive Officer Benoit to attend the Calafco staff workshop on April 15-17 in Grass Valley; seconded by Commissioner Allen. In favor: Allan, Alves, Dederick and Shea. Absent: Irvin.

**10. Executive Officer's Monthly Report**

*700 Forms Due April 1, 2015*

*Policy Update*

*City of Alturas Annexation Request – Status*

*Southern Cascades CSD – Status*

*Big Valley Water Users*

*Mayers Healthcare District Annexation*

*New Website [www.modoclafco.org](http://www.modoclafco.org)*

*RCD Consolidation Complete*

*700 Forms:* Executive Officer Benoit noted that the annual 700 Forms were due on April 1<sup>st</sup> to the County Clerk. *Policy Updates:* Although there is nothing specific to report regarding policy updates, it has been observed that there have been many legislative changes and new ways of thinking with state LAFCo policies in the last few years. Executive Officer Benoit will be

working on updating the application forms in the coming months. *City of Alturas Annexation Request:* Both the Board of Supervisors and City Counsel have reviewed the tax exchange agreement. The City Council will consider approval of this agreement on February 17<sup>th</sup>. *Southern Cascade Community Service District (CSD) formation:* The new Lassen County Counsel advised that the new Board for the CSD be elected rather than appointed. Alternate Commissioner Davis reported that five candidates are running which represent each of the five areas of the proposed CSD. The election for the approval of the CSD and the new board members is set for May 5, 2015. Since the formation of the CSD involves a special tax, special care has been taken to ensure that everything has been done correctly. *Big Valley Water Users:* The Big Valley Water Users group has shown interest in creating a type of water district in Big Valley that includes areas of both Lassen and Modoc Counties. Executive Officer Benoit has suggested to that group consider pursuing special legislation through State Assembly member Brian Dahle. Also in Big Valley, the State has identified a groundwater basin located within that area as a “Medium Priority Groundwater Basin” which must be managed. Management of groundwater basin includes management objectives (i.e. Groundwater Management Plan) and monitoring wells pursuant to recent groundwater legislation. *Mayers Memorial Healthcare District Annexation:* The Shasta LAFCo previously adopted a SOI which increased the area of the Mayers Memorial Healthcare District. Subsequently, that District is now proposing annexations which include portions of Lassen and Modoc Counties. As part of the District annexation process, an application will need to be filed with the Shasta LAFCo (the primary LAFCo) which will require review by the Modoc and Lassen LAFCos. *New Website:* The new website is up and running at: [www.modoclafco.org](http://www.modoclafco.org) which has more updated information than the previous website. *RCD Consolidation:* The paperwork to consolidate the former Central Modoc and Surprise Valley Resource Conservation Districts into the Modoc Resource Conservation District was filed with the Modoc County Clerk on February 10, 2015.

## **11. Commissioner Reports – Discussion**

Chair Dederick reported that the California Energy Commission had granted 3.1 million dollars to a joint application from the City of Alturas, Modoc County and the Modoc County Joint Unified School District. These funds will be used to test and permit an existing geothermal well not being used. Currently, the Modoc High School is heated by another well and this second well would be used as the reinjection well that will allow geothermal heating system can be expanded to heat the middle school and elementary school in Alturas.

## **12. Adjourn to next regular meeting: April 14, 2015**

There being no further business to come before this Commission; Commissioner Allen made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Alves. In favor: Allan, Alves, Dederick and Shea. Absent: Irvin.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.