

**Local Agency Formation Commission of Modoc County
Special Meeting**

Minutes of October 6, 2015

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

Chair Rhoads called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, Alturas City Hall. Commissioners Allan, Dederick, Irvin, Rhoads, Shea were present. Public Member Alternate Clinton Davis was also present.

Staff Present: John Benoit, Executive Officer

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Shea noted that a minor wording change was needed on page 2. Commissioner Dederick made the motion to approve the minutes for the August 11, 2015 with corrections as noted seconded by Commissioner Allan. In favor: Allan, Dederick, Irvin, Rhoads and Shea.

4. Correspondence

Executive Officer Benoit distributed some information, which he obtained at the Calafco Annual Conference. No other correspondence was received.

5. Public Comment

No public comment.

6. Ratify Claims for August 2015 and Authorize Payment of Claims for September 2015

a. Approve payment of expenses for August 2015 and September 2015.

Commissioner Shea made the motion to approve payment of expenses for August 2015 and September 2015; seconded by Commissioner Irvin. In favor: Allan, Dederick, Irvin, Rhoads and Shea.

PUBLIC HEARING

7. Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update for the Hafer Hills Estates County Service Area

- a. *Conduct Hearing on the Service Review and Sphere of Influence for the Hafer Hills Estates County Service Area and consider Resolution 2015-0007 adopting a Service Review and Resolution 2015-0008 adopting a Sphere of Influence for the Hafer Hills CSA.*

Executive Officer Benoit noted that a workshop had taken place at the August 11th meeting to review of the Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence for the Hafer Hills Estates County Service Area (CSA). This CSA was established by the County as a road maintenance mechanism for the private roads contained within the Hafer Hills Estates Subdivision. It is recommended that the Sphere of Influence be coterminous with the boundaries of the CSA.

Chair Rhoads closed the Public Hearing at 4:12.

Through the CSA, road maintenance fees are collected from each Assessor's Parcel by the County. The amount of the parcel assessment is based on an analysis by the Road Department. Although the roads within the subdivision remain private, the County Road Department maintains the roads and is paid for the service with the collected fees. No issues of concern were identified regarding the capacity to provide services or the formation of the CSA.

Discussion followed on the wide variety of services that a CSA can fund and how they can be best utilized. Executive Officer Benoit also noted that in the file there had been confusion between CSA's and Community Service Districts (CSD's), which are different things. Currently this is the only CSA within Modoc County.

Commissioner Dederick made the motion to approve and adopt Resolutions 2015-0007 and 2015-0008; seconded by Commissioner Allan. Commissioner Shea made the motion to approve payment of expenses for June 2015 and July 2015; seconded by Commissioner Allan. In favor: Allan, Rhoads, Dederick, Irvin and Shea.

8. Southern Cascades CSD Formation

Executive Officer Benoit provided the Commissioners a copy of the initiating document for the Southern Cascades CSD formation. Both the Modoc and Lassen County Board of Supervisors must approve initiating resolutions to begin the process. A public hearing date for the Lassen LAFCo is set for December 14, 2015. Lassen LAFCo is the lead on this item because the majority of assessed value is within Lassen County. There have been ongoing discussions on the election arrangements and cost but nothing has been determined at this time. It is clear that ambulance service is needed in Big Valley. The last election was lost by only four votes.

Public Member Alternate Davis gave additional background on the issue. Since the last election, some influential community members have come onboard to help campaign and bring attention to the need for ambulance service. Also, there have been some sad events where the long wait for ambulance service has resulting in tragedy. Some Big Valley residents continue to believe that the medical helicopter can land at or near where they live. This is not true, and the patient needs to be transported by ambulance to where the helicopter can land so the lack of ambulance service still has an effect. Emergency ambulance service from Mayers Memorial in Fall River is

quickly degrading in level of service, which further compounds the issue. Further discussion regarding this issue took place.

9. Discussion of Annual Calafco Conference in Sacramento

Executive Officer Benoit and Public Member Alternate Davis attended the Calafco Conference in Sacramento in early September. Executive Officer Benoit gave an overview of the sessions which he attending, which included a session focusing on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and the development of groundwater sustainability areas. He also attended the regional meeting, which allows for networking and the prioritization of goals for the next year. Goals which were identified included: efforts to expand LAFCo's power over JPA's, simplification of protest provisions, Proposition 218 and vehicle license fees. Also, there was a review on various bills that are on the desk of Governor Brown to be signed. Next year's conference will be in Santa Barbara.

Commissioner Dederick requested to be excused from the meeting.

Public Member Alternate Davis reported that he attended a LAFCo101 session, which really shed light on the purpose of LAFCo and was very helpful. He also attended a session on expanding broadband service in rural communities, which is very important in our area to retain businesses.

10. Executive Officer's Monthly Report

Groundwater Service Areas: This topic was previously discussed.

Surprise Valley HC District: District is functioning and a JPA is in place. Commissioner Allan offered his views of the situation.

Big Valley Water Users: No news on this topic.

Mayers Memorial Healthcare District Annexation: No news on this topic.

SB 88 Water District Consolidations: This topic was previously discussed.

11. Commissioner Reports – Discussion

No Commissioner reports or discussion.

12. Adjourn to next regular meeting – December 15, 2015

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

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.