

Local Agency Formation Commission of Modoc County

Special Meeting

Minutes of December 15, 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 Dederick, 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 Shea made the motion to approve the agenda as submitted and seconded by Commissioner Dederick. In favor: Dederick, Rhoads and Shea.

3. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Shea noted that a minor wording change was needed on page 2. Commissioner Shea made the motion to approve the minutes for the October 6, 2015 LAFCo meeting with correction to item #3 to include the June 9, 2015 minutes as being approved. In favor: Dederick, Rhoads and Shea.

4. Correspondence

Executive Officer Benoit indicated he received a letter from Kan We Help regarding the Lassen Modoc Flood Control and Water Conservation District. No other correspondence was received.

5. Public Comment

No public comment.

6. Ratify Claims for October 2015 and Authorize Payment of Claims for November 2015

a. Approve payment of expenses for October 2015 and November 2015.

Commissioner Shea made the motion to approve payment of expenses for October 2015 and November 2015 in the amount of \$6,986.80; seconded by Commissioner Dederick. In favor: Dederick, Shea and Rhoads.

7. Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update for the Newell County Water District

Executive Officer Benoit noted that a Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update were in progress for the Newell County Water District. At issue is the district is not communicating with LAFCo. Without responding to the request for information from LAFCo staff, LAFCo is unable to prepare a complete Service Review and stated the findings in the MSR and SOI would reflect the non-cooperation of the District. Commissioner Rhoads asked if the district was told that they would receive an incomplete MSR and SOI? Executive Officer Benoit responded not yet. Executive Officer Benoit stated he would continue to work with the District to obtain the necessary information.

8. Southern Cascades CSD Formation

Executive Officer Benoit provided an update for the Southern Cascades CSD Formation that Lassen LAFCo approved a resolution and the formation at its December 14, 2015 LAFCo meeting. Commissioner Davis spoke about the overall purpose of the new district is to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS). Commissioner Dederick asked for clarification of how the ALS was going to be provided. Commissioner Davis responded the goal is to provide full time on call ALS support 24-7. Commissioner Davis spoke of the some of the challenges to provide ALS. An election will be required. Commission expressed a concern that a revenue budget was not included in the report and if he were in the area he would like to see the revenue budget.

9. Set Regular Meeting Schedule for calendar year 2016

Executive Officer Benoit presented the regular meeting schedule for calendar year 2016. The regular meeting schedule was approved upon motion of Shea and seconded by Dederick. In favor: Dederick, Shea and Rhoads.

10. Discussion regarding the State Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

Executive Officer Benoit gave a power point presentation explaining the purpose, timelines and options for Counties and Water District's have in implementing the SGMA. It was stated that Lassen County staff was questioning the logic used by the California Department of Water Resources in making a determination of Big Valley being a medium priority water basin. Executive Officer Benoit stated that the Lassen and Modoc Counties are still looking for a meeting date for a joint meeting to discuss a Groundwater Sustainability Area in Big Valley. Commission Rhoads will ask the Clerk to the Board to place LAFCo on the list to receive minutes of the Modoc County Water Committee. Executive Officer Benoit said he would post the power point presentation on the Modoc LAFCo webpage.

11. Executive Officer's Monthly Report

*Work on the lighting District MSR in the near future
Continue Working on the Newell MSR - SOI*

12. Commissioner Reports – Discussion

No Commissioner reports or discussion.

13. Adjourn to next regular meeting – February 9, 2016

There being no further business to come before this Commission Commissioner Shea moved and seconded by Commissioner Dederick to adjourn to February 9, 2016. In favor: Dederick, Shea and Rhoads.

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