

**Local Agency Formation Commission of Modoc County
Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2017**

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. Commissioner Rhoads, Commissioner Dederick, Commissioner Irvin, Commissioner Shea, and Public Member Alternative Richard Read were present.

Staff Present: John Benoit, Executive Officer and Jackie Froeming, Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Agenda (Additions and Deletions)

Commissioner Dederick made the motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Shea. In favor, Rhoads, Irvin, Dederick, Read and Shea. Motion passed Unanimous.

3. Correspondence

None

4. Consider Minutes for October 10, 2017

Commissioner Shea made the motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Commissioner Irvin. In favor, Rhoads, Dederick, Irvin, Read and Shea. Motion Passed Unanimous.

5. Public Comment

None

6. Ratify Claims for October 2017 and Authorize Payment of Claims for November 2017

Commissioner Irvin made the motion to approve; seconded by Commissioner Shea. In favor, Rhoads, Dederick, Irvin, Read and Shea. Motion Passed Unanimous.

Other Business:

7. Regular Meeting Schedule for 2018

Executive Officer Benoit presented the meeting schedule for 2018 and requested that the February 13 meeting be moved to February 27, 2018.

8. Discussion and Update regarding the Daphendale CSD

There was a discussion regarding the Daphendale CSD and what should be done. LAFCO can initiate dissolution of the district on February 27. Executive Officer Benoit will need to talk with Stephanie Wellemeyer regarding dissolving this district. There will need to be an agreement between the City of Alturas (City) and County of Modoc (County). Before a district can be dissolved there needs to be direction provided on where it is going. The Modoc County Board of Supervisors has concerns about assuming the debt if they become responsible for this district and would like a meeting to be scheduled between the City and County. Commissioner Dederick will make the presentation at the next City Council Meeting on December 19, 2017 for Council approval to petition LAFCO to proceed with the dissolution of the CSD.

9. Calafco Annual Conference Review

Executive Officer Benoit provided an overview and conference summary to the Commissioners. He reported that it was a very good conference and the presentations at the conference are posted on the Calafco website. Most classes he attended were in regards to the Fiscal Health of local agencies issues that are arising, ways to improve, and cost saving ideas. He did attend the “Your LAFCo Story” which discussed being proactive and getting ahead of the press regarding controversial projects and creating the LAFCo message or brand. Most of the public do not know what LAFCo is or services provided.

10. Executive Officer’s Report

a. Lassen Modoc Flood Control and Water Conservation District - LAFCo is finishing up the review and is waiting on information from Lassen County. Alternatives are still being looked into regarding this district.

b. Southern Cascades CSD – This service review is still in process. Executive Officer Benoit produced a map for this district but roads etc. still need to be added to the map document.

c. Surprise Valley Healthcare District – This district is proceeding with bankruptcy and have contracted with a company. It is not LAFCo’s process to tell a district what to do or become involved in these issues. The only thing LAFCo can do would be complete a service review but it may be a better idea to wait until the district issues have been straightened out before this is completed.

d. Legislation – Executive Officer Benoit discussed SB 448 which affects “Inactive” Special Districts and provided a memorandum to the Commissioners that discusses this bill. . It was recently approved and will take effect on January 1, 2018 and includes requirements for the State Controller’s Office (SCO), County Auditors, and new requirements for LAFCo’s. Special Districts will now be required to file their annual audits with LAFCo, SCO, and the County Auditor. This legislation requires that the SCO compile a comprehensive list of special districts by July 2019 and a list of “inactive” districts by November 1, 2018. Once the SCO has compiled the list LAFCo will be notified and will have 90 days to initiate proceedings to dissolve the “inactive” district. If the “inactive” district does not meet the criteria of being inactive LAFCo will notify the SCO’s office.

11. Commissioner Reports – Discussion

None

12. Adjourn to the next regular meeting on February 27, 2018

There being no further business to come before this Commission; Commissioner Irvin made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Dederick. All present were in favor. The Meeting was adjourned at 5:02 PM.