

EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

AGENDA OF AUGUST 28, 2015

REGULAR MEETING

TO: Ken Humphreys, Chair, and
Members of the El Dorado County Local Agency Formation
Commission

FROM: José C. Henríquez, Executive Officer

AGENDA ITEM #10D: OTHER BUSINESS - EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

None. This is informational to the Commissioners.

BACKGROUND

This report serves as a summary report for the time from late May to early August.

State Water Resources Control Board

As indicated in the Legislative Report (Agenda Item 10A), in early June the Legislature passed and the Governor signed Budget Trailer Bill 88, which gave the State Water Resources Control Board unprecedented powers to order the consolidation of water systems. I was one of the few LAFCO executive officers to be asked by the Brown Administration to be part of a working group to provide advice on the language of the bill. We met on May 20 and 27, June 2 and 4, and July 8. While most of the advice that was given was promptly ignored, there is something to be said about this group since we have been invited to follow-up meetings. CALAFCO and this working group have now been asked by representatives of the administration to provide advice on both the implementation and to recommend clean up language. The first of these meetings will be August 13.

Meeting with Strawberry Residents

At the request of Supervisor Novasel, I participated in a series of meetings (June 2 and 15 and July 13) with a group of residents from Strawberry regarding fire service in the community. There were numerous issues to discuss, but only one fell within LAFCO jurisdiction: Strawberry is in the El Dorado County Fire Protection District service area, but Lake Valley Fire FPD is the first responder to the area more often than not. Questions regarding reorganizing the area through the LAFCO process were answered, discussed and ultimately rejected, for now.

Fire Districts

There were a lot of activities centered on fire districts over the course of these past two months. There were two meetings (June 8 and July 8) about the proposed Georgetown and Garden Valley FPDs consolidation, both of which involved the Board of Supervisors' Fire Advisory Board. It is unknown whether this project will proceed. A separate meeting was held with representatives from Pioneer and El Dorado County FPDs about a proposed consolidation on June 24. I will be making a presentation on the subject to the full board of the El Dorado County FPD on August 20. There was also a meeting of the Commission of Collaborative Fire Districts on July 13 to discuss the likelihood of renegotiating property tax allocations in a consolidation or reorganization.

Presentations

I was invited to present my thoughts on LAFCO to two different audiences. The first was to conduct a LAFCO 101 course to Alpine LAFCO on June 15. The second was on June 25 to discuss LAFCO and its future as an agency for Peter Detwiler's UC Davis Extension course, "Planning in California."

Miscellaneous

On June 4, your analyst and I received an update on the Dixon Ranch project by the applicants. While the project will be split into two phases at the planning level with the County, it is possible that the project will come into LAFCO as a single phase. It is expected that the Planning Commission will hear the project in the fall and, if approved by that body, the project will be submitted to LAFCO shortly thereafter.

I attended a CALAFCO University course on litigation on June 29. Most of the course centered around taking some precautionary measures. To that end, I have asked Counsel to review the indemnity agreements and other application materials to ensure the documents give the agency a certain amount of protection.

Quad Knopf and I are happy to announce the kick-off for the Cities' MSR. A project launch occurred on June 30th with staffs from Placerville and South Lake Tahoe. Data has been received from South Lake Tahoe and is in the process of being analyzed.