



MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
2:00 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS

Present H. E. Boyett, Chair
Absent Paul Kelley
Present Mike Kerns
Present Debora Fudge
Present Lisa Schaffner
Present Ray Brunton
Present Gary Helfrich

ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS

Absent Valerie Brown
Present Albert Giordano
Present Jean Kapolchok
Present Pamela Torliatt

STAFF

Present Steven Sharpe, Executive Officer
Present Carole Cooper, Assistant Executive Officer
Present David Hurst, Legal Counsel
Present Cynthia Olson, Clerk

1. **CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR** at 2:02 p.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING:** The minutes of the August 3, 2005 and August 24, 2005 meetings were approved as distributed.
3. **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Commission will not hold an October meeting.
4. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** none
5. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

5.1 Final Report: County of Sonoma Fire Protection Service Providers Municipal Service Review (MSR)

Carole Cooper reviewed the staff report and recommended that the Commission accept the MSR and written determinations and find the MSR exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. Commissioner Kerns motioned to accept the report, and Commissioner Schaffner seconded.

Action: Approved as recommended by staff

Kelley: abs Kerns: aye Fudge: aye Schaffner: aye Brunton: aye Helfrich: aye Boyett: aye
Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Absent/Abstain: 1

6. **REGULAR CALENDAR PUBLIC HEARING:**

6.1 **PROTEST HEARING:** File 05-10: Northeast Santa Rosa Reorganization No. 1-05 (Oliver) Involving Annexation to the City of Santa Rosa and Detachment from Rincon Valley Fire Protection District and County Service Area No. 41 (Multi-Services)

Applicant: Don Oliver

Environmental Document: Negative Declaration

Proposal: Request for reorganization of 17 parcels, totaling 31.8 +/- acres, involving annexation to the City of Santa Rosa and detachment from Rincon Valley Fire Protection District and County Service Area No. 41 (Multi-Services)

Location: Generally located on the east side of Baird Road and on the north and south sides of Rincon Avenue, west of Calistoga Road, in northeast Santa Rosa (APNs: 029-270-001 - 013; 029-280-003 – 006)

Carole Cooper reviewed the staff report and recommended that the Commission conduct a public hearing to determine the level of protest.

Chair Boyett opened the public protest hearing.

Linda Stuckey, 1248 Baird Road, expressed her opposition to the annexation. Chair Boyett acknowledged receipt of the documents from Kenneth Stuckey.

Seeing no one else rise, Chair Boyett closed the public protest hearing.

Staff reported that, as of the close of the hearing, seven written protests had been filed, which represented insufficient protest, in accordance with statutory requirements. Staff recommended that the Commission order the reorganization.

Action: Approved as recommended by staff

Kelley: abs Kerns: aye Fudge: aye Schaffner: aye Brunton: aye Helfrich: aye Boyett: aye

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Absent/Abstain: 1

6.2 PROTEST HEARING: File 05-15: Northwest Santa Rosa Reorganization No. 2-04 (Ataiyan) Involving Annexation to the City of Santa Rosa and Detachment from County Service Area No. 40 (Fire Services) and County Service Area No. 41 (Multi-Services)

Applicant: Younes Ataiyan

Environmental Document: Negative Declaration

Proposal: Request for reorganization of six parcels, totaling 4.52 +/- acres, involving annexation to the City of Santa Rosa and detachment from County Service Area No. 40 (Fire Services) and County Service Area No. 41 (Multi-Services)

Location: Generally located along the east side of Ridley Avenue, north of West College Avenue and south of Guerneville Road, in northwest Santa Rosa (APNs: 036-191-010, -028, -030, -041, -052, -055)

Carole Cooper reviewed the staff report and recommended that the Commission conduct a public hearing to determine the level of protest.

Chair Boyett opened the public hearing. Seeing no one rise, he closed the hearing. Staff reported no protests had been filed with the Commission during the protest period that ended with the close of the public hearing and recommended that the Commission order the change of organization.

Action: Approved as recommended by staff

Kelley: abs Kerns: aye Fudge: aye Schaffner: aye Brunton: aye Helfrich: aye Boyett: aye

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Absent/Abstain: 1

6.3 PUBLIC HEARING: File 05-11: Amendment No. 7 to Russian River County Water District Sphere of Influence and Annexation No. 2005-01 to Russian River County Water District of Service Areas of the Hollydale Mutual Water Company and Rural Canyon Mutual Water Company, Parcels in the Cosmo Heights Subdivision and Other Miscellaneous Parcels Adjacent to the Russian River County Water District

Applicant: Russian River County Water District

Environmental Document: Negative Declaration

Proposal: Request for amendment to the sphere of influence of the Russian River County Water District and annexation to the district of 106 parcels, totaling 406+/- acres

Location: Generally located within four areas: (1) Area A: Along McPeak Road, north of River Road, near Hacienda; (2) Area B: north of the Russian River, west of the Hacienda Bridge, and including territory along Marigold Lane; (3) Area C: along Velluntini Road, northwest of its intersection with Martinelli Road and extending



to the ridgeline above Russian River Terrace; (4) Area D: west of the intersection of Old River Road and Scenic Avenue.

Carole Cooper reviewed the staff report and recommended that the Commission certify its review and consideration of the information contained in the Negative Declaration and approve an amendment to the District's sphere of influence and annexation of 97 parcels, totaling approximately 246 acres. Staff recommended that nine parcels, totaling 160+/- acres, in Area C, be removed from the proposal due to the potential to induce growth. Staff also recommended that the Commission direct staff to notice protest proceedings.

Commissioner Kapolochok asked and staff confirmed that the reason staff recommended removal of the nine parcels was due to General Plan inconsistencies and the potential for development.

Chair Boyett opened the public hearing.

Jim Siegal, owner of parcel 085-050-031, stated his support for the annexation.

Jack Locey, Brelje & Race and a representative of the Russian River County Water District, stated that the District does not support the removal of the nine parcels. He pointed out that there would still be "support" pipes necessary for services crossing excluded parcels.

Hal Wood, Russian River County Water District, stated the District has been very supportive of assisting smaller districts and the policy of the district is to annex whenever possible to avoid outside service area agreements.

Seeing no one else rise, Chair Boyett closed the public protest hearing.

Commissioner Torliatt asked whether Supervisor Reilly was aware of the project. Staff confirmed he had been informed but no comment had been received from him.

Commissioner Helfrich motioned to approve the proposal as recommended, and Commissioner Fudge seconded.

Action: Approved as recommended by staff

Kelley: abs Kerns: aye Fudge: aye Schaffner: aye Brunton: aye Helfrich: aye Boyett: aye
Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Absent/Abstain: 1

7. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/REPORT

7.1 Presentation: City of Rohnert Park Specific Plans: Ron Bendorff, Director of Community Development – Rescheduled to November 2 meeting

7.2 Fire Protection Services in the County of Sonoma: "Next Steps"

Steve Sharpe outlined the Fire Services MSR findings from the previous meeting and the consultants' recommendations for the next steps in the project. Steve noted that the appointment of members to a strategic planning committee is critical and stated that he has been begun meeting with County and fire representatives to determine the best makeup, goals and direction of the committee. He stated he would bring the results of his meetings back to the Commission at the next meeting with a recommendation of a first step and hoped that Commission would be a key leader and partner in this effort and would include some members on the committee.

Commissioner Fudge stated that the Town of Windsor has issued a RFP to a consultant and is working with the Windsor Fire Protection District to determine the Town's direction for meeting increased demands with insufficient funding and personnel. She pointed out that the report might be useful to LAFCO in the overall planning effort.

Commissioner Kerns stated that the effort needs to be a very inclusive and public process with input from community members and those affected by any resulting proposals or recommendations.

Chair Boyett underscored the importance of this project and made a motion for the Commission's support of Staff's efforts to develop the first step towards a strategic plan. Commissioner Kerns seconded.

Sean Grinnell, Chief of Bodega Bay/Russian River Fire Districts, expressed his appreciation of the Commission's efforts to address these issues.

Vern Losh, Director of the Sonoma County Department of Emergency Services, expressed his support of the Commission's efforts and offered his cooperation in the project.

7.3 Report on CALAFCO Annual Conference: Alternate Commissioner Al Giordano commented on his experience at the conference and commended Carole Cooper's representation of the Sonoma LAFCO at the conference. Carole outlined legislative updates and highlights from the conference.

7.4 Budget Committee Report: Commissioner Fudge reported on the 2004/05 Year End Actuals.

8. **CONFIRMED MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2005 at 2:00 P.M. CONFIRMED BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING, NOVEMBER 2, 2005, at 1:30 P.M.**

9. **ADJOURNED** at 2:55 p.m.