



MINUTES OF MEETING
Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Approved

Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
575 Administration Drive Santa Rosa, CA 95403

COMMISSIONERS	ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS	STAFF
Absent Paul Kelley, Chair	Present Valerie Brown	Present Steven Sharpe, Exec Officer
Present Mike Kerns	Present Mark Ihde	Present Carole Cooper, Assist Exec Officer
Present Jean Kapolchok	Present Teresa Barrett	Present David Hurst, Legal Counsel
Present Steve Allen	Absent Albert Giordano	Present Cynthia Olson, Clerk
Present Lisa Schaffner		
Present Mark Bramfitt		
Present Ray Brunton		

1. **CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR** at 2:00 p.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING:** The minutes of the March 5, 2008, meeting were unanimously approved.
3. **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
Carole Cooper stated that staff received only one nomination each for the Special District Class I and Alternate Commissioner seats. In accordance with the LAFCO law, Commissioner Ray Brunton and Alternate Commissioner Albert Giordano are deemed elected to the Commission with new terms ending in May 2012.

Steve Sharpe introduced the new LAFCO Executive Officer, Rich Bottarini, who will assume the position upon the Commission's approval of an amended Memorandum of Understanding.
4. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Duane DeWitt, resident of Roseland, requested that the Commission require the City of Santa Rosa to annex the entire Southwest area at once.
5. **REGULAR CALENDAR**
 - 5.1 Request for Waiver of Application Fee: The Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District submitted a written request for waiver of the fee to apply for annexation of territory to the District. Staff summarized the staff report and asked the Commission for direction.

Vice Chair Schaffner opened the public hearing.

Leandra Swent, District Manager, stated that, although the territory to be annexed was originally excluded from its boundaries, the District has been providing services and collecting revenue for many years. The District is requesting the waiver so that it can use the fee amount to continue to provide services to the territory.

Seeing no one else rise, Vice Chair Schaffner closed the public hearing and brought the item back to the Commission.

Commissioner Kapolchok asked for and received an estimate of costs to process the application.

Commissioner Kerns stated that he did not want to penalize the District for a clerical error and moved to waive the fee.

Commissioner Allen noted that, while he sympathized with the District, LAFCO is facing a substantial increase in the budget; he indicated that he would not support the waiver of fees.

Commissioner Bramfitt stated he supported the waiving the deposit and charging actual costs but he did not support waiving the fees.

Commissioner Kerns withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Kapolchok moved to waive the deposit and charge actual costs to the District.

Action: Approved

Schaffner: aye Allen: aye Kerns: aye Brunton: aye Bramfitt: aye Kapolchok: aye

Brown: aye

Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Absent/Abstain: 0

6. REGULAR CALENDAR PUBLIC HEARING

6.1 Fiscal Year 2008-09 Preliminary Budget and Fee Schedule – Steve Sharpe summarized the staff report highlighting projected increased expenditures and recommended that the Commission approve the proposed budget and fee schedule and maintain a fund balance of at least \$25,000.

Rich Bottarini outlined a six-month program to study, review and analyze all aspects of the LAFCO operation. He indicated that, upon completion, he would present to the Commission a budget and work program establishing short- and long-range program.

Vice Chair Schaffner summarized the Budget Committee meeting. Commissioner Kapolchok asked staff for a comparison of Sonoma LAFCO fees to other LAFCOs. Staff stated that they could not provide detailed figures at that time.

Vice Chair Schaffner opened the public hearing.

Duane DeWitt, resident of Roseland, commented on the budget and LAFCO's responsibilities to the public.

Vice Chair Schaffner closed the public hearing and brought the item back to the Commission for discussion and action.

Action: Approved

Schaffner: aye Allen: aye Kerns: aye Brunton: aye Bramfitt: aye Kapolchok: aye

Brown: absent

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Absent/Abstain: 1

7. REGULAR CALENDAR PROTEST HEARING

7.1 File No. 07-21: Southwest Santa Rosa Reorganization No. 1-06 (Cobblestone Homes, Inc.) Involving Annexation to the City of Santa Rosa and Detachment from Roseland Fire Protection District and County Service Area No. 41 (Multi-Services)

Commissioner Kerns stated he listened to transcripts of the meeting and was prepared to participate. Staff reviewed the staff report, noting that no protests from property owners within the annexation boundary had been received.

Vice Chair Schaffner opened the public hearing.

Duane DeWitt, resident of Roseland, stated his support for the project.

Vice Chair Schaffner closed the public hearing and brought the item back to the Commission for discussion and action.

Action: Approved as recommended by staff

Schaffner: aye Allen: abstain Kerns: aye Brunton: aye Bramfitt: aye Kapolchok: aye

Brown: abs

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent/Abstain: 2

7.2 File No. 07-24: Southeast Santa Rosa Reorganization No. 1-05 (Barnes Rd LLC/Kawana Terrace) Involving Annexation to the City of Santa Rosa and Detachment from Rincon Valley Fire Protection District and County Service Area No. 41 (Multi-Services)

Staff reviewed the staff report, noting that no protests from property owners within the annexation boundary had been received.

Vice Chair Schaffner opened the public hearing and, seeing no one rise, closed the hearing.

Action: Approved as recommended by staff

Schaffner: aye Allen: abstain Kerns: aye Brunton: aye Bramfitt: aye Kapolchok: aye

Brown: abs

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent/Abstain: 2

8. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/REPORT

8.1 Update on the Farmers Lane Extension – Rick Moshier, Director of Public Works for the City of Santa Rosa, presented an update on the acquisition, design and financing of the project.

8.2 Southwest Santa Rosa: Update on Discussion between City of Santa Rosa and County of Sonoma – Lori Norton, Deputy County Administrator, summarized the discussions to date between the City of Santa Rosa and the County of Sonoma. She stated that both parties are still seeking ways to meet the needs and minimize the impact on both sides. Wayne Goldberg, Director of Advance Planning and Public Policy, City of Santa Rosa, summarized

the City Council's position on forced annexations and level of services for new and existing residents.

Duane DeWitt, resident of Roseland, suggested the City use redevelopment powers to annex Roseland and expressed the need for more community meetings to build community support.

8.3 Legislative Update – Carole Cooper summarized new and proposed legislation relating to LAFCO and asked the Commission for direction on support for AB 1998. Vice Chair Schaffner, for the Commission, directed staff to prepare a letter of support to be signed by Chair Kelley and distributed to the appropriate parties in Sacramento.

8.4 Special District Selection Process – Staff stated the results were covered in the general announcements.

8.5 Report on 2008 CALAFCO Staff Conference – Carole Cooper provided an overview of the conference.

9. CONFIRMED MEETINGS:

LAFCO on April 29, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Budget Committee on April 29, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNED at 3:00 p.m.