

**MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
HEARING OF OCTOBER 16, 2002**

REGULAR MEETING

9:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 16, 2002

PRESENT:

COMMISSIONERS:	Gerald W. Smith, Chairman	Richard P. Pearson
	Jim Bagley, Vice Chairman	Bill Postmus
	Bob Colven	A.R. "Tony" Sedano, Alternate
	David Eshleman, Alternate	Diane Williams
	Jon D. Mikels	

STAFF:

James M. Roddy, Executive Officer
Kathleen Rollings-McDonald, Deputy Executive Officer
Clark H. Alsop, Legal Counsel
Debby Chamberlin, Clerk to the Commission

ABSENT:

COMMISSIONERS:

James V. Curatalo, Alternate
Dennis Hansberger, Alternate

REGULAR SESSION - CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 A.M.

Chairman Smith calls the regular session of the Local Agency Formation Commission to order. Commissioner Mikels leads the flag salute.

Chairman Smith requests those present who are involved with any of the changes of organization to be considered today by the Commission and have made a contribution of more than \$250 within the past twelve months to any member of the Commission to come forward and state for the record their name, the member to whom the contribution has been made, and the matter of consideration with which they are involved. There are none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2002

Chairman Smith calls for any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes. There are none. Commissioner Colven moves approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Chairman Smith calls for a voice vote on the motion and it is as follows: Ayes: Bagley, Colven, Mikels, Pearson, Postmus, Smith, Williams. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

CONSENT ITEMS

LAFCO considers the item listed under its consent calendar, which Chairman Smith states is approval of the Executive Officer's Expense Report. A Visa Justification has been prepared, a copy of which is on file in the LAFCO office and is made a part of the record by its reference herein. The staff recommendation is that the Commission approve the Executive Officer's Expense Report.

Chairman Smith asks whether there is anyone present wishing to discuss the consent calendar item. There is no one.

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Commissioner Mikels moves approval of the consent calendar, seconded by Commissioner Williams. Chairman Smith calls for a voice vote on the motion and it is as follows: Ayes: Bagley, Colven, Mikels, Pearson, Postmus, Smith, Williams. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

CONTINUED ITEMS:

CONSIDERATION OF: (1) CEQA STATUTORY EXEMPTION FOR LAFCO 2896; AND (2) LAFCO 2896 - SERVICE REVIEW PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 56430 AND SPHERE OF INFLUENCE STUDY PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 56425 FOR CITY OF MONTCLAIR (CONTINUED FROM SEPTEMBER 18, 2002) - APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND CONTINUE TO NOVEMBER 20, 2002

CONSIDERATION OF: (1) CEQA STATUTORY EXEMPTION FOR LAFCO 2902; AND (2) LAFCO 2902 - SERVICE REVIEW PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 56430 AND SPHERE OF INFLUENCE STUDY PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 56425 FOR MONTE VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (CONTINUED FROM SEPTEMBER 18, 2002) - APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND CONTINUE TO NOVEMBER 20, 2002

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CONSIDERATION OF: (1) CEQA STATUTORY EXEMPTION FOR LAFCO 2903; AND (2) LAFCO 2903 - SERVICE REVIEW PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 56430 AND SPHERE OF INFLUENCE STUDY PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 56425 FOR CITY OF RANCHO CUCAMONGA (CONTINUED FROM OCTOBER 16, 2002) - APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND CONTINUE TO NOVEMBER 20, 2002

CONSIDERATION OF: (1) CEQA STATUTORY EXEMPTION FOR LAFCO 2904; AND (2) LAFCO 2904 - SERVICE REVIEW PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 56430 AND SPHERE OF INFLUENCE STUDY PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 56425 FOR RANCHO CUCAMONGA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (CONTINUED FROM OCTOBER 16, 2002) - APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND CONTINUE TO NOVEMBER 20, 2002

CONSIDERATION OF: (1) CEQA STATUTORY EXEMPTION FOR LAFCO 2905; AND (2) LAFCO 2905 - SERVICE REVIEW PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 56430 AND SPHERE OF INFLUENCE STUDY PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 56425 FOR CUCAMONGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT (CONTINUED FROM OCTOBER 16, 2002) - APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND CONTINUE TO NOVEMBER 20, 2002

Executive Officer James Roddy presents a staff report for these five proposals which indicates that, due to illness, he was unable to complete the reports for LAFCO 2896 and LAFCOs 2902 through 2905. He says he is "on the mend" and that the staff recommendation is that these proposals be continued to November 20, 2002. Mr. Roddy expresses his thanks to his staff for their extra efforts during his absence.

Chairman Smith asks whether there is anyone wishing to discuss any of these items. There is no one.

Commissioner Mikels moves approval of staff recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Colven. Chairman Smith calls for a voice vote on the motion and it is as follows: Ayes: Bagley, Colven, Mikels, Pearson, Postmus, Smith, Williams. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Mr. Roddy says that Ms. McDonald will present the balance of the items.

(It is noted that Commissioner Eshleman arrives at 9:06 a.m.)

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CONSIDERATION OF: (1) CEQA STATUTORY EXEMPTION FOR LAFCO SC#184; (2) REVIEW OF MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION PREPARED BY COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO FOR LENWOOD/HIGH DESERT ESTATES SEWER PROJECT, EPA GRANT APPLICATION NO. XP-989700-01-0 (STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2001011118), AS CEQA RESPONSIBLE AGENCY FOR LAFCO SC#184; AND (3) LAFCO SC#184 - CITY OF BARSTOW OUT-OF-AGENCY SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR SEWER SERVICE (LENWOOD/HIGH DESERT ESTATES AREA) - APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION

LAFCO conducts a public hearing to consider an application submitted by the City of Barstow (City) requesting authorization to provide sewer service outside its corporate boundaries, within the boundaries of the County's Assessment District 2001-01 (Lenwood/High Desert Estates) through a contract with County Service Area 70, Improvement Zone S-7 (CSA 70 S-7). Notice of this hearing has been advertised as required by law through publication in The Sun and the Desert Dispatch, newspapers of general circulation in the area, and individual notification was provided to affected and interested agencies, County departments, and those individuals wishing mailed notice.

Deputy Executive Officer Kathleen Rollings-McDonald presents the staff report, a copy of which is on file in the LAFCO office and is made a part of the record by reference herein. Ms. McDonald says the County Special Districts Department and the City have been working on this project since about 1998 due to health and safety concerns in the Lenwood community, which are outlined in the staff report. She points out the two areas proposed for service on the map displayed and reports that the City and Special Districts have worked with various federal agencies to secure funding for this project. She notes that High Desert Estates Mobilehome Park receives sewer service from the City, but she says the facilities are not working properly and need replacing; and that Lenwood receives no services. Ms. McDonald explains that upon reviewing the contract provisions and the proposed service area, LAFCO staff asked the County and City about possibly expanding the service area to include the balance of CSA 70 S-7, since the contract indicated the possibility of extending service in the future outside the boundaries of the Assessment District. She says all parties agreed to this expansion, so the proposal was processed in that way; that notice of the expanded area was provided; and that environmental review addressing the larger expanded area was conducted. She says there have been no requests for sewer service within the expansion area known to staff, but notes that the City has provided sewer service to the apartment/condominium complex along Mojave Villas Lane since its development several years ago. She reports that no concern has been expressed by overlaying agencies to the expansion and says staff believes that approving the contracting ability between the City and the County for the larger area is appropriate.

Ms. McDonald states that the staff recommendation is listed on pages one and two of the staff report and includes taking the appropriate environmental actions for the original service area and the expansion area; modifying the boundary proposed for authorization for sewer service to include the area of CSA 70 S-7 (excluding the area of Mojave Manor); approving SC#184, as modified; and adopting LAFCO Resolution No. 2758 setting forth the Commission's findings, determinations, and approval of the agreement for sewer service.

Commissioner Postmus announces that he has three conflicts and will recuse himself from voting.

Commissioner Colven comments that Ms. McDonald indicated that no protests had been received and he asks whether there is overriding support for the project. Ms. McDonald responds that the people in the Lenwood area had to vote to agree to the assessment and she says the only way the system will work is through the City.

Commissioner Eshleman asks whether West Main Street will be an island. Ms. McDonald responds it is a peninsula of unincorporated territory and says there is no plan to extend service in that area. She says they are not creating an island because the peninsula exists now. She says this is a service contract review, not an annexation, and that no jurisdictional change is proposed by this action.

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Commissioner Pearson commends Ms. McDonald for all of the information she presented in the staff report. Commissioner Sedano states it looks like a win/win situation.

Chairman Smith opens the hearing and asks if there is anyone present wishing to speak on this item.

There is no one and he closes the hearing.

Commissioner Bagley moves approval of staff recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Chairman Smith calls for a voice vote on the motion and it is as follows: Ayes: Bagley, Colven, Mikels, Pearson, Smith, Williams. Noes: None. Abstain: Postmus. Absent: None.

CONSIDERATION OF: (1) REVIEW OF NEGATIVE DECLARATION PREPARED BY CITY OF BARSTOW FOR GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT GPA #02-02 AND PREZONING ZC#02-01 (MOJAVE MANOR ANNEXATION) AS CEQA RESPONSIBLE AGENCY FOR LAFCO 2909; AND (2) LAFCO 2909 - CITY OF BARSTOW REORGANIZATION INCLUDING ANNEXATIONS TO CITY OF BARSTOW AND ODESSA WATER DISTRICT (MOJAVE MANOR) - APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION

LAFCO conducts a public hearing to consider a reorganization including annexation of the island of territory commonly known as "Mojave Manor", located within the central portion of the City of Barstow (City), to the City and the Odessa Water District. Notice of this hearing has been advertised as required by law through publication in The Sun and the Desert Dispatch, newspapers of general circulation in the area, and individual notification was provided to affected and interested agencies, County departments, those individuals wishing mailed notice, and landowners and registered voters pursuant to State law and Commission policy.

Deputy Executive Officer Kathleen Rollings-McDonald presents the staff report, a copy of which is on file in the LAFCO office and is made a part of the record by reference herein. Ms. McDonald reports that the City initiated this proposal in compliance with Commission direction in October, 2001, during its consideration of the Marine Corps Base annexation. She reports that one stipulation proposed by staff was to condition approval of that annexation on the initiation of the Mojave Manor island annexation. She says, however, that the City representatives preferred that there not be a condition, but instead they committed to initiating the annexation within one year of the Commission's adoption of the resolution approving the Marine Corps annexation. She says this island area has been totally surrounded by the City for a number of years and says staff believes this proposal is essentially a ministerial action for the Commission. Ms. McDonald explains that Government Code Section 56375.3 provides six criteria to be evaluated when considering mandatory island annexations. She says the findings that must be made are listed in the staff report and says staff believes they can clearly be made because the study area: is less than 75 acres and consists of the entire island; is surrounded by the City and is within its sphere of influence; is substantially developed or developing; contains no prime agricultural land; and has benefited, or will benefit, from services from the City. She says since these findings can be made, staff believes the Commission must approve this proposal. She explains that the State legislature has removed registered voter and landowner protest provisions for island annexations that meet these strict guidelines. She says the Commission has the ability to waive the protest proceedings and says that staff recommends that the protest proceedings be waived for those reasons outlined in the staff report.

Ms. McDonald states that the findings required by State law and Commission policy are outlined in the staff report and are made a part of the record by reference herein. She says the staff recommendation is on pages one and two of the staff report and includes taking the appropriate environmental action; approving LAFCO 2909 as an island annexation, with the condition that County Service Area 40 remain overlaying the area; waiving the protest proceedings; and adopting LAFCO Resolution 2752 setting forth the Commission's findings and determinations.

Chairman Smith opens the public hearing and calls on those wishing to speak.

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Scott Priester, Director of Community Development for the City, thanks LAFCO staff for its help. Mr. Priester says that without this change in law, there is no way the City would annex this island. He says the City serves all around the island, but he explains that if this went to a vote, the residents would not wish to become part of the City. He says the City does not believe that a protest hearing is necessary, but he says it will be the Commission, not the City, that will have to conduct that hearing, if it chooses to hold one.

Commissioner Colven asks whether the protest level is strong. Mr. Priester responds that during the rezoning hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council, the protest started at a higher rate. He says, however, the City explained what kind of services it could provide in place of what the County provides; and he says that by the time the issue was before the City Council for adoption of the rezoning, there was little, if no, testimony and no protest.

Chairman Smith asks whether there is anyone else wishing to speak on this item. There is no one and he closes the hearing.

Commissioner Pearson moves approval of staff recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Postmus. Chairman Smith calls for a voice vote on the motion and it is as follows: Ayes: Bagley, Colven, Mikels, Pearson, Postmus, Smith, Williams. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

CONSIDERATION OF: (1) CEQA STATUTORY EXEMPTION FOR LAFCO 2910; AND (2) LAFCO 2910 - YUCAIPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT ANNEXATION (DICKINSON--RIVERSIDE COUNTY) - APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION

LAFCO conducts a public hearing to consider a property owner-initiated annexation of approximately 160 acres to the Yucaipa Valley Water District (District) located in the Riverside County portion of Wildwood Canyon. Notice of this hearing has been advertised as required by law through publication in The Press Enterprise and the Yucaipa-Calimesa News Mirror, newspapers of general circulation in the area, and individual notification was provided to affected and interested agencies, County departments, those individuals wishing mailed notice, and landowners and registered voters pursuant to State law and Commission policy.

Deputy Executive Officer Kathleen Rollings-McDonald presents the staff report, a copy of which is on file in the LAFCO office and is made a part of the record by reference herein. Ms. McDonald shows a map on the overhead projector of the general area, stating that she cannot show it on a larger map since the map stops at the County line. She explains that San Bernardino LAFCO, as the "principal county" for actions affecting this District, reviews and approves annexations to the District within Riverside County. She says the study area is currently vacant and that the majority of it is rugged hillside with a small flatland area located in the northeast corner of the parcel, immediately adjacent to existing residential development. She reports that the landowner has indicated the potential for five or six home sites in the flatland area, with the balance of the area anticipated to remain open space. She says the Riverside County General Plan includes this area within its Category IV Outlying area designation which establishes a minimum parcel size of five acres, but she says the area also has a "Mountainous" designation which increases the minimum parcel size to 10 acres, allowing for a maximum of 16 home sites for the entire area. Ms. McDonald states that the District has adopted a resolution in support of this annexation and prepared and certified a Plan for Service, which is attached to the staff report. She says staff requested the District's concurrence to waive the protest proceedings since the County of Riverside verified that this proposal contains 100% landowner consent and the parcel is legally uninhabited, and she says the District provided a letter of consent, which is also attached to the staff report.

Ms. McDonald states that staff would prefer to include the annexation of only the developable areas in the northeastern portion of the parcel and exclude the area anticipated to be maintained as open space. However, she explains that this is a single parcel and cannot be split by jurisdictional boundaries. She says the staff recommendation is that the Commission: 1) certify that the annexation is statutorily exempt

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from environmental review and direct the Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption; 2) approve LAFCO 2910; 3) waive the protest proceedings; and 4) adopt LAFCO Resolution 2753 setting forth the Commission's findings and determinations. She notes that the landowner and a representative of the District are present today and says that possibly someone from the San Geronio Pass Water Agency may be present to present that Agency's position on this proposal.

Chairman Smith opens the public hearing and asks whether there is anyone wishing to speak on this item.

George Dickinson, the applicant and landowner, says he has been a landowner in this area since 1979 and has developed property to the north and east in the hills. Mr. Dickinson states the property to the north and east has five acre parcels for estate homes and says he anticipates that about 10 to 15 acres of his parcel, which have a nice ridge overlooking the Hidden Meadows area, would be suitable for four estate homes and another home on the flat portion. He says the rest of the property is very rugged and that he does not know what he will do with it. He says Ray Jure from the District will report that there is a paved street right to the north line of the property and that there are water lines, gas, electricity and telephone and cable services available. He says there are no sewers in the area. He says he will keep this a very nice area.

Commissioner Colven asks whether he has ever drilled a well on his property and whether he has a "will serve" letter from the District. Mr. Dickinson responds that he has not drilled a well on this property and says the District has given him a modified "will serve" letter, which Mr. Jure can discuss.

Ray Jure, a District Engineer, says the District consents to this annexation and has facilities adjacent to this property. He says Mr. Dickinson is talking about only developing the northeast corner of his parcel at this time, and Mr. Jure says the District has an eight-inch water line there and can serve the northeast portion with existing facilities, to be extended at Mr. Dickinson's expense.

Chairman Smith asks whether there is anyone else wishing to speak on this item. There is no one and he closes the hearing.

Commissioner Mikels moves approval of staff recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Williams. Chairman Smith calls for a voice vote on the motion and it is as follows: Ayes: Bagley, Colven, Mikels, Pearson, Postmus, Smith, Williams. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

REVIEW OF EXTENSION OF URBAN-TYPE SERVICES INTO A PREVIOUSLY UNSERVED UNINCORPORATED AREA (TRACY DEVELOPMENT, CITY OF RANCHO CUCAMONGA'S SPHERE OF INFLUENCE) PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 56434 - REQUEST THAT COMMENTS BE FORWARDED TO COUNTY LAND USE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Deputy Executive Officer Kathleen Rollings-McDonald presents the staff report for an information item regarding a potential development project known as the "Tracy Development" (Tentative Tract 14749) within the sphere of influence of the City of Rancho Cucamonga (City). A copy of the staff report is on file in the LAFCO office and is made a part of the record by reference herein. Notice of this information item has been advertised as required by law through publication in The Sun and the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, newspapers of general circulation in the area, and individual notification was provided to affected and interested agencies, County departments, and those individuals wishing mailed notice.

Ms. McDonald states that maps attached to the staff report show the location of this project in relationship to the City, the Cucamonga County Water District (Water District), and the Rancho Cucamonga Fire Protection District (Fire District). She explains that Government Code Section 56434 provides the Commission authority to review development proposals "that would extend services into previously unserved territory within unincorporated areas. . . .", which she says this proposal will do. She reports

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that this Tentative Tract is a project that proposes 265 homes on approximately 168 acres, with 7.39 acres anticipated for landscaped "paseo", approximately 0.6 acres of paseo corridor along Etiwanda Avenue at the eastern edge of the project, and a 9.7 acre community park. She points out that the Tracy Project is currently within the boundaries of the Fire District and the Water District and is immediately adjacent to the boundaries of the City. She discusses that the Commission is familiar with proposals such as this that ultimately annex to the City. Ms. McDonald says the only service question in this application relates to the maintenance and operation of the paseos and the community park and a determination on the required streetlighting in this development. She reports that the Preliminary Development Plan and Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) indicate that the creation of a community facilities district is no longer viable due to recent annexations to the City and she says no alternative method for maintenance or operation has been identified. She says the Commission may wish to review this further and ask questions of the County's Land Use Services Department. She discusses the projects surrounding the Tracy Development, as outlined in the staff report. She says this item is presented for the Commission's information and direction as to whether there are any written comments the Commission wishes to provide to the County. She says this project is scheduled to go before the Planning Commission on November 21 but says that schedule is subject to change.

Commissioner Williams says the material she read mentions fire and public safety but she says she could not find any reference to actual law enforcement services. Ms. McDonald states that the Sheriff's jurisdiction over the area will remain, and she adds that the EIR originally circulated did address law enforcement. She notes that the Commission was provided with a copy of the Executive Summary for the Recirculated Draft EIR, which is an excerpt, but she says there was a review of law enforcement, fire protection and other services.

Commissioner Pearson discusses that there was an alternative to the proposed project in the Recirculated Draft EIR called the "City Density" alternative, which he says seems to follow the pattern already set up by the City. He says if the County approves this development as presented, an area would be created which is not in compliance with the City's planning standards which have been set up in the City areas surrounding this proposed project, which could create future problems as far as increased density or other factors related to that.

Ms. McDonald responds that the Planning Commission will look at the alternatives as presented. She reports that in the past, a compromise has been reached in other areas. She says the City's density and land use designation in its General Plan are considered and says the City commented on both the original and recirculated EIRs. Commissioner Pearson states this project will come to the Commission at some time for annexation. He says if the County would agree to follow the City guidelines, it would be appropriate for the Commission to indicate that, although the Commission has no say in the matter at this point, it would like to convey the comment that it feels that it would be appropriate for the County to adopt the alternative related to City density. Ms. McDonald states that staff can convey to the County Land Use Services Department that the Commission prefers the City Density alternative for this project.

Commissioner Pearson moves that staff provide comments to the County indicating the Commission's preference for the City Density alternative. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Williams.

Chairman Smith opens the hearing and asks if there is anyone wishing to speak.

Brad Buller, City Planner for Rancho Cucamonga, says the City feels there needs to be a greater evaluation of the law enforcement service to this area--how it is done and what type of service the citizens will receive. Mr. Buller says that the City has a contract with the Sheriff, but he says there needs to be more evaluation and discussion related to this area. He says the other issue the City has is the relationship of this project and the service to its parks and programs. He says the City believes the project should be built to City standards, annexed, and processed under the City and not the County. He discusses that this is an equestrian area and says the proposed lots are smaller than what would be allowed in the City to have equestrian uses on or around them and he asks that the County evaluate that. Mr. Buller says that the City appreciates that the Commission is in a position to comment on this project

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and he says the City would appreciate any support the Commission could give to the position that the project be required to meet City standards and actually be processed through the City.

Commissioner Eshleman asks what the lot sizes are. Mr. Buller responds that the minimum proposed is 7,200 square foot lots, which he says are not large enough for equestrian uses and are not consistent with the City's General Plan. Commissioner Eshleman asks whether that is consistent with the County's General Plan and whether the County proposes the area for equestrian uses. Mr. Buller responds he believes the County is asking for an amendment to its General Plan on land use but he adds that it is probably consistent with the County General Plan density wise. He says the area is not proposed for equestrian use in the County, but that it is proposed for equestrian use in the City. Commissioner Williams comments that this project will be surrounded by equestrian areas. Mr. Buller discusses that there have been situations where County standards were different and, in order to encourage the applicant to come to the City for processing, he says compromises have been made, as mentioned by LAFCO staff.

Chairman Smith asks whether there is anyone else wishing to speak on this item. There is no one and he closes the hearing.

Commissioner Pearson states that, with the consent of Commissioner Williams, he will amend his motion to include that staff provide comments to the County requesting that the discussion of law enforcement services be expanded, as well as indicating the Commission's preference for the City Density alternative. Commissioner Williams consents to the amended motion. Chairman Smith calls for a voice vote on the motion as amended and it is as follows: Ayes: Bagley, Colven, Mikels, Pearson, Postmus, Smith, Williams. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

PENDING LEGISLATION

Mr. Roddy announces that AB 2227, the first-ever CALAFCO-sponsored legislation, was approved and signed into law. He says CALAFCO is convening a legislative committee to develop positions on items of greater policy interest for presentation next year.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S ORAL REPORT

Mr. Roddy announces that the Office of Planning and Research released a final draft of its Guidelines, a copy of which has been placed before each Commissioner this morning. He notes that it is up to each Commission to what degree it wants to adopt the provisions in the Guidelines; but he says these are just Guidelines and not a regulatory document. He discusses that much of what is recommended in the document has already been implemented and adopted by this Commission. He says staff would appreciate receiving any comments the Commissioners may have and says if anyone wants to schedule any items for further discussion, to let staff know so that it can be put on an agenda for discussion and possible implementation in the policy guidelines.

Mr. Roddy reminds the Commissioners that the CALAFCO Conference will be held in Santa Barbara November 13 through 15. He reports that the November 20 agenda will be heavy, since a number of items had to be continued. He says none of those items appear to be controversial and that they are all service reviews with no changes proposed. He says he does not anticipate that the hearing will be long.

Commissioner Eshleman comments that in his opinion many of the items for November 20 are non-controversial. He asks whether it would be appropriate for staff to place the non-controversial items on the consent calendar, adding that any item could be pulled if an issue arises that needs to be discussed. Mr. Roddy says he believes the Commission can run through the agenda quickly and says he thinks it would be better to hear each proposal separately and have a separate vote on each item. Commissioner Postmus comments that in his opinion there is a lot of unnecessary time wasted on certain things and he reports that consent calendars have been started on various commissions in the County. Mr. Roddy says

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staff will look at all the items and put some on the consent calendar if it is certain there will be no discussion. However, he says many will require some discussion.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chairman Smith calls for comments from the public. There are none.

Chairman Smith reports that he attended a Special Districts seminar at Lake Tahoe. He says he always receives comments about San Bernardino LAFCO when he attends events and says Mr. Roddy is well-known and well-liked.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER PEARSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER POSTMUS, THE HEARING IS ADJOURNED AT 9:55 A.M. TO THE CALAFCO ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT FESS PARKER'S DOUBLETREE RESORT IN SANTA BARBARA NOVEMBER 13-15, 2002.

ATTEST:

DEBBY CHAMBERLIN
Clerk to the Commission

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GERALD W. SMITH, Chairman