

Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Clara County

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Helen Chapman Cindy Chavez Matt Mahan Russ Melton Terry Trumbull

**Executive Officer** Neelima Palacherla

# LAFCO MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:16 p.m.

Pursuant to the provisions of California Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020, this meeting was held by teleconference only.

## 1. ROLL CALL

#### The following commissioners were present:

- Vice Chairperson Rich Constantine
- Commissioner Sergio Jimenez
- Commissioner Gary Kremen
- Commissioner Mike Wasserman (arrived at 1:29 p.m.)
- Commissioner Susan Vicklund Wilson
- Alternate Commissioner Helen Chapman (voted in place of Commissioner Yoriko Kishimoto)

#### The following commissioners were absent:

- Chairperson Susan Ellenberg
- Commissioner Yoriko Kishimoto
- Alternate Commissioner Cindy Chavez
- Alternate Commissioner Matt Mahan
- Alternate Commissioner Russ Melton
- Alternate Commissioner Terry Trumbull

## The following staff members were present:

- Neelima Palacherla, LAFCO Executive Officer
- Dunia Noel, LAFCO Assistant Executive Officer
- Emmanuel Abello, LAFCO Clerk
- Mala Subramanian, LAFCO Counsel

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

# 3. APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

**Acting Chairperson Constantine** proposed inclusion of Agenda Items 4 and 5 on the consent calendar for approval in one motion, without discussion if there is no objection.

The Commission approved Agenda Items 4 and 5 on consent.

Motion: JimenezSecond: ChapmanAYES: Chapman, Constantine, Jimenez, KremenNOES: NoneABSTAIN: Vicklund WilsonABSENT: Ellenberg, Kishimoto, Wasserman

**MOTION PASSED** 

## \*4. CONSENT ITEM: APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2021 LAFCO MEETING

The Commission approved the minutes of June 2, 2021 meeting.

## \*5. CONSENT ITEM: RESOLUTION 2021-07 ALLOWING FOR VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS DURING COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY UNDER AB 361

The Commission adopted Resolution No. 2021-07 allowing for video and teleconferencing meetings during COVID-19 State of Emergency under AB 361.

## 6. UPDATE ON LAFCO'S COUNTYWIDE FIRE SERVICE REVIEW

Ms. Noel presented the staff report. The Commission accepted the staff report. Motion: Vicklund Wilson Second: Jimenez AYES: Chapman, Constantine, Jimenez, Kremen, Vicklund Wilson NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Ellenberg, Kishimoto, Wasserman MOTION PASSED

# 7. FY 2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Ms. Palacherla presented the Annual Report. She indicated that like many others, LAFCO has been impacted by the ongoing pandemic and noted that staff has had to adopt new work practices and balance priorities. She also noted that LAFCO is functioning with reduced staffing since January due to the vacant position and has experienced a higher demand for services and expertise. She recognized the work of staff and the leadership of the Commission in promoting good governance and creating sustainable communities in the County. She also acknowledged the support from local agencies including the County, the 15 cities and 28 special districts, and the many other partner organizations.

The Commission accepted the FY 2020-2021 Annual Report.

Motion: Jimenez Second: Kremen

AYES: Chapman, Constantine, Jimenez, Kremen, Vicklund Wilson

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ellenberg, Kishimoto, Wasserman

**MOTION PASSED** 

# 8. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

- **8.1 Support Letter for County of Santa Clara's Appeal of its RHNA Allocation** The Commission accepted report.
- 8.2 Inquiries Regarding Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and LAFCO's Service Reviews

Ms. Noel added that staff has recently learned that VTA has reached out to those members of the public who have written letters to LAFCO regarding VTA services.

The Commission accepted the report.

- **8.3 Presentation to the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury** The Commission accepted the report.
- 8.4 Meeting with Cupertino and San Jose on Potential Changes in Shared Boundaries

The Commission accepted the report.

8.5 Meeting with Milpitas and San Jose on Potential Changes in Shared Boundaries

The Commission accepted the report.

- 8.6 Meeting with Representatives of Kerley Ranch/Integral Communities on Potential USA Amendment (Gilroy) The Commission accepted the report.
- **8.7 Meetings with Town of Los Gatos on Island Annexations** The Commission accepted the report.
- 8.8 Santa Clara County Special Districts Association Meetings The Commission accepted the report.
- 8.9 Santa Clara County Association of Planning Officials Meeting The Commission accepted the report.

## 8.10 CALAFCO Legislative Committee Meetings

The Commission accepted the report.

## 9. PENDING APPLICATIONS / UPCOMING PROJECT

The Commission noted the pending application Gilroy Urban Service Area Amendment 2021 – Wren Investors and Hewell.

## 10. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Wasserman informed that the mask mandate to stem the spread of Covid-19 infection may soon be lifted due to improving condition based on the criteria that were adopted by the six public health officers in the Bay Area.

## 11. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES / NEWSLETTERS

There were none.

## 12. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

There were none.

## 13. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 1:32 p.m., and reconvened to open meeting at 1:55 p.m. There was no report out of closed session.

#### 14. ADJOURN

The Commission adjourned at 1:57 p.m., to the next regular LAFCO meeting on December 1, 2021 at 1:15 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose.

Approved on December 1, 2021.

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Rich Constantine, Vice Chairperson Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Clara County

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Emmanuel Abello, LAFCO Clerk