

SONOMA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

Draft Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Board of Supervisors Chambers

575 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Commissioners Present	Alternate Commissioners Present	Staff Present
Teresa Barrett, Chair Ernie Loveless Jean Kapolchok Pam Stafford Rich Holmer Lynda Hopkins	Steve Herzberg Mark Landman Rodney Moore	Mark Bramfitt, Executive Officer Carole Cooper, Assistant Executive Officer Jeff Brax, Legal Counsel Cynthia Olson, Clerk

- 1. Call to Order by the Chair** - The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. The following voting members were seated: Commissioners Holmer, Kapolchok, Loveless, Stafford, Hopkins and Barrett.

- 2. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda**

Carolyn Harris, applicant for the Palm Drive Health Care District detachment, updated the Commission on the District and Sonoma West Medical Center (SWMC) by reading from an article published in Sonoma West News.

John Moise, resident of the District, quoted wait times at various hospitals. He stated that the residents of the community rely on the hospital and that it is incumbent on the elected officials to recognize the critical role the hospital plays in the lives of the citizens of Sonoma County.

Gail Thomas, member of the District's Board of Directors, agreed with Mr. Moise and stated that she is committed to making the hospital thrive, that she believed they may have found a new way to move ahead during the current crisis and that the hospital was working with other districts in the area to find collaborative solutions to the problems facing small hospitals.

- 3. Consent Calendar**

3.1 Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the March 1, 2017, meeting were approved as distributed.

Ayes: 6 Holmer, Kapolchok, Loveless, Stafford, Hopkins and Barrett
Noes: 0
Abstain: 0

- 4. Public Hearings**

4.1 Sonoma LAFCO Fiscal Year 2017-18 Proposed Budget

Staff summarized the staff report and recommended that the Commission hold a public hearing on the FY 2017-18 Preliminary Budget and approve the budget as distributed.

Commissioner Stafford stated that after review of the proposed budget, the Budget Committee directed staff to keep any increase in apportionments to a minimum and that the Committee recommended that the Commission not allocate a portion of the reserves to reduce apportionments for this budget cycle. Commissioner Loveless stated that there was also discussion as to how the reserves should be identified or assigned. Staff stated that the discussion of the reserve fund would be brought to both the Policy and Budget Committees for review and consideration.

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

After review and consideration, a motion to approve the budget and direct staff to bring the discussion of a policy on the Policy and Budget committees was moved and seconded.

Approved as recommended

Ayes: 6 Holmer, Kapolchok, Loveless, Stafford, Hopkins and Barrett

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

5. Regular Calendar - None

6. Information/Report Items

6.1 Executive Officer's Report – The Executive Officer updated the Commission on the following:

Bodega Bay Fire Protection District's request for a Municipal Service Review of the District

Fire Advisory Council meeting date change and staff's efforts to coordinate with the Council on the Fire Study

The Glen Ellen and Valley of the Moon Fire Protection Districts' contract for professional support

Schell Vista Fire Protection District annexation proposal

Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) formation efforts

Roseland annexation application

Sonoma West Medical Center's service gap

Palm Drive Health Care District request for a change to the LAFCO resolution and the work of the consultant on the calculation of the parcel tax payments due from the detachment area.

CALAFCO workshop and

The Little Hoover Commission activities with regards to moribund special districts.

Alternate Commissioner Landman stated that he believed there would be a rush of agencies wanting to participate in the GSAs and that he hoped the Commission would support staff in holding those wishing to form or modify existing agencies to meet the criteria for participation on a GSA to a high standard for approval.

6.2 Legislative Report – Staff summarized current and potential legislation and requested the Commission direct staff to send letters of support for AB 1725 and AB 464 and provide direction to staff regarding SB 365 and SB 634. The Commission directed staff to send letters of support or opposition as recommended and to continue to monitor proposed legislation.

7. **General Announcements** - None

8. **Confirm Meetings** The following meetings were confirmed:

Commission Meeting May 3, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.

Committee Meeting May 3, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

9. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.