

MINUTES - MARIN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

On January 8, 2009, the regular meeting of the Marin Local Agency Formation Commission was held at the San Rafael Council Chambers, 1400 Fifth Avenue in San Rafael. Chair Blanchfield called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Susan Adams
Einar Asbo
Jeffry Blanchfield
Barbara Heller
Charles McGlashan
Dennis Rodoni
Jeff Slavitz

Alternate Commissioners
Present: Carla Condon
Fred Hannahs

Staff present: Peter Banning, Executive Officer
Candice Bozzard, Clerk to the Commission

1. **Public Comment** - None.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION (Information Only)

2. New application has been received for the following proposal:
 - Annexation of the Lands of Hutchinson to Sanitary District #2 (File #1296)

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM(S)

3. **Regular Meeting Minutes - November 13, 2008**
4. **Financial Report - November and December 2008**

M/S Adams - McGlashan to approve the consent calendar including correction of Commissioner Slavitz being marked absent in meeting minutes of November 13, 2008.

Approved unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEM(S)**5. Association of Bay Area Governments:**

Chair Blanchfield introduced Paul Fassinger and Christy Riviere with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to present their work on regional growth projections and the role they play in implementation of SB 375 and the reduction in greenhouse gases (GHG).

Mr. Fassinger started the presentation with a brief synopsis of ABAG's draft alternative growth projections forecast to the year 2035. He then turned the presentation over to Christy Riviere to give a more detailed look at the performance targets for reduction in GHG. Ms Riviere stated that the study included two land use alternatives for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions as required by AB 32 and SB 375. One scenario referred to as Scattered Success, was a far less effective scenario that would result in the carbon dioxide emissions rising by 2035. The other scenario, Focused Future, was a more aggressive approach that encouraged a more efficient transportation system projected to reduce emissions by 2035.

Commissioner Asbo asked what the motivation was to get people involved in reducing emissions. Mr. Fassinger responded these models took into consideration that individuals would look at access for local employment opportunities and ease of travel. Ms. Riviere added that these models are not based on residents leaving their communities, but making transportation needs more efficient.

Commissioner McGlashan inquired about how ABAG's earlier southern Marin presentation on regional growth changed the discussion of land use for future presentations. Mr. Fassinger responded that their presentations had received mixed comments from the various jurisdictions where they were held.

Commissioner Adams inquired how the scenarios related to state mandates on projections for housing and the relationship with infrastructure needs. Mr. Fassinger responded that the state adopted AB32 and SB375 legislation relating to transportation and land use. Under this new legislation the next projection forecast called Sustainable Community Strategy, would require ABAG, Metropolitan Transportation Conservation (MTC) and other bay area regions to coordinate land use, transportation and housing needs for consistency in planning policy.

Chair Blanchfield asked when the Sustainable Communities Strategy targets would be completed. Ms. Riviere responded that the targets would be published in 2012.

As there were no other questions from the Commissioners, Chair Blanchfield opened the discussion to the public for comment.

- Perry Newman, League of Women Voters – Ms. Newman asked about ABAG’s projections for Sausalito. Mr. Fassinger stated that projections for Sausalito included an increase in total population growth due to ease of public transportation. Ms. Newman asked how the cities’ housing elements affect the Sustainable Community Strategy. Mr. Fassinger stated that Sustainable Community Strategy would come out after the next 5-year fair-share housing allocations.
- Nancy Kaufman, City of Larkspur – Ms. Kaufman pointed out several areas of concern that the City had regarding the projections.
- Alison Fuller, League of Women Voters – Ms. Fuller inquired if the SMART rail system was included in assumptions for the projections for Sonoma County. Mr. Fassinger replied that it was included. Ms. Fuller then asked why the projections for the City of Santa Rosa showed a reduction in population. Ms. Riviere responded that all of Sonoma County showed a reduction in population.
- Jon Elam, Tamalpais Community Services District – Mr. Elam stated concern about various Bay Area jurisdictions understanding the work that ABAG had done.
- Karen Nygrin, Tiburon – Ms. Nygrin stated concern that these projections needed to take into account the recent trends of declining population as well as the range in types of emissions and particulate matter resulting from future alternatives in transportation and land use.
- Sue Beittal, Commission on Aging and League of Women Voters – Ms. Beittal asked if ABAG had taken into consideration the demographics of the older population and the need for senior housing. Mr. Fassinger responded that the scenarios did include assumptions on aging population.

Commissioner Adams noted that the projections represented a narrow vision on how Marin should be planning for growth when not seen in the context of the entire regional picture. Ms. Riviere responded that legislation mandated ABAG to address only transportation related emissions and that other agencies would address additional more detailed components related to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

No Commissioner reports were offered.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

6. Progress Reports:

The Executive Officer added to his written report:

- The Marin Resource Conservation District (MRCD) Board of Directors requested an additional continuation of the public hearing to allow further review of the possible expansion of the MRCD sphere of influence.
- Staff reported that since the January 2008 sewage spills the Sewer Agency of Southern Marin (SASM) and the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) were continuing to negotiate a settlement agreement. The public hearing had been re-scheduled for February 2009.
- The annual Strategic Planning Workshop has been scheduled for January 30, 2009 in the Muir Woods Conference room at the LAFCO offices. The format for this year's workshop has been modified. There will be no facilitator; however legal counsel will be in attendance for a closed session to address legal and procedural issues associated with processing upcoming annexations on the Tiburon Peninsula.

Commissioner McGlashan asked if there were any new developments regarding the Jansheski annexation to Sanitary District #5. The Executive Officer responded that Sanitary District #5 had taken control of the line by "accepting ownership" of the new sewer main in Paradise Drive.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Heller - Slavitz to adjourn.

Approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next regular LAFCO meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER V. BANNING, Executive Officer

ATTEST:

JEFFRY BLANCHFIELD, Chair