

## MINUTES - MARIN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

On September 13, 2005, the regular meeting of the Marin Local Agency Formation Commission was held at the Mill Valley Council Chambers, 26 Corte Madera Avenue in Mill Valley. Chair Blanchfield called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

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

#### Alternate Commissioners

Seated in the Audience: Christopher Burdick  
Cliff Waldeck

Staff present: Peter Banning, Executive Officer  
Candice Bozzard, Clerk to the Commission  
Evelyn Buchwitz, Assistant Planner

1. **Public Comment** - None

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION (Information Only)

2. New application(s) have been received for the following proposals:  
Annexation of the Lands of Anderson, Montgomery & Kravitz to City of Mill Valley (File #1267)  
Annexation of the Lands of Carinalli to Tomales Village Community Services District (File #1269)

### CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM(S)

3. **Regular Meeting Minutes, August 11, 2005**
4. **Financial Report - August 2005**

M/S Adams – Asbo to approve the consent calendar.

Approved unanimously.

### **AGENDA ITEM(S)**

#### **5. Southern Marin Sewer Alternatives Study Report Presentation**

Chair Blanchfield opened the hearing for public comment and stated that the Commission should continue the hearing to the next LAFCO meeting. Chair Blanchfield then called on the Executive Officer for his presentation on the Study.

The Executive Officer explained that when the sewer alternatives study began, there were eleven agencies and that during the course of the study, the City of Belvedere annexed to Sanitary District #5 (Tiburon) leaving ten different sewer agencies in southern Marin. Of those ten different agencies, three of them provided sewage treatment and seven were “collection only” sewer agencies that operated a system of sewer mains or pumping stations and contracted with another agency for treatment service. Staff stated when the study was designed, the Commission included consolidation alternatives that involved LAFCO action and other types of consolidation that could be undertaken voluntarily by sewer agencies without LAFCO involvement.

The Executive Officer then acknowledged the effort and commitment of the board members and staff members of the different agencies for working together on this project. Staff commented that there appeared to be a willingness of the sewer agencies in southern Marin to consider the possibilities of consolidation.

The Executive Officer then introduced Mr. Glenn Nestel, of PB Consult. Mr. Nestel presented to the Commission an overview of the priorities that were established for the study. Mr. Nestel discussed the three functional and two political consolidation scenarios that had been outlined in the Southern Marin Sewer Alternatives Study. Then Mr. Nestel provided a brief synopsis of each scenario.

After the presentation by Mr. Nestel, Chair Blanchfield asked the Commissioners if they had any questions for the consultants. Commissioner Adams inquired about how the sewer agencies that may consider consolidation share the cost of equipment when there are age and condition discrepancies. Mr. Nestel responded that specific terms would need to be included in a contractual agreement providing for separate rate zones. Mr. Nestel then introduced Paul Eisenhardt of the Eisenhardt Group, for additional input. Mr. Eisenhardt pointed out that now would be an ideal time for consideration of consolidation due to the new sanitary sewer overflow and sanitary

sewer management plan standards requiring all agencies to conform to a similar set of guidelines.

Chair Blanchfield asked the Commissioners for additional questions or comments for the consultants and hearing none opened the public hearing for public comment.

- Ms. Sandy Glading, Board Member, Tamalpais Community Services District – Ms. Glading spoke in support of the Tamalpais Community Services District remaining an independent district.
- Ms. Linda Johnson, Board Member, Tamalpais Community Services District – Ms. Johnson also spoke in support of the Tamalpais Community Services District remaining an independent district. She also questioned the consultants about examples of successful consolidations in the past that are comparable to the sewer agencies in southern Marin.

Chair Blanchfield asked staff for recent examples of local consolidation of agencies. Staff responded that recently the City of Belvedere successfully annexed to Sanitary District #5 (Tiburon) as well as the fire district consolidation in southern Marin.

Commissioner Rodoni commented that the districts should be aware that there were different impacts for political consolidation when it involved just one service of a multi-service agency. Commissioner McGlashan added that functional and political consolidation was a process that would happen over time and would be handled judiciously.

- David Coe, Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin, Manager – Mr. Coe gave an update on the status of each of the southern Marin agencies and their intent to implement a resolution committing resources to pursuing opportunities for functional collaboration.

Chair Blanchfield asked for additional comments or concerns from the audience and hearing none continued the public hearing to the next LAFCO meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

M/S Adams – Slavitz to adjourn.

Approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. The next regular LAFCO meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 13, 2005 at 7:00pm at the San Rafael Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

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PETER V. BANNING, Executive Officer

ATTEST:

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JEFFRY BLANCHFIELD, Chair