

**SUTTER COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

May 22, 2003  
Yuba City Council Chambers

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson White called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Commissioners Hager, Cartoscelli, White, and Whiteaker.

Members Absent: Commissioners Kroon, Hilliard, and Islip.

Staff Present: Assistant Executive Officer Curt Coad, LAFCO Counsel Ron Erickson, Associate Planner Doug Libby, and Office Assistant Karna-Lisa Aucoin.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Assistant Executive Officer Curt Coad led the audience, staff, and Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of April 24, 2003, were approved as submitted on a motion by Commissioner Whitaker and seconded by Commissioner Cartoscelli.

The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Consideration of the Final LAFCO Budget for Fiscal Year 2003-'04**

Associate Planner Libby summarized the previously circulated staff report and recommended the Commission hold a public hearing, make any necessary changes and adopt a final budget.

Chairperson White questioned whether special districts could still call a meeting to re-apportion the monies that districts are required to pay if the final budget is adopted.

Mr. Libby responded by explaining the budget process and noted that special districts still have time to meet to establish their own apportionment before the auditor is required to process the billing for the budget which is by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chairperson White opened the public hearing.

- Jim VanDyke of South Sutter Water District, spoke against the apportionment as presented by staff stating that South Sutter Water District is required to pay too large a percentage of the entire budget. Mr. VanDyke said the State Controller's calculation of their income is misleading and he asked about the possibility of reconsidering the apportionment.

Chairperson White stated that special districts held a meeting and reapportioned their portion of the budget last year. Mr. White discussed previous budgets and noted the State Controller's Report is several years behind the district's current incomes. Mr. White continued by saying that he believes the only way to change the amounts to be paid by the districts would be for the special districts to hold their own meeting in order to reapportion those costs.

Assistant Executive Officer Coad stated that he believed that to be true and asked for clarification from Associate Planner Libby.

Mr. Libby responded that through various LAFCO workshops he has attended, representatives from the State legislature have made it clear that with regard to budgeting, the legislature did not want LAFCOs to be involved with the apportionment of monies and that is why that responsibility was assigned to the auditor's office.

Assistant Executive Officer Coad noted that the statute states that it was the intent of the legislature that no single district shall bear a disproportionate amount of the budget and that he believed that the statute was clear in the procedure for special districts to change the apportionment.

Chairperson White confirmed that the special districts could meet and approve or modify the apportionment and told Mr. VanDyke he should contact Don Cochran, the president of the Special Districts Committee, in order to set up a meeting. Mr. White continued by stating that the districts would have to meet and agree on apportionment before July 1, 2003.

There being no further comments from the public, Commissioner White closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Commissioner Cartoscelli and seconded by Commissioner Whiteaker to adopt the Final LAFCO Budget for the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

## **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **a. Consider Initiating Municipal Service Reviews and Sphere of Influence Updates for All Cemetery Districts in Sutter County**

Associate Planner Libby summarized and discussed the previously circulated staff report and noted that it was staff's desire to conduct these studies and bring the results to the Commission at its August meeting.

Chairperson White asked if the commission or any audience member had any questions of staff.

There being none, it was moved by Commissioner Cartoscelli and seconded by Commissioner Hager to approve LAFCO Resolution 2003-10, initiating municipal service reviews and sphere of influence updates for all cemetery districts in Sutter County.

The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**b. Consideration to Cancel the Regular Scheduled meeting for June**

There being no questions from the Commission, it was moved by Commissioner Hager and seconded by Commissioner Whiteaker to cancel the regular scheduled LAFCO meeting for June 2003.

The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry T. Combs  
Executive Officer