MENOCINO
Local Agency Formation Commission
Ukiah Valley Conference Center | 200 South School Street | Ukiah, California 95482
Telephone: (707) 463-4470 | E-mail: eo@mendolafco.org | Web: www.mendolafco.org

Approved by Commission November 5, 2018
MINUTES
Local Agency Formation Commission
of Mendocino County

Regular Meeting of Monday, September 10, 2018
County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, California

1. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL (Video Time 1:23)
Chair Ward called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

Members Present: Commissioners Carre Brown, Kevin Doble, Gerardo Gonzalez, John McCowen, Theresa McNerlin, Tony Orth, and Jerry Ward
Alternate Members Present: Commissioners Jenifer Bazzani and Dan Hamburg
Staff Present: Uma Hinman, Executive Officer
Elizabeth Salomone, Clerk

2. PUBLIC EXPRESSION (Video Time 1:54)
Lisa Weger, Mendocino County resident, addressed the Commission regarding the Mendocino Coast Hospital District. She referred to her letter to the Commission (undated but received September 8, 2018 and distributed to Commissioner via email), in which she noted the pre-election literature from the District omitted areas of the District boundary map as approved by the Commission in 2014. She asked the Commissioner to consider reviewing the District’s MSR in regards to boundary and detaching the parcels in question.

Barry Vogel Mendocino County resident, concurred with Lisa Weger, and asked the Commission for support in the suspension of the per parcel tax. Commissioner McNerlin explained that LAFCo does not have any authority in regards to taxes. Mr. Vogel further requested the Commission express support within their ability.

Tom Madden, Mendocino County resident, expressed support with Lisa Weger and described to the Commission his personal efforts in this situation.

Commissioner McCowen suggested giving direction to staff to review the issues and history of the Mendocino Coast Hospital District boundary, as well as review the possibility of scheduling the Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence update in 2019. Commissioners Mcnerlin and Gonzalez stressed the need for the Commission to be responsive to the public and asked the issue be brought back to the full Commission. The members of the public asked to be provided an update and notice of the agenda item.
3. **OTHER BUSINESS** (Video Time 20:20)
   3a) Alternate Special District Representative
   Jenifer Bazzani was sworn in as Alternate Special District Representative.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR** (Video Time 22:00)
   4a) Approval of the August 6, 2018 Regular Meeting Summary Minutes
   4b) Approval of the August 2018 Claims and Financial Report
   4c) Approval of AB 2258 (grant program) support letter

   Chair Ward pulled Consent Item 4b) Approval of the August 2018 Claims.
   Upon motion by Commissioner McCowen and second by Commissioner Gonzalez, Consent Calendar items
   4a) Approval of the August 6, 2018 Regular Meeting Summary Minutes and 4c) Approval of AB 2258 (grant
   program) support letter were approved by roll call vote:
   Ayes: (7) Brown, Doble Gonzalez, McCowen, McNerlin, Orth, and Ward

   Chair Ward noted the Budget Track was $30 off in the line for rent and the bookkeeping expense for August
   included audit preparation.

   August 2018 Claims totaling $14,342.94
   Hinman & Associates Consulting $11,564.50
   P. Scott Browne $600.00
   Ukiah Valley Conference Center $450.37
   Commissioner Reimbursement $178.07
   Pehling & Pehling $1,550.00

   Upon motion by Commissioner Brown and second by Commissioner Gonzalez, Consent Calendar item 4b) Approval of the August 2018 Claims and Financial Report was approved by roll call vote:
   Ayes: (7) Brown, Doble Gonzalez, McCowen, McNerlin, Orth, and Ward

5. **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS** (Video 25:00)
   None

6. **WORKSHOP ITEMS** (Video time 25:05)
   None.

7. **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION** (Video time 25:15)
   7a) Proposed Area of Interest
   EO Hinman presented the proposed “Area of Interest” policy that was considered by the Policies &
   Procedures Committee and recommended to the Commission for discussion. The policy is a tool to identify
   areas outside of a sphere of influence that would benefit from greater coordination between agencies.
   Comments and questions were offered by Commissioners Gonzalez, Orth, McCowen, Brown, and Ward.

   Commissioner Orth noted the Brooktrails Township Community Services District Board voted in support of
   the LAFCo Area of Interest Policy.

   Upon motion by Commissioner McNerlin and second by Commissioner Gonzalez, Resolution 2018-19-01
   approving the Area of Interest Policy was adopted as presented by roll call vote:
   Ayes: (7) Brown, Doble Gonzalez, McCowen, McNerlin, Orth, and Ward

   7b) White Paper on Agricultural Preservation
EO Hinman presented an informational report regarding CALAFCO and American Farmland Trust’s White Paper on Agricultural Preservation, noting the Commission’s policies and procedures include recommended measures therefore not requiring any enhancement. Comments and questions were offered by Commissioners Ward, Orth, Brown, and Gonzalez.

Commissioner Orth suggested notifying the clearinghouse of the Commission’s desire to make comment on any general plan updates in the County.

Commissioner Brown described the committee in place to continue monitoring sustainability of agriculture preservation, led by Mendocino County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD.) Commissioner Orth noted for the record that MCRCD is the main contractor for the mitigation lands near Willits and the bypass serves as an urban barrier.

8. INFORMATION/ REPORT ITEMS

8a) Work Plan, Current, and Future Proposals (Video Time: 43:09)
EO presented the staff report, noting no new changes to the applications on-hold, pre-applications, or potential future projects. She reviewed the updated project status Gantt Chart. Comments and questions were offered by Commissioners Ward and McCowen.

8b) Correspondence (Video Time: 45:43)
EO Hinman noted letters received from Norman de Vall and Lisa Weger that were provided to the Commission and verified approximately 32 property owner letters of support were submitted by Lisa Weger during the public comment portion of the Commission meeting.

8c) Executive Officer’s Report (Video Time: 46:28)
EO Hinman reported on the following:
° Nominations for the Regular and the Alternate Special District member seats are due September 13.
° Letters of interest for the public seat are due October 26.
° Four commissioners and the Executive Officer are attending the upcoming CALAFCO conference.

8d) Committee Reports
The Executive Committee is meeting directly after the regular meeting for a quarterly review of the work plan and any other relevant issues. No Policies and Procedures committee meeting was held due to participants’ summer scheduling difficulties.

8e) Commissioners Reports, Comments or Questions
Commissioner McCowen noted the Executive Office is working closely with CAL FIRE, property owners, the City of Ukiah, and other agencies in how to improve fire mitigation and prevention in the western hills of Ukiah and provided information, noting the inter-agency cooperation and that public meetings are expected to be held.

Commissioner Orth offered comments on similar efforts by the Brooktrails Township Community Services District to do pre-fire work on existing dirt road structures to allow for rapid ingress by emergency personnel, particularly in fire suppression efforts.

Commissioner Brown noted the legislature is looking at conflicting policies and the Board of Supervisors is looking into the Air Quality Management District.

8f) CALAFCO Business and Legislation Report
EO provided updates, noting that AB 2258 (grant program) has passed the legislature and is now ready for the Governor’s signature. The funding portion for the bill was pulled for this year. The intent now is
to get it signed by the Governor this year and budgeted next year. AB 2262, The Coast Life Support District bill, met challenges when the California Emergency Medical services opposed it and no resolution was found. The bill has been dropped for now.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 9:56am the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 1, 2018 at 9:00am in the County Board of Supervisors Chambers at 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, California.

Live web streaming and recordings of Commission meetings are now available via the County of Mendocino’s YouTube Channel. Links to recordings and approved minutes are also available on the LAFCo website.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_aIEXv6z2P8&index=8&list=PLraKTU7AyZLTmV-2PpmufozkvpN3QCnog