



of Merced County California

Local Agency Formation Commission

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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MERCED COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

December 6, 2001

Chairman O'Banion called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. in the Board Chambers on the third floor of the Merced County Administration Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioner O'Banion
Commissioner Cortez-Keene
Commissioner Amabile
Commissioner Bertao

Staff Present: Bill Nicholson, Acting Executive Officer
Patricia Lippmeier, LAFCO Staff Planner
Angela M. Resendez, Recording Secretary

Counsel Present: Bill Hunter, Deputy County Counsel

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: M/S CORTEZ-KEENE/BERTAO CARRIED, ON A VOTE OF 4-0, THE COMMISSION APPROVES THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 25, 2001.

III. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

NONE

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Adoption of Initial Set of Local Policies in Conformance with the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.

Acting Executive Officer, Bill Nicholson, presented the Executive Officer's Report dated December 6, 2001.

The public hearing was opened at 2:28 p.m.

The following person(s) spoke in favor: None.

The following person(s) spoke in opposition: None.

The public hearing was closed at 2:29 p.m.

MOTION: M/S CORTEZ-KEENE/AMABILE, AND CARRIED BY A 4 - 0 VOTE, THE COMMISSION ADOPTS THE POLICIES AND RESOLUTION SET FORTH IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT DATED DECEMBER 6, 2001.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Appointment of Public Member and Recruitment for Alternate Public Member. The commission discussed the many years of service and experience by Commissioner Bertao who was first appointed to LAFCO in 1994.

MOTION: M/S CORTEZ-KEENE/AMABILE, AND CARRIED BY A 4 - 0 VOTE, TO APPOINT ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER BERTAO AS PUBLIC MEMBER, AND TO INITIATE THE RECRUITMENT FOR THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC MEMBER.

- B. Resolution of Appreciation for Commissioner Morimoto.

MOTION: M/S AMABILE/CORTEZ-KEENE AND CARRIED BY A 4 - 0 VOTE, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION.

- C. Election of Commission Chair and Vice Chair (continued from October 25, 2001, meeting.)

MOTION: M/S AMABILE /BERTAO, AND CARRIED BY A 4 - 0 VOTE TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER CORTEZ-KEENE AS VICE-CHAIR.

MOTION: M/S AMABILE /CORTEZ-KEENE, AND CARRIED BY A 4 - 0 VOTE TO WAIT UNTIL THE FULL COMMISSION IS PRESENT TO NOMINATE THE CHAIR, AND ASK COUNSEL TO REVIEW BYLAWS FOR ELECTION TO COINCIDE WITH COMMISSION CHANGES IN JUNE INSTEAD OF MAY.

- D. Direction to Release Request for Proposal (RFP) for LAFCO Staff Services. Commissioner Amabile stated that as the Alternate City Representative, he did not feel comfortable voting on this item and would defer to the regular city representatives. He was not sure if the city's concern is over county staff performing LAFCO functions or if it is really about the arrangement for how LAFCO costs are shared.

MOTION: M/S AMABILE /CORTEZ-KEENE, AND CARRIED BY A 4 - 0 VOTE, TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM TO THE NEXT MEETING.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman O'Banion adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.