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

December 5, 2002

Acting Chairman Bertao 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 Trevino
Commissioner Ingram
Commissioner Bertao

Staff Present: Bill Nicholson, Executive Officer
John LeVan, LAFCO Staff Planner
Kim Lewallen, Recording Secretary

Counsel Present: Jim Tarhalla, LAFCO Counsel

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: M/S O'BANION - INGRAM, AND CARRIED BY A 4-0 VOTE, THE COMMISSION APPROVES THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 24, 2002.

III. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

NONE

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Hostetler/Phillips Reorganization (CCID)
LAFCO File No. 0582

John LeVan, LAFCO Staff Planner, presented the Executive Officer's Report dated December 5, 2002.

The public hearing was opened at 2:10 p.m.

No one spoke in favor or opposition to this application.

The public hearing was closed at 2:10 p.m.

MOTION: M/S O'BANION - INGRAM, AND CARRIED BY A 4 - 0 VOTE, THE COMMISSION CERTIFIED THEY HAVE REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE

annexation or give the City direction to submit the application.

Acting Chairman Bertao questioned whether this exception would open the door to other annexations in South Merced. Jack Lesch responded that they have turned many other potential applicants away.

Commissioner Trevino feels that policy-making committees like LAFCO, should be flexible to accommodate changes. He has no objections to the small amount of property involved in this project. He accepts the concept that an annexation application be submitted.

MOTION: M/S TREVINO – O'BANION, AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4 – 0, THE COMMISSION ALLOW THE CITY OF MERCED TO PRESENT AN APPLICATION TO ANNEX THE PROPERTY.

C. Set 2003 Meeting Calendar.

MOTION: M/S INGRAM – TREVINO, AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4 – 0, THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE 2003 MEETING CALENDAR.

D. Briefing from the CALAFCO Annual Conference.

Mr. Nicholson felt the CALAFCO conference was informative. A document, called "Taking Their Pulse" was handed out with information on what is happening with all of the other LAFCOs in implementing the Cortez/Knox/Hertzberg law. Mr. Nicholson also provided a survey that was completed in 2001 that shows all the LAFCOs and shows their populations, the executive officer, their legal counsels and how many jurisdictions they have in their boundaries and if they have special district representations to LAFCO or not. It shows the budget changes for each County.

Commissioner Ingram also went to the conference and felt he learned a great deal. He felt that a seminar should be held for the new incoming Commissioners.

Mr. Nicholson indicated that it is a good idea. Executive Officers will need to get together and figure out a format on how to do this.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Acting Chairman Bertao adjourned the meeting at 2:52. p.m.