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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND AGENDA FOR
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
Thursday, April 16, 2026 - 10:00 A.M.
2222 "M" Street, Merced, California
Board Chambers, Third Floor

AGENDA ITEMS

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bertao (Chairman)	Commissioner Silveira (Vice Chair)
Commissioner McDaniel	Commissioner Raymond
Commissioner Reed	Commissioner Hunter (Alternate)
Commissioner Amabile (Alternate)	Commissioner Pedrozo (Alternate)

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of minutes from the December 11, 2025, regular meeting.

V. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION (Testimony limited to 5 minutes or less per person)

Public opportunity to address the Local Agency Formation Commission on items of interest over which the Local Agency Formation Commission has jurisdiction.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Testimony limited to five minutes or less per person)

A. Annexation No. 2025-3 to the Franklin County Water District (FCWD) - LAFCO File No. 0708- and the associated Amendment to the FCWD Sphere of Influence- LAFCO File No. 1050 F: Involving annexation of the new 18.5-acre Franklin/Beachwood County Park site, located on the north side of Lobo Avenue and the east side of Ranchero Lane, and an adjacent one-acre homesite located at 2724 Lobo Avenue, into the Franklin County Water District's boundary. The same territory is proposed to be added into the District's sphere of influence (SOI) boundary, consistent with State requirements for annexations. The actions requested are to make a determination that the applications are exempt from environmental review in accordance with CEQA Guidelines section 15301 "Existing Facilities" and approve, modify or deny the applications.
[NOTE: Due to special circumstances, these applications are being continued to the May 21, 2026 Commission Meeting.]

B. Consider adoption of the "Resource Conservation District Municipal Service Review (MSR) Update" and related Sphere of Influence Determinations for the

five special districts included in the MSR document. The MSR document presents a summary of the services and operational issues of the five Resource Conservation Districts headquartered in Merced County and includes recommendations for consolidations of inactive districts with more active districts. **The actions requested are to make an environmental determination that the Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence determinations are exempt from CEQA review under Section 15306, "Information Collection" of the CEQA Guidelines, and adopt the Municipal Service Review, and related Sphere of Influence Determinations.**

C. Adoption of the Proposed LAFCO Budget for the 2026-27 Fiscal Year

VII. EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

A. Summary of California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) restructuring efforts from recent, February 26, 2026, Board Meeting.

B. Executive Officer oral update on upcoming applications and upcoming CALAFCO Staff Workshop in Pismo Beach

C. Commissioner Comments

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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