



Local Agency Formation Commission
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**MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF
APRIL 20, 2023**

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MERCED COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

Vice Chairman Silveira called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. in the Board Chambers, 3rd. Floor of the Merced County Administration Building.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Silveira (Vice Chair)
Commissioner Bertao
Commissioner McDaniel (Non-Voting Alternate)
Commissioner Espinosa
Commissioner Hogue

Commissioner Absent Commissioner Serratto (Chair)

Staff Present: Bill Nicholson, Executive Officer
Danielle Bettencourt, Recording Secretary

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the minutes from the January 19 ,2023 meeting.

MOTION: M/S BERTAO – ESPINOSA, AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4 - 0, THE COMMISSION APPROVES THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2023.

V. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Amy Montgomery thanked the Commissioners for all their patience and support with Santa Nella and their projects and announced to the Commission the project was approved to move forward with the annexation of Volta.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Testimony limited to 5 minutes or less per person)

A. Adoption of the Proposed LAFCO Budget for the 2023-24 Fiscal Year.

Executive Officer Bill Nicholson provided presentation on the preliminary budget for 2023-2024.

MOTION: M/S HOGUE – ESPINOSA, AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4 - 0, THE COMMISSION APPROVES THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 BUDGET AND DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO FORWARD THIS BUDGET TO THE COUNTY, THE SIX CITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY, AND ALL SPECIAL DISTRICTS IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE CORTESE-KNOX-HERTZBERG ACT.

VII. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Consider letter of support for AB 1753 (Commission on Local Government) involving the annual omnibus bill sponsored by the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commission (CALAFCO) involving technical and non-substantive changes to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.**

Executive Officer Bill Nicholson provided an overview of the Letter of Support AB 1753. Executive Officer Nicholson noted there will be a change in verbiage in the act, the verbiage will be changed from “mail” to “transmit.”

MOTION: M/S HOGUE – BERTAO, AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4 - 0, THE COMMISSION APPROVES TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR AB 1753, AS REQUESTED BY CALAFCO.

VIII. EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- A. Recruitment open for Alternate Public Member Position on the Commission**

Executive Officer Nicholson noted the period is now open for the Alternate Public Member Position on the Commission, you must be an adult and cannot be an employee of the county or city, you must be a member of the public. Vice Chair Silveira recommended bringing this item back to the Commission at a later date for further discussion.

- B. Executive Officer oral update on upcoming applications and other business**

Executive Officer Nicholson reported there is one pending application for the AMG Annexation, an industrial annexation to the City of Los Banos.

- C. Commissioners Comments**

Commissioner McDaniel wished Merced County a happy birthday, Merced is 168 years old as of yesterday.

Commissioner Bertao noted the Dos Palos Portuguese festival will be conducting their 100 years of incorporation and will be having their 100th Portuguese Celebration on May 13th and 14th.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Silveira adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.