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**MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF
APRIL 18, 2024**

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

Vice Chairman Bertao called the meeting to order at 10:00 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 Bertao (Vice Chair)
Commissioner Raymond (Alternate-Voting)
Commissioner Espinosa
Commissioner Hogue

Commissioner Absent Commissioner Silveira (Chair)
Commissioner Serratto

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

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of the minutes from the December 14, 2023 meeting.

MOTION: M/S ESPINOSA – HOGUE, AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 3 - 0, THE COMMISSION APPROVES THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2023.

Commissioner Raymond joined the Board Meeting at 10:07 a.m.

B. Approve letters of support on two bills as requested by the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO): SB 1209 (Cortese) to allow LAFCOs to require indemnification agreements from applicants when processing applications; and AB 3277 (sponsored by CALAFCO) exempting LAFCOs from performing fiscal analysis of ad valorem taxes for the establishments of a new special district or incorporation of a new city when no property tax revenue is proposed to be received by the entity.

Executive Officer Bill Nicholson presented the letters of support on two bills as requested by CALAFCO, SB 1209 (Cortese) and AB 3277 (sponsored by CALAFCO) and provided the Commission an overview of each letter of support.

Public comment opened

10:09 a.m. None

Public comment closed 10:09 a.m.

MOTION: M/S HOGUE – ESPINOSA, AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4 - 0, THE COMMISSION APPROVES THE LETTERS OF SUPPORT ON TWO BILLS AS REQUESTED BY THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSIONS (CALAFCO): SB 1209 (CORTESE) TO ALLOW LAFCOs TO REQUIRE INDEMINIFICATION AGREEMENTS FROM APPLICANTS WHEN PROCESSING APPLICATIONS AND AB 3277 EXEMPTING LAFCOs FROM PERFORMING FISCAL ANALYSIS OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SPECIAL DISTRICT OR INCORPORATION OF A NEW CITY WHEN NO PROPERTY TAX REVENUE IS PROPOSED TO BE RECEIVED BY THE ENTITY.

V. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Public comment opened 10:09 a.m.

None

Public comment closed 10:09 a.m.

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

A. Adoption of the Proposed Budget for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year.

Executive Officer Bill Nicholson provided a brief summary and overview of the Proposed Budget for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year.

Public comment opened 10:27 a.m.

None

Public comment closed 10:28 a.m.

MOTION: M/S RAYMOND– HOGUE, AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4 - 0, THE COMMISSION ADOPTS THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE 2024-25 FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT MODIFICATIONS AND DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO FORWARD THE BUDGET TO THE COUNTY, THE SIX CITIES, AND ALL INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CORTESE-KNOX-HERTZBERG ACT.

VII. EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

A. Executive Officer oral update on upcoming applications, Municipal Service Review Updates, and other business

Executive Officer Nicholson reported on two Municipal Service Review updates. The EPS consulting team is finalizing a draft for the Resource Conservation District MSR to share with the other districts prior to public review. The City of Los Banos and EPS are conducting ongoing interviews with different departments, analyzing data and reviewing the budget to begin framing the MSR document.

B. Commissioners Comments

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Bertao adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.