Siskiyou Local Agency Formation Commission Regular Meeting May 9, 2023

The Siskiyou Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) meeting of May 9, 2023, was called to order by Vice Chair Ogren at 9:05 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 311 Fourth Street, 2nd Floor, Yreka, California.

Present: Commissioners Cook, Mazzoni, Valenzuela, and Ogren

Absent: Commissioners Harkness, Bryan, and Baker

Also Present: Rick Dean, Director, Community Development Department; Hailey Lang,

Executive Officer; Rachel Jereb, Deputy Executive Officer; Janine Rowe,

Commission Clerk

Minutes: It was moved by Commissioner Mazzoni, seconded by Commissioner Valenzuela, to approve the Minutes from the April 11, 2023, LAFCo meeting as presented.

Voted upon and the Vice Chair declared the motion carried unanimously by those Commissioners present.

Unscheduled Appearances: None

Conflict of Interest Declaration: None

Changes to the Agenda: None

New Business:

Agenda Item 1: Siskiyou County LAFCo Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 / 2024

Staff Report:

Ms. Lang told the Commission that there were no changes to the preliminary budget that was presented at the April meeting.

Commission Questions / Discussion: None

Motion: Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Valenzuela, seconded by Commissioner Ogren, to approve the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 as presented.

Voted upon and the Vice Chair declared the motion carried unanimously by those Commissioners present on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Cook, Mazzoni, Valenzuela, and Ogren

Noes: None

Absent: Commissioners Baker, Bryan, and Harkness

Abstain: None

Items for Discussion/Direction:

Ms. Jereb told the Commission that because of changes made at the Board of Supervisors level regarding offering Zoom for public participation in meetings, LAFCo staff wanted feedback from the LAFCo Commissioners regarding whether or not to offer Zoom at future LAFCo meetings.

Commissioner Valenzuela said he was in favor of not offering Zoom for routine meetings since the public often doesn't participate. However, he thought Zoom could be offered if there were a project on the Agenda that was significant enough in which public participation was anticipated.

Commissioner Cook said she thought it was good to have the Zoom option but it's also difficult to hear the meeting through Zoom. She said she can go either way.

Commissioner Mazzoni said he agreed with Commissioner Valenzuela.

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Valenzuela, seconded by Commissioner Mazzoni, to offer Zoom when there is a significant project on the agenda.

Voted upon and the Vice Chair declared the motion carried unanimously by those Commissioners present on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Cook, Mazzoni, Valenzuela and Ogren

Noes: None

Absent: Commissioners Baker, Bryan, and Harkness

Abstain: None

Miscellaneous:

1. Future Meetings: The next regular meeting of Siskiyou LAFCo is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. However, Ms. Jereb told the Commission that staff had nothing for an Agenda for the June meeting.

Ms. Jereb asked Commission Clerk Janine Rowe to go over the months in which LAFCo doesn't hold meetings because they conflict with the Board of Supervisors meetings, which are July, August, November, and December.

Commissioner Cook wanted to know what items would require a meeting, and Ms. Jereb said staff is currently working on the Municipal Service Reviews and Sphere of Influence for the fire protection districts and agencies. She wasn't sure when it would be complete, but it will likely require at least three concurrent public meetings requiring public participation. Ms. Jereb added that was all that she was aware of unless something comes up requiring presentation to the LAFCo Commission.

2. Correspondence: None

3. Staff Comments: Mr. Rick Dean, Community Development Director, told the Commission that the city manager for the city of Mount Shasta provided a presentation at the May 2, 2023, Board of Supervisors meeting to discuss potential avenues forward for the Board to participate in partnering in infrastructure on certain properties within Mt. Shasta which may potentially lead to LAFCo annexation conversations.

4. Commission Comments: None

Adjournment: The meeting was concluded at 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hailey Lang, Secretary

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