MINUTES

November 19, 2015

This meeting was available via live audio streaming and was digitally recorded.

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call

The November 19, 2015, meeting of the Amador Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), held at the County Administration Center, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California, was called to order by Chairman Boitano at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present:
Louis Boitano, Chairman
Jim Vinciguerra, Vice-Chairman
Brian Oneto, County Member
Patrick Crew, City Member
Tim Murphy, City Member

Staff Present:
Roseanne Chamberlain, Executive Officer
Nancy Mees, Clerk to the Commission

3. Approval of Agenda for November 19, 2015

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Crew, seconded by Commissioner Vinciguerra, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

4. Approval of the Minutes of August 20, 2015

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Crew, and carried unanimously to approve the Minutes for August 20, 2015, with Commissioners Boitano and Oneto abstaining.

5. Approval of Claims for November 19, 2015

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Vinciguerra, and carried unanimously to approve the Approval of Claims – Meeting Final as submitted.
6. **Public Forum – Public Comment**

There were no comments.

7. **Jackson Rancheria Development Corporation Reorganization to City of Jackson; LAFCO Project #287; Resolution #2015-07. CEQA: Negative Declaration by City of Jackson as Lead Agency; Exempt from the requirements for notice and public hearing (§56662)**

The landowner requests that this agenda item be deferred to the January 21, 2016, meeting due to the unavailability of one of the parties. The deferral was approved by consensus.

8. **Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Rancho Victoria Vineyard Recycled Water Project**

Ms. Chamberlain advised the Commission that she was requesting them to review her written comments to the City of Plymouth. After reviewing §56133 and conferring with other LAFCOs around the state, the consensus is that a project of the proposed type does not fit within any of the listed exemptions from LAFCO review and therefore the City of Plymouth should, to be on the safe side, list LAFCO as a responsible agency. Ms. Chamberlain also presented a letter from the Foothill Conservancy stating that they believed this project should be subject to LAFCO review. After discussion, the Commission came to the consensus that the wording of §56133 could be interpreted so as to allow this project to fall under the exemption for wastewater, and that they therefore did not wish to set a precedent for LAFCO review of all future wastewater issues in the county and cities.

**Motion:** It was moved by Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Oneto, and carried unanimously to direct Executive Officer Chamberlain to send a letter to the City of Plymouth stating that the LAFCO Board had determined that no hearing or review by LAFCO is needed to go forward with this project.

9. **Other Business, Reports**

   a. Correspondence – Above-mentioned letter from the Foothill Conservancy was the only item received.

   b. Commissioner Announcements – none.

   c. Executive Officer’s Report – Ms. Chamberlain reported that a CALAFCO dues increase is coming.

      She also reported that she had had a good meeting with the Foothill Conservancy and advised them on how best to engage with LAFCO with respect to various projects.

      Finally, she reported that she had attended a groundwater management workshop put on by the State Water Resources Board that was very instructive as to issues that may be arising in the future which could affect Amador County.

   d. Legislation Report (CALAFCO) – Ms. Chamberlain referred the Commissioners to the CALAFCO legislation report in the packet, specifically pointing out SB88, 229, 13, 226, and AB656.
e. Project Status Update – Ms. Chamberlain referred the Commissioners to the project status report in the packet.

10. **Closed Session: Review Contract for Legal Counsel (Continued from August 20, 2015)**

Pursuant to §54957 the Commission went into closed session at 6:37 p.m. to discuss the contract for legal counsel.

The Commission returned to open session at 6:58 p.m., having given direction to staff during closed session.

10. **Adjournment**

Ms. Chamberlain stated that there were a couple items that could be ready for the December meeting, but could just as easily be postponed till January.

Therefore, by consensus, the next regular LAFCO meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2016. The December meeting is canceled.

Chairman Boitano adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

\[Signature\]

*Louis Boitano, Chair*

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

ATTEST:  
Nancy Mees, Clerk to the Commission