

SONOMA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Board of Supervisors Chambers
575 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa 102A
Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Commissioners	Alternate Commissioners	Staff
Jean Kapolchok, Chair	Ed Hodges	Mark Bramfitt, Executive Officer
Rich Holmer	Chris Coursey	Verne Ball, Legal Counsel
James Gore	Bill Norton	Cynthia Olson, Administrative Analyst
Mark Hemmendinger, Vice Chair	Jeff Okrepkie	Kasandra Bowen, Commission Clerk
Susan Gorin		
Sandra Lowe		
Susan Harvey		

1. Call to Order by the Chair @ 2:00pm. The following voting members were seated: Commissioners Gorin, Hemmendinger, Lowe, Harvey and Kapolchok and Alternate Commissioners Coursey and Norton.

2. Public Comment:

Bill Ross, attorney for Monte Rio Fire Protection District, re SOI Amendment Application. Request for Delineation of Amended Sphere of Influence; Monte Rio Fire Protection District; Related Matter Gold Ridge Fire Protection District Reorganization (CSA 40) Territories; LAFCO file No, 2023-02

3. Consent Calendar:

3.1 Meeting Minutes: April 5, 2023, and May 3, 2023

Upon motion and second, approved as presented

Ayes: 7 Kapolchok, Hemmendinger, Lowe, Harvey, Gorin, Norton, Coursey

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

4. Public Hearings:

4.1 Fiscal Year 2023-24 Proposed Final Budget and Fee Schedule
Environmental Review: Not a Project under CEQA

Staff summarized the proposed final budget. The Chair opened the public hearing and seeing no one rise, closed the hearing.

Upon motion and second, approved as recommended

Ayes: 7 Kapolchok, Hemmendinger, Lowe, Harvey, Gorin, Norton, Coursey

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

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- 4.2 Protest Proceeding: File No. 2023-02: Gold Ridge Fire Protection District Reorganization No. 2023-02 (CSA 40 Territories) Involving Detachment of County Service Area 40 territory and Annexation of that territory to the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District
Environmental Review: Exemptions pursuant to Sections 15320 and 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines

Staff stated that as of the hearing, the Commission had received protest forms from less than 25% of the landowners owning land or 25% of the registered voters residing within the annexation boundary.

The Chair opened the public hearing:

Steven Smidge: landowner/resident from Two Rock, with heavy opinion regarding the Gold Ridge Reorganization. Taxation without representation is unconstitutional. Lack of public notice/outreach. Completely opposed to this reorganization.

Bob Mann: landowner in Cazadero with agreement to previous speaker regarding the presentation of this reorganization to the public. Only being registered for one of his parcels so he is unable to vote as many times as he should be. Larger landowners are struggling with the amount of taxation.

Herbert Roche: Resident of Petaluma. Question: is this parcel tax going to be applied to parcels that do not have a residence on them?

Joe West: Resident of Wilmar district. Pleased with the reorganization.

Terri Bolduck: Founding officer of the North Bay Fire - Accounting of Sonoma County Fire. In support of the Gold Ridge Reorganization.

Chief Schroth-Cary: Addressed the comments made by the Public.

The Chair closed the public hearing closed at 2:36pm

Chair Kapolchok: question regarding the taxation and amounts per parcel referencing the public question.

Upon motion and second, approved as recommended

Ayes: 7 Kapolchok, Hemmendinger, Lowe, Harvey, Gorin, Norton, Coursey

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

5. Regular Calendar:

- 5.1 City of Santa Rosa Municipal Services Review and Sphere of Influence Study Request for Proposals
Environmental Review: Exempt Pursuant to Section 15306 of the State CEQA Guidelines

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Staff stated that the City of Santa Rosa has requested that the Commission prepare a Municipal Services Review and Sphere of Influence study. The last MSR for the City was done in 2005 and considering the City's upcoming projects, staff believes this study to be necessary. Staff budgeted for the study in the FY 2023-24 Annual Budget.

Commissioner Harvey: DUC & MSR working together

Commissioner Lowe: City of Sonoma NOT Santa Rosa in RFP

Commissioner Gorin: mentioned Moreland Ad Hoc supervisor members

Commissioner Coursey: thankful for the MSR - DUC study

Dave Ransom: here for Fred Allebach - regarding the DUC and annexation.

After discussion, the Commission directed staff to issue a Request for Proposals for the study.

6. Information/Report Items

6.1 Executive Officer's Report:

6.2 Legislative Affairs: none

7. General Announcements: none

8. Confirm Meetings

Commission Meeting: August 2nd, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. - Confirmed

9. Adjourned @ 2:50pm