

SONOMA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

NODRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Board of Supervisors Chambers
575 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa 102A
Wednesday, December 4, 2024
2:00 P.M.

| Commissioners | Alternate Commissioners | Staff |
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| 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 | | |

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order by the Chair at 2:00pm with commissioners Kapolchok, Hemmendinger, Lowe, Gorin, Harvey, Holmer with alternates Hodges, Norton

2. Public Comment: None

3. Consent Calendar:

3.1 Meeting Minutes: November 6, 24

Moved: Harvey

Second: Holmer

Ayes 6

Noes 0

Abstain: 0

4. Public Hearings:

4.1 File No. 2024-11 Sonoma Mountain Community Service District Formation
Proposal
Environmental Review: Pending action by Commission

An organizing committee requested a continuance of a proposal hearing for several reasons, including limited public participation, insufficient time for review by applicants and legal counsel, incomplete signature validation, and the need for continuity in the proposal review process. They sought to have the hearing moved to a future meeting.

Public comments were heard, with various individuals expressing concerns. Some argued for more time to clarify the proposal and address misunderstandings, while others opposed the continuance, suggesting that the proposal was not well-defined and that the existing service providers were sufficient. One speaker emphasized that the proposal was not about taking over a specific district but rather addressing service gaps.

Commissioners discussed the issue, asking for clarification on the potential benefits of a continuance or withdrawal. They ultimately agreed that more work was needed and voted unanimously to follow staff recommendations, denying the continuance and further review. A question was raised about the possibility of an appeal.

Moved: Gorin
Second: Holmer
Ayes: 6
Noes: 0
Abstain: 0

5. Regular Calendar:

No items.

6. Information/Report Items

6.1 Executive Officer's Report:

Pending request for reorganization of the Rancho Adobe and Sonoma County
Fire Protection Districts
Potential exit of two LAFCOs from CALAFCO

No public comment

6.2 Legislative Affairs: No report

7. General Announcements

Commissioner Holmer will not be present for the February meeting.
Commissioner Harvey may be present.

Commissioner Lowe excused herself at 3:55pm due to another obligation.

8. Confirm Meetings: Meeting confirmed for February 5, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

9. Adjourned at 3:58pm

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