

SONOMA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS
575 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa 102A
Wednesday, February 5, 2025
2:00 P.M.

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
Rebecca Hermosillo		
Sandra Lowe		
Susan Harvey		

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order by the Chair at 2:00pm with Commissioner Kapolchok, Lowe, Hermosillo, Harvey, Norton with Alternates Hodges, Okrepkie

2. Public Comment: None

3. Consent Calendar:
 - 3.1 Meeting Minutes: November 6, 2024

Moved and approved as written

Motion: Commissioner Harvey

Second: Commissioner Lowe

Ayes: 5

Second: 0

Noes: 0

4. Public Hearings:
 - 4.1 File No. 2024-10: Sonoma Valley Fire District Reorganization Involving Dissolution of Kenwood Fire Protection District and Annexation of that Territory to Sonoma Valley Fire

Environmental Review: Exempt pursuant to Sections 15320 and 15061 (b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines

Commissioner Norton to acknowledge the hard work of the fire districts that goes into a reorganization.
Harvey: General rule of thumb for MSRs? The last MSR was completed in 2019 for the area in question.

Public Comment:

Chief Steve Acre: Sonoma valley BOD, Kenwood Staff, Kenwood Board member are present in support of 4.1. Explaining consistency in the consolidation of the two fire district boards as well as covering the area in questions. This will be a continuance of the current partnership. Increased call response times to the Kenwood community plus a three-man crew.

Public Comment closed at 2:14pm

Commissioners thankful for the application and the hard work that goes into these reorganizations.

Moved: Commissioner Lowe

Second: Commissioner Norton

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

5. Regular Calendar:
 - 5.1 Commission Work Plan 2025
Environmental Review: Exempt

Informational item: No action required from the Commission

6. Information/Report Items
 - 6.1 Executive Officer's Report:

CALAFCO: Report of recent board meeting(s) and LAFCOs considering leaving the organization.

The CALAFCO dues are paid in July, per the fiscal year meaning this decision will become more pertinent of an issue come that time of year. Commissioner Hermosillo asked with the issue with the Legislative board are there and what are the benefits of being a part of CALACFO? Executive officer explained what the issue with the Legislative Board and other LAFCOs not feeling at though they are fairly represented. If Sonoma LAFCO pulls out of CALAFCO, are conversations happening regarding potentially hiring of Lobbyist to represent LAFCO(s) on the legislative front? To sum up the conversation, the legislative powers are very important to this Commission.

- 6.2 Legislative Affairs: No report

7. General Announcements – None
8. Confirm Meetings
Commission Meeting: March 5, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.
Fiscal Committee Meeting: At conclusion of Commission meeting
9. Adjournment at 2:42pm

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