

CALAVERAS COUNTY  
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
January 27, 2025

Commissioners Present:

Isabel Moncada, City Member, Chair  
Gary Tofanelli, County Member, Vice Chair  
Amanda Folendorf, County Member  
Michael Chimente, City Member Alternate  
Tony Tyrrell, Special District Member  
Jon Dashner, Special District Member Alternate

Commissioners Absent:

Autumn Andahl, County Member Alternate  
Kirk Smith, Special District Member  
Anita Paque, Public Member  
Ralph Copeland, Public Member Alternate

Staff Present:

John Benoit, Executive Officer  
Diane Severud, LAFCo Clerk

Chair Moncada opened the meeting at 6:02 PM

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Public Comment. There was no comment from the public.
3. a. Election of Chair, City Member. Mr. Benoit reviewed the change in procedure and suggested that Commissioner Moncada remain as the Chair.

Motion: Tofanelli

Second: Tyrell

Ayes: Tofanelli, Folendorf, Chimente, Moncada, Tyrell, Dashner

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**COMMISSIONER MONCADA WAS ELECTED CHAIR FOR 2025.**

- b. Election of Vice-Chair, County Member.

Motion: Tofanelli

Second: Tyrell

Ayes: Tofanelli, Folendorf, Chimente, Moncada, Tyrell, Dashner

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**COMMISSIONER TOFANELLI WAS ELECTED VICE-CHAIR FOR 2025.**

4. Approval of November 18, 2024 Minutes.

Motion: Tyrell  
Second: Tofanelli  
Ayes: Tofanelli, Moncada, Tyrell, Dashner  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Chimente and Folendorf

**THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2024 MEETING WERE APPROVED.**

5. Consent Agenda: Authorize Claims for November and December 2024.

Motion: Tofanelli  
Second: Chimente  
Ayes: Tofanelli, Folendorf, Chimente, Moncada, Tyrell, Dashner  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None

**THE CONSENT AGENDA WAS APPROVED.**

6. Correspondence: There was no correspondence received.
7. PUBLIC HEARING: Chair Moncada opened the public hearing at 6:06 PM Municipal Service Review (MSR) and Sphere of Influence (SOI) Workshop regarding Street Lighting Districts and Public Agencies providing Street lighting services in Calaveras County including the Arnold, Mokelumne Hill, Murphys, San Andreas, Valley Springs, West Point, Sunrise Point, Copper Valley CSD, Wallace CSD and the City of Angels Camp. Mr. Benoit reported that larger districts use their own funding to make their own improvements. The golf courses runs their own districts and the remaining are managed by the County. Staff recommend that the resolutions be approved, as presented.

Motion: Dashner  
Second: Tyrell  
Ayes: Tofanelli, Folendorf, Chimente, Moncada, Tyrell, Dashner  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None

**RESOLUTION 2025-0001 WAS APPROVED ADOPTING THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW (MSR) SPHERE OF INFLUENCE (SOI) REGARDING STREET LIGHTING DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC AGENCIES PROVIDING STREET LIGHTING SERVICES IN CALAVERAS COUNTY INCLUDING THE ARNOLD, MOKELUMNE HILL, MURPHYS, SAN ANDREAS, VALLEY SPRINGS, WEST POINT, SUNRISE POINT, COPPER VALLEY CSD, WALLACE CSD AND THE CITY OF ANGELS CAMP.**

Motion: Dashner  
Second: Tyrell  
Ayes: Tofanelli, Folendorf, Chimente, Moncada, Tyrell, Dashner

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

**RESOLUTION 2025-0002 WAS APPROVED ADOPTING THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE (SOI) REGARDING STREET LIGHTING DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC AGENCIES PROVIDING STREET LIGHTING SERVICES IN CALAVERAS COUNTY INCLUDING THE ARNOLD, MOKELUMNE HILL, MURPHYS, SAN ANDREAS, VALLEY SPRINGS, WEST POINT, SUNRISE POINT, COPPER VALLEY CSD, WALLACE CSD AND THE CITY OF ANGELS CAMP.**

8. Commissioners Reports. Commissioner Chimente announced the upcoming 218 Public Workshop for the City of Angels, that Scott Behiel has joined the City Council and he will be the new City Representative on the LAFCo Commission. He added that they are in the process of hiring a new City Manager and the improvements at Utica Park are coming along well. Lastly, he opined that, as a community, we don't celebrate all of the things in our great city enough. Commissioner Tyrell reported the Veterans are donating a new light for the flagpole in the Park. Commissioner Tofanelli stated that tomorrow the Board of Supervisors will have a discussion regarding moving forward on the new animal shelter with drawings and hopefully to begin construction. Commissioner Dashner added that he hopes that the problem will be resolved at the Shelter and he feels it is a very humane shelter. Commissioner Folendorf noted that also the Board of Supervisors will have a short-term rental workshop. Commissioner Moncada announced that Commissioner Chimente is the newly elected Mayor for the City.
9. Appoint member to serve on the LAFCo Executive Officer Transition Committee as vacated by Jennifer Herndon whose term on the City Council has ended. Mr. Benoit suggested the item be moved to the March meeting.
10. Executive Officer's Report.
  - a. Recruitment for Special District regular members for terms ending May 2025. Mr. Benoit informed the Commission the Special District member terms are coming up and he will start the process for nominations.
  - b. CALAFCO Issues. He stated that CALAFCO is having some issues and is looking for a new Executive Director, as Rene LaRoche resigned. He believes the value of CALAFCO is the legislative and educational components.
  - c. Discussion regarding eminent retirement of Executive Officer. Mr. Benoit stated he is planning to retire in 12 to 18 months and will begin researching the benefits of a contract employee versus a regular employee and a salary survey for part-time Executive Officers. There was discussion regarding the viability of hiring a part-time person questions regarding the hiring process.
  - d. Schedule LAFCo 101 training for new commissioners, as necessary. This training will be scheduled on a non-meeting day.

- e. Service Review (MSR) and Sphere of Influence for public districts in Calaveras County; March 17, 2025. He stated the Cemetery Districts will be the next to be reviewed.
- f. Upcoming MSRs for Veterans Districts and the City of Angels Camp. These will be reviewed after the Cemetery Districts.
- g. 700 Forms due April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. A hard copy of all Form 700s may be given to Mr. Benoit or Ms. Severud.

**CHAIR MONCADA ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 6:45 PM.**

NEXT LAFCO MEETING: March 17, 2025 - 6:00 PM in San Andreas.

DATE APPROVED:

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Isabel Moncada, Chair