



Local Agency Formation Commission  
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**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND AGENDA FOR  
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
Wednesday, March 21, 2018 - 10:00 A.M.  
2222 "M" Street - Merced, California  
BOARD ROOM - THIRD FLOOR**

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Bertao (Chairman)	Commissioner McDaniel (Vice Chair)
Commissioner O'Banion	Commissioner Nagy (Alternate)
Commissioner Silveira	Commissioner Hunter (Alternate)
Commissioner Samra	Commissioner Espinoza Alternate)

**IV. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approval of minutes from the January 17, 2018 meeting.

**V. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION (Testimony limited to 5 minutes or less per person)**

Public opportunity to address the Local Agency Formation Commission on items of interest over which the Local Agency Formation Commission has jurisdiction

**VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Testimony limited to 5 minutes or less per person)**

A. **Amsterdam Reorganization (LAFCO File No. 0681)** – To consider approval of the Amsterdam Water District Reorganization, involving the formation of a new 6,662 acre California Water District, and the detachment (removal) of 19.11 acres from the Merced Irrigation District (MID). The Amsterdam Water District (AWD) is proposed to be formed under the powers of California Water Code Section 34000-38501, with its own independent board of directors. The proposed district boundary is generally located 4 miles northwest of the City of Merced, generally on the west of State Highway 59, north of the Henderson Lateral and Castle Dam, east of Buhach Road, and south of Shaw Avenue and the irregular boundary of Canal Creek extending to a point approximately 850 north of Youd Road. **The actions requested are to make an environmental determination that the reorganization is exempt from CEQA review under Section 15378(b)(5), Organizational and Administrative Activities of Governments, and Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, and approve, deny or modify the reorganization.**

- B. **Amsterdam Water District Sphere of Influence and Removal from the Merced Irrigation District Sphere of Influence** (LAFCO File Nos. 1079 and 1015C) – To establish the 6,662 acre sphere of influence for the proposed Amsterdam Water District, and remove this same territory from the Merced Irrigation District (MID) sphere of influence, to comply with Government Code section 56425 should the Amsterdam Water District be formed. The territory is the same area described in Agenda Item VI.A. **The actions requested are to make an environmental determination that the reorganization is exempt from CEQA review under Section 15378(b)(5), Organizational and Administrative Activities of Governments, and Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, and approve, deny or modify the sphere of influence proposal.**
  
- C. **City of Livingston Municipal Service Review Update** – To adopt an update to the Municipal Service Review (MSR) to reflect current information on City operations and budget. The MSR presents findings and conclusions addressing the City's municipal services, and it summarizes the budget and organizational issues relevant to the City. No change to the City's Sphere of Influence is proposed in the MSR. **The actions requested are to make an environmental determination that the Municipal Service Review is exempt from CEQA review under Section 15306, Information Collection, and adopt the resolution approving the City of Livingston Municipal Service Review Update.**

**VII. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- A. Update on Historic Microfilm File Conversion Project
- B. Discussion of possible work program ideas for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2018-19 Annual Budget Process

**VIII. EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

- A. Executive Officer Summary of Upcoming Applications
- B. Comments from Commissioners

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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