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**MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF
January 17, 2019**

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MERCED COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

Chairman Silveira called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers, 3rd Floor of the Merced County Administration Building.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioner McDaniel (Chairman)
Commissioner Samra (Vice Chair) (Arrived at 10:20am)
Commissioner Bertao
Commissioner Espinoza (Alternate)

Staff Present: Bill Nicholson, Executive Officer
Kim Zinke, Recording Secretary

Counsel Present: None

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of minutes from the November 1, 2018 meeting.

MOTION: M/S ESPINOZA – BERTAO, AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 3 - 0, THE COMMISSION APPROVES THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 1, 2018.

B. Adopt Resolution completing proceedings for the Southeast Gustine Reorganization – LAFCO File No. 0682

MOTION: M/S BERTAO – ESPINOZA, AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 3 – 0, THE COMMISSION ADOPTS THE RESOLUTION TO COMPLETE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE SOUTHEAST GUSTINE REORGANIZATION – LAFCO FILE NO. 0682.

V. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

NONE

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

VII. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Out of Boundary Service Application No. 18-02 – Hilmar County Water District – Bret Powers – To connect to the sewer system of the Hilmar County Water District for the replacement of a prior home at 19790 American Avenue in Hilmar.

MOTION: M/S BERTAO – ESPINOZA, AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 3 - 0, THE COMMISSION APPROVES THE OUT OF BOUNDARY SERVICE APPLICATION NO. 18-02 FOR THE HILMAR COUNTY WATER DISTRICT WITH THE CORRECTION TO DETERMINATION #3 TO BE “AMERICAN AVENUE”, NOT AUGUST AVENUE.

- B. Initiate Dissolution of Inactive Special Districts in Compliance with SB 448 – The Commission is requested to initiate the dissolution of three special districts which have been identified by the State Controller’s Office as inactive under the provisions of SB 448 as they have no financial transactions, assets, debts, or other financial activities in the past year (as defined in Government Code section 56042). The State has identified the following special districts as inactive: Family Farms Water District, Laguna Water District and the Santa Rita Water District. If the process is initiated, the Commission must hold a noticed public hearing within 90 days.

MOTION: M/S ESPINOZA - SAMRA, AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4 - 0, THE COMMISSION ADOPTS RESOLUTION NO. 2019-1 INITIATING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE SANTA RITA WATER DISTRICT AND THE FAMILY FARMS WATER DISTRICT, BUT NOT INCLUDING THE LAGUNA WATER DISTRICT IN RESPONSE FROM INPUT FROM THE DISTRICT MANAGER THAT THEY ARE AN ACTIVE DISTRICT WITH A WATER CONTRACT WITH THE U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION.

VIII. EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

- A. Upcoming Applications: Executive Officer Nicholson, indicated he has requested authority to process the sphere of influence amendment to the Chowchilla Water District from Madera LAFCO as part of the pending application to annex 5,800 acres into the District. Mr. Nicholson also referenced that the new regional representative, Cole Karr, for the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) is in the audience and will help reach out to the Laguna Water District on training and professional support.

- B. Comments from Commissioners: None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman McDaniel adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.