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**MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF  
March 21, 2019  
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
MERCED COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

Chairman McDaniel called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. in the Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)  
Commissioner Silveira  
Commissioner Bertao  
Commissioner Nagy  
Commissioner Espinoza (Alternate) (Non Voting)

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

**Counsel Present:** None

- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION: M/S SAMRA - NAGY, AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 - 0, THE COMMISSION APPROVES THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF January 17, 2019.**

- V. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None

- VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Dissolution of Inactive Special Districts in Compliance with SB 448 – To dissolve the Family Farms Water District and the Santa Rita Water District 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 actions requested are to make an environmental determination that the dissolutions are exempt from CEQA review under section 15320 “Changes in organization of local agencies” of the CEQA Guidelines, and approve, deny or modify the dissolutions.**

The public hearing was opened at 10:43 a.m.

No one spoke in favor or opposition to this application.

The public hearing was closed at 10:44 a.m.

**MOTION: M/S BERTAO - SILVEIRA, AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 – 0, THE COMMISSION ADOPTED RESOLUTION NOS. 0685 AND 0686, DISSOLVING FAMILY FARMS WATER DISTRICT AND THE SANTA RITA WATER DISTRICT, WHICH HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE AS "INACTIVE" PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 56879.**

## **VII. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- A. Consider letter of support for AB 1253 (Rivas) allowing LAFCOs to be eligible for grant funding for special studies to improve governmental efficiency and seeking reimbursement for costs under AB448 involving dissolution of special districts.

**MOTION: M/S SILVEIRA – NAGY, AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 – 0, THE COMMISSION APPROVES THE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL AB 1253 (RIVAS) REGARDING GRANT FUDING FOR LOCAL LAFCOS.**

- B. Consider letter of support for AB 213 (Reyes) to restore funding for inhabited annexations to cities where they would be eligible to receive vehicle license registration (VLF) funds previously shifted away from cities under ERAF transfers.

**MOTION: M/S SAMRA – BERTAO, AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5 – 0, THE COMMISSION APPROVES THE LETTER OF SUPPORT (REYES) TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR INHABITED ANNEXATIONS TO CITIES WHERE THEY WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE VEHICLE LICENSE REGISTRATION FUNDS.**

- C. Discussion of possible work program ideas for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2019-20 Annual Budget Process

**No action was taken, but discussion in support of updating the Agricultural Irrigation Service Providers Municipal Service Review was discussed, especially given the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act relationship, along with identifying standard policies or criteria for extending services outside an agencies boundary under Government Code section 56133.**

## **VIII. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Letter from Kassy Chauhan, P.E., Southern California Branch, Drinking Water Field Operations, State Water Resources Control Board, dated March 4, 2019.

**The Commission held a discussion regarding the request for a water connection from the City of Livingston to a new office for Livingston Farmer's Association located outside the City sphere of influence on Eucalyptus Avenue. No action was taken.**

## **IX. EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

- A. Executive Officer Summary of Upcoming Applications

1) City of Merced – Olive Avenue and Highway 59 Annexation

**B. Comments from Commissioners**

**None**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, Chairman McDaniel adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.**