



Local Agency Formation Commission  
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**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND AGENDA FOR  
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
Thursday, May 21, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.  
2222 "M" Street - Merced, California  
BOARD ROOM - THIRD FLOOR**

**Important Notice Regarding May 21, 2020 Local Agency Formation Commission Meeting**

In accordance with Executive Orders N-25-20, N-29-20, and guidance from the California Department of Public Health, in order to minimize the spread of the COVID 19 virus, the Board Chambers will be closed to the public during this Local Agency Formation Commission Meeting. The following alternatives are available to members of the public to watch these meetings and provide comments to the Commission before and during the meeting:

**Audio/Video Broadcast:** Merced Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) meetings are broadcast live by visiting <https://www.co.merced.ca.us/2230/LAFCo-Meetings>

**Public Comment:** If you wish to make either a general public comment for items not on the day's agenda or to comment on a specific agenda item, please submit your comment, limited to 250 words or less, via email, preferably in advance of the meeting, by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the LAFCO meeting. Please reference the agenda item you are commenting about and submit your comment to LAFCO at: [bill.nicholson@countyofmerced.com](mailto:bill.nicholson@countyofmerced.com)

Your comment will be placed into the record for the meeting. To be read into the record, e-mail must contain in the subject line "Public Comment – Not on the Agenda" or "Public Comment – Agenda item #."

**Public Hearings:** Public comment during public hearings will be taken in real time via email. Once the public hearing is opened, the Commission will pause the meeting for five minutes in order to receive emails directed at the public hearing (up to 250 words) and will read comments into the record after resuming the meeting, as time permits. Please indicate that comments are for a particular public hearing by putting "Public Comment—Agenda item #" in the subject line of the email and the title of the public hearing. Emails during the meeting must be sent to the LAFCO Clerk at: [Kim.Zinke@countyofmerced.com](mailto:Kim.Zinke@countyofmerced.com)

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Nagy	Commissioner Silveira (Vice Chair)
Commissioner Serratto	Commissioner Bertao
Commissioner McDaniel (Alternate)	Commissioner Espinoza
Commissioner McGlynn (Alternate)	Commissioner Hunter (Alternate)

**IV. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approval of minutes from the April 16, 2020 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. Adoption of the Final LAFCO Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

**VII. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- A. Election of Commission Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson
- B. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Merced County for Staff Support
- C. Resolution of Appreciation for Commissioner Samra
- D. Presentation regarding the proposed "Owens Creek Water District". Bruce Marlow representing 4-S Ranch, will give a presentation to the Commission regarding the proposed formation of the 7,800 acre Owens Creek Water District (LAFCO File No. 0688). Based on the application materials, the purpose of the formation is for the landowners to have a more direct role in groundwater sustainability planning in compliance with SGMA in monitoring & reporting on groundwater conditions, maintaining and operating groundwater recharge basins, and storing and distributing surface water. No action is requested by the Commission.

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

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

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**Any writings or documents pertaining to an open session item provided to a majority of the members of the legislative body less than 72 hours prior to the meeting, shall be made available for public inspection at the LAFCo Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 2222 M Street, Merced, CA 95340.**

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**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

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**Pursuant to Government Code §84308, no LAFCO Commissioner shall accept, solicit, or direct a contribution of more than \$250 from any party, or his/her agent; or any participant or his/her agent, while a LAFCO proceeding is pending, and for three months following the date a final decision is rendered by LAFCO. Prior to rendering a decision on a LAFCO proceeding, any LAFCO Commissioner who received a contribution of more than \$250 within the**

preceding 12 months from a party or participant shall disclose that fact on the record of the proceeding. If a Commissioner receives a contribution which would otherwise require disqualification returns the contribution within 30 days of knowing about the contribution and the proceeding, the Commissioner shall be permitted to practice in the proceeding. A part of a LAFCO proceeding shall disclose on the record of the proceeding any contribution of more than \$250 within the preceding 12 months by the party, or his or her agent, to a LAFCO Commissioner. For forms, visit the LAFCO website at [www.lafcomerced.org](http://www.lafcomerced.org). No party, or his or her agent and no participant or his or her agent, shall make a contribution of more than \$250 to any LAFCO Commissioner during the proceeding or for 3 months following the date a final decision is rendered by LAFCO.

Pursuant to Government Code Sections 56100.1, 56300, 56700.1, 57009 and 81000 et seq., any person or combination of persons who directly or indirectly contribute(s) a total of \$1,000 or more or expend(s) a total of \$1,000 or more in support of or in opposition to specified LAFCO proposals or proceedings, which generally include proposed reorganizations or changes of organization, may be required to comply with the disclosure requirements of the Political Reform Act (See also, Section 84250 et seq.). These requirements contain provisions for making disclosures of contributions and expenditures at specified intervals. More information on the scope of the required disclosures is available at the web site of the FPPC: [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov). Questions regarding FPPC material, including FPPC forms, should be directed to the FPPC's advice line at 1-866-ASK-FPPC (1-866-275-3772).

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