



**SAN LUIS OBISPO  
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
AUGUST 17, 2023, MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

The San Luis Obispo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 17, 2023, by Chairperson Arnold in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the County Government Center, 1055 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Chairperson Debbie Arnold, Commissioners Robert Enns, Heather Jensen, Jimmy Paulding, and Ed Waage, and Alternate Commissioners Ed Eby and David Watson

**Absent:** Vice Chair Marshall Ochylski, Commissioner Steve Gregory, and Alternate Commissioners Charles Bourbeau and Dawn Ortiz-Legg

**Staff:** Rob Fitzroy, LAFCO Executive Officer  
Imelda Marquez-Vawter, LAFCO Analyst  
Morgan Bing, LAFCO Clerk Analyst  
Brian Pierik, LAFCO Legal Counsel

**Approval of the Minutes:** May 18, 2023

**Chairperson Arnold** announced the consideration of approval for the May 18, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes.

**Chairperson Arnold** opened the item for public comment, announcing it was closed shortly after hearing none.

**Chairperson Arnold** asked for Commissioner comments or a motion to approve the minutes.

**Commissioner Waage** motioned to approve the minutes.

**Commissioner Paulding** seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Commissioners Waage, Paulding, Enns, Eby, Jensen, and Chairperson Arnold

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINING:** None

The motion was passed.

**Non-Agenda Public Comment Period**

**Chairperson Arnold** opened the item for public comment.

**Greg Grewal**, resident of Creston, expressed concern regarding LAFCO's approval of the Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District (EPCWD), specifically Condition of Approval number 5 with regard to EPCWD's eligibility to become a member of the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee.

**Chairperson Arnold** closed public comment and opened the item for Commissioner questions.

**Commissioner Jensen** motioned to bring the discussion back as an item on a future agenda.

**Chairperson Arnold** seconded the motion.

**Commissioner Paulding** asked for clarification on the motion.

**Commissioner Jensen** clarified that the motion was to bring a discussion item regarding EPCWD's status as a GSA on a future agenda.

**Commissioner Paulding** provided comment.

**Mr. Pierik** advised Commissioners to provide brief comment and found the motion made by **Commissioner Jensen** to be adequately stated.

**Mr. Fitzroy** asked for clarification on the proposed future discussion.

**Chairperson Arnold** suggested discussion of the conditions under which the EPCWD was formed and asked if the maker of the motion agreed.

**Commissioner Jensen** and **Chairperson Arnold** agreed to the modification of the motion.

**Commissioner Paulding** stated that this discussion is a Board of Supervisors matter and should not be discussed by the Commission.

**Chairperson Arnold** commented on the importance of the matter.

**Mr. Pierik** advised Commissioners to provide brief comment.

**Commissioner Enns** called for a vote.

AYES: Commissioner Jensen, Chairperson Arnold, Commissioners Enns, Eby, and Waage

NAYS: Commissioner Paulding

ABSTAINING: None

The motion was passed.

**Regular Matters**

**A-1:** LAFCO No. 1-R-23 | Sphere of Influence Amendment and Annexation No. 4 to County Service Area 12 (Weldon) (Recommend Review and Approve)

**Ms. Bing** presented the item.

**Chairperson Arnold** opened the item for Commissioner questions, hearing none.

**Chairperson Arnold** opened the item for public comment, announcing it was closed shortly after hearing none.

**Chairperson Arnold** asked for Commissioner motion to approve staff recommendation.

**Commissioner Waage** motioned to approve staff recommendation.

**Commissioner Enns** seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Waage, Enns, Eby, Jensen, Paulding, and Chairperson Arnold

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

The motion was passed.

**A-2:** LAFCO No. 1-S-23 | Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Study for Templeton Community Services District (Recommend Review and Approve)

**Mr. Fitzroy** and **Mrs. Marquez-Vawter** presented the item.

**Chairperson Arnold** opened the item for Commissioner questions.

**Commissioner Eby** asked for clarification on latent powers.

**Mr. Fitzroy** responded to questions and provided comment.

**Mr. Pierik** responded to questions and provided comment.

**Commissioner Eby** asked if TCSD has expressed interest in deeming their cemetery power latent.

**Mr. Fitzroy** responded to questions and provided comment.

**Jeff Briltz**, General Manager of Templeton Community Services District, responded to questions and provided comment.

**Commissioner Waage** commented on TCSD's funding of fire service.

**Jeff Briltz** provided comment.

**Chairperson Arnold** commended staff and TCSD for their work.

**Chairperson Arnold** opened the item for public comment, announcing it was closed shortly after hearing none.

**Commissioner Waage** motioned to approve staff recommendation.

**Commissioner Paulding** seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Waage, Paulding, Enns, Eby, Jensen, and Chairperson Arnold

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

The motion was passed.

**A-3:** Policies, Procedures & By-Laws Updates (Recommend Review and Approve)

**Mr. Fitzroy** presented the item.

**Chairperson Arnold** opened the item for Commissioner questions.

**Commissioner Paulding** asked for clarification on the proposed change to Policy 3.2.2 (c).

**Mr. Fitzroy** responded to questions and provided comment.

**Commissioner Paulding** inquired about impacts that would occur as a result of the proposed change to Policy 3.2.2 (c).

**Mr. Fitzroy** responded to questions and provided comment.

**Chairperson Arnold** asked for clarification on staff's recommendation.

**Chairperson Arnold** opened the item for public comment.

**Mario Iglesias**, General Manager of Nipomo Community Services District, commented on the value of the proposed change to Policy 3.2.2 (c).

**Commissioner Paulding** expressed interest in postponing the item until the next meeting to allow time for County Counsel to review the proposed change to Policy 3.2.2 (c).

**Commissioner Eby** stated his support for the proposed change to Policy 3.2.2 (c).

**Commissioner Eby** motioned to approve staff recommendation and include the proposed clarifying language to Policy 3.2.2 (c) described in the staff report.

**Commissioner Waage** seconded the motion.

**Commissioner Paulding** explained he would be voting no on the motion as County Counsel would appreciate time to review the proposed change to Policy 3.2.2 (c).

**Commissioner Waage** asked **Mr. Pierik** for clarification on the proposed change to Policy 3.2.2 (c).

**Mr. Pierik** responded to questions and provided comment.

**Chairperson Arnold** called for a roll call vote.

AYES: Commissioners Eby, Waage, Enns, Jensen, and Chairperson Arnold

NAYS: Commissioner Paulding

ABSTAINING: None

The motion was passed.

**A-4:** Year End Budget and Fourth Quarter Work Plan Update for Fiscal Year 2022-2023  
(Recommend Receive and File)

**Mr. Fitzroy** presented the item.

**Chairperson Arnold** opened the item for Commissioner questions.

**Commissioner Waage** inquired about pension obligations.

**Mr. Fitzroy** responded to questions and provided comment.

**Chairperson Arnold** opened the item for public comment, announcing it was closed shortly

after hearing none.

**Chairperson Arnold** thanked staff and announced the item was received and filed.

**Commissioner Comments:**

**Commissioner Jensen** commented on the healthy state of the budget. **Commissioner Waage** inquired about plans for a September meeting. **Commissioner Eby** announced Mario Iglesias' retirement and announced the new General Manager of NCSD, Ray Dienzo.

**Legal Counsel Comments:**

None

**Executive Officer Comments:**

**Mr. Fitzroy** provided comment regarding future commission meetings.

**Adjournment:** With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m. until the next meeting of the Commission in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the County Government Center in San Luis Obispo.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Morgan Bing, LAFCO Clerk Analyst