



**SAN LUIS OBISPO  
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 17, 2024, MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

The San Luis Obispo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2024, by Vice Chair Steve Gregory 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:** Vice Chair Steve Gregory, Commissioners Debbie Arnold, Robert Enns, Jimmy Paulding, and Ed Waage, and Alternate Commissioners Ed Eby and David Watson

**Absent:** Chairperson Marshall Ochylski, and Alternate Commissioners Dawn Ortiz-Legg and Carla Wixom

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

**Approval of the Minutes:** September 19, 2024

**Vice Chair Gregory** announced the consideration of approval of the September 19, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.

**Vice Chair Gregory** asked for Commissioner comments.

**Vice Chair Gregory** opened the item for public comment, announcing it was closed shortly after hearing none.

**Vice Chair Gregory** asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

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

**Commissioner Waage** seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Commissioners Paulding, Waage, Arnold, Enns, Watson, Eby, and Vice Chair Gregory

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

The motion passed.

**Non-Agenda Public Comment Period**

**Vice Chair Gregory** opened the item for public comment, announcing it was closed shortly after hearing none.

**Consent Agenda**

**A-1:** Amendment to the 2024 Regular Meeting Calendar and Adoption of the 2025 Regular Meeting Calendar

**Mr. Fitzroy** introduced the consent agenda item.

**Vice Chair Gregory** asked for Commissioner comments.

**Vice Chair Gregory** opened the item for public comment, announcing it was closed shortly after hearing none.

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

**Commissioner Paulding** seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Watson, Paulding, Arnold, Enns, Waage, Eby, and Vice Chair Gregory

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

The motion passed.

**Regular Matters**

**B-1:** LAFCO File No. 1-E-23 | Oceano Community Services District Divestiture of Fire Protection Services and Designation of the County of San Luis Obispo as Successor Agency for Fire Protection Service

**Ms. Bing** presented the item.

**Vice Chair Gregory** asked for Commissioner comments.

**Commissioner Paulding** asked if any protests had been received.

**Ms. Bing** responded to questions and provided comment.

**Commissioner Watson** inquired about the protest hearing schedule.

**Ms. Bing** responded to questions and provided comment.

**Commissioner Eby** asked for clarification on the property tax sharing agreement.

**Ms. Bing** responded to questions and provided comment.

**Vice Chair Gregory** opened the item for public comment, announcing it was closed shortly after hearing none.

**Commissioner Enns** asked if a representative from Oceano Community Services District or Five Cities Fire Authority was available to provide comment.

**Peter Brown**, General Manager of Oceano Community Services District, provided comment.

**Commissioner Enns** inquired about response times and staffing.

**Scott Hallett**, Fire Chief for the Five Cities Fire Authority, responded to questions and provided comment.

**Commissioner Paulding** commented on the proposal and motioned to approve staff recommendation for Action 1.

**Commissioner Arnold** seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Paulding, Arnold, Enns, Waage, Watson, Eby, and Vice Chair Gregory

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

The motion passed.

**Commissioner Paulding** made a motion to approve staff recommendation for Action 2.

**Commissioner Arnold** seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Paulding, Arnold, Enns, Waage, Watson, Eby, and Vice Chair Gregory

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

The motion passed.

**B-2: Public Member Appointment**

**Mr. Fitzroy** presented the item and discussed the proposed interview process.

The following public member candidates provided presentations and were interviewed by the Commission:

- Michael Draze
- Roland Haga
- James Irving
- Mark Miller
- Carmen Morales-Board
- David Watson

**Vice Chair Gregory** opened the item for public comment.

**John Joyce**, resident of Nipomo, stated his support for Carmen Morales-Board.

**Vice Chair Gregory** thanked all candidates for applying and attending the meeting.

**Commissioner Paulding** provided comment on all candidates and stated his support for appointing David Watson as the public member and Michael Draze as the alternate public member.

**Commissioner Waage** also stated support for appointing David Watson as the public member and Michael Draze as the alternate public member.

**Commissioner Eby** stated support for appointing David Watson as the public member and Michael Draze as the alternate public member.

**Commissioner Enns** stated support for appointing David Watson as the public member and for appointing Roland Haga or Michael Draze as the alternate public member.

**Commissioner Arnold** stated support for appointing David Watson and for appointing James Irving or Michael Draze as the alternate public member.

**Vice Chair Gregory** stated support for appointing David Watson as the public member and Michael Draze as the alternate public member.

**Commissioner Eby** made a motion to appoint David Watson as the public member and Michael Draze as the alternate public member.

**Commissioner Waage** seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Eby, Waage, Arnold, Enns, Waage, and Vice Chair Gregory

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

**B-3:** Contract for Legal Services

**Mr. Fitzroy** presented the item.

**Vice Chair Gregory** asked when the new legal counsel first meeting is.

**Mr. Fitzroy** responded to questions.

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

**Commissioner Enns** seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Waage, Enn, Arnold, Paulding, Watson, Eby, and Vice Chair Gregory

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

**Commissioner Comments:** **Commissioner Watson** thanked the Commission for their support.

**Legal Counsel Comments:** None

**Executive Officer Comments:** **Mr. Fitzroy** announced the tentative schedule for upcoming hearings, updated the Commission on the Commission Clerk position recruitment, and provided an update on the information request for the Dana Reserve hearing.

**Adjournment:** With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m. until the next meeting of the Commission in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the County Government Center in San Luis Obispo.

Respectfully submitted,  
Morgan Bing, LAFCO Analyst