



**SAN LUIS OBISPO
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 19, 2026, 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, February 19, 2026, by Chairperson Heather Moreno in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the County Government Center, 1055 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408.

Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Heather Moreno, Vice Chair Dave Watson, Commissioners Ed Eby, Navid Fardanesh, Steve Gregory, Dawn Ortiz-Legg, and Ed Waage

Absent: Alternate Commissioners Michael Draze, Bruce Gibson, and Carla Wixom

Staff: Rob Fitzroy, LAFCO Executive Officer
Imelda Marquez-Vawter, LAFCO Senior Analyst
Morgan Bing, LAFCO Analyst
Melissa Morris, LAFCO Commission Clerk
Aleks R. Giragosian, LAFCO Legal Counsel (remote)

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Minutes: January 15, 2026

Chairperson Moreno announced the consideration of approval of the January 15, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Chairperson Moreno asked for Commissioner comments.

Commissioner Waage inquired about attendance at the last meeting.

Ms. Morris responded to questions and provided comment.

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

Chairperson Moreno asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Waage motioned to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Ortiz-Legg seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Waage, Ortiz-Legg, Eby, Fardanesh, Gregory, Vice Chair Watson, and Chairperson Moreno

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed.

Non-Agenda Public Comment Period

Chairperson Moreno opened public comment, announcing it was closed shortly after hearing none.

Consent Matters

A-1: Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Status and Work Plan Report

Chairperson Moreno opened the item for Commissioner questions and comments.

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

Commissioner Ortiz-Legg motioned to approve the Consent Matters.

Commissioner Waage seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Ortiz-Legg, Waage, Eby, Fardanesh, Gregory, Vice Chair Watson, and Chairperson Moreno

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Matters

B-1: LAFCO File No. 2-S-24: Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Study for the Upper Salinas – Las Tablas Resource Conservation District

Mr. Fitzroy presented the item.

Chairperson Moreno opened the item for Commissioner questions and comments, and inquired about audit scheduling.

Mr. Fitzroy invited **Drew Loganbill**, Executive Director of the Upper Salinas – Las Tablas Resource Conservation District (US-LTRCD), to respond.

Mr. Loganbill responded to questions and provided comment.

Commissioner Fardanesh inquired about information posted on the US-LTRCD website.

Mr. Loganbill responded to questions and provided comment.

Commissioner Ortiz-Legg provided comment regarding the unique challenges of this district.

Commissioner Gregory inquired about the specifics of Action 2 for the item.

Mr. Fitzroy responded to questions and provided comment.

Chairperson Moreno opened the item for public comment.

Steve Carter, US-LTRCD Board Member , provided comment regarding recent leadership changes at the US-LTRCD.

Kari Lekvold, Internal Audit Chief with the County of San Luis Obispo Auditor-Controller's Office, provided comment in support of the recommended actions.

Chairperson Moreno closed public comment, opened the item for Commissioner questions, and provided comment in support of the US-LTRCD selecting a new firm to complete their audits.

Commissioner Waage provided comment on the great work done by the US-LTRCD and made a motion in support of the staff recommendation for Item B-1, Action 1: Find, by motion, the Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Study prepared for the Upper Salinas – Las Tablas Resource Conservation District (LAFCO File No. 2-S-24) to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Categorical Exemption Section 15306 and CEQA General Rule Exemption 15061(b)(3).

Vice Chair Watson seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioner Waage, Vice Chair Watson, Commissioners Eby, Fardanesh, Gregory, Ortiz-Legg, and Chairperson Moreno

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Waage made a motion in support of the staff recommendation for Item B-1, Action 2: Approve, by resolution, the Upper Salinas – Las Tablas Resource Conservation District Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Study (LAFCO File No. 2-S-24) as contained in Attachments A and B, and reaffirm the District’s existing Sphere of Influence as depicted in Attachment A, Exhibit C, with the following conditions of approval:

1. Upon approval of the Upper Salinas – Las Tablas Resource Conservation District Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Study (LAFCO File No. 2-S-24), the Commission hereby establishes a 12-month remediation period to allow the Upper Salinas – Las Tablas Resource Conservation District to complete all outstanding financial audits and to work in coordination with the County Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector’s Office to identify the specific issues and extent of financial concerns documented in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and Fiscal Year 2022-2023 audits.
2. LAFCO staff shall provide a comprehensive progress report to the Commission at the conclusion of the 12-month remediation period and include updates in each regular Quarterly Budget and Work Plan Report throughout the remediation period on the status of the District’s audit completion and financial remediation efforts.
3. Based on the findings of the 12-month remediation period progress report, the Commission shall consider whether further action is warranted, including, but not limited to, consideration of a LAFCO initiated consolidation or dissolution of the District.

Commissioner Gregory seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioners Waage, Gregory, Eby, Fardanesh, Ortiz-Legg, Vice Chair Watson, and Chairperson Moreno

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Comments: None.

Legal Counsel Comments: None.

Executive Officer Comments: **Mr. Fitzroy** provided updates on future meetings and the Special District Alternate Election.

Adjournment: With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 9:23 AM until the next meeting of the Commission in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the County Government Center in San Luis Obispo.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Morris, LAFCO Commission Clerk