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MINUTES

Protest Proceedings Hearing April 3, 2019 Shasta Community Service District Office

(These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcription of the proceedings and discussion associated with the business on the Commission's agenda; rather, what follows is a summary of the order of business and general nature of testimony, Commission deliberation, and action taken.)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Williamson, Executive Officer called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. at the Shasta Community Service District Office, 10711 French Alley, Shasta, California. Staff present included, Executive Officer George Williamson and Office Manager Kathy Bull. Commissioner Haynes was in the audience.

Chris Koeper, General Manager from Shasta CSD was present to answer any questions. Charleen Beard, Shasta County Public Works department also attended.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Roy Vincent representing the Jones Valley County Service Area explained they had a water right with Keswick and expressed concerns regarding the dissolution and annexation with how it would affect their water right.

3. PROTEST HEARING

Mr. Williamson explained at a public hearing on February 7, 2019, the Shasta Local Agency Formation Commission approved the Shasta Community Services District Annexation, County Service Area #25 Keswick Dissolution for water only. The approval triggered a 30-day reconsideration period which ended March 11, 2019 with no reconsideration requests received. He provided information on the process for finalizing the annexation. Mr. Williamson read a transcript from the February 7, 2019 to provide further information and provided a summary of the Shasta LAFCO Resolution.

Both Mr. Williamson and Mr. Koeper answered questions regarding water rates, the benefits of the annexation such as the fire rating and other miscellaneous questions. The protest hearing was opened to the public.

Steve Boyd from Jones Valley provided a document named CSA #6 Jones Valley/Elk Trail Water History which provided a timeline of issues regarding the water district. He did not agree with the annexation and shared his concern with the possible loss of Jones Valley water rights.

Loretta Root shared concerns about the Keswick water being given to other agencies and the cost of the infrastructure in the various subdivisions within Keswick.

Nydia Schuhmeier, a resident of Keswick stated the community had been solvent prior to the Carr Fire, and felt here was negligence regarding actions taken during the Carr Fire.

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Kurt W. Schuhmeier, spoke about the Keswick water system that was paid through loans and grants. He provided is numerous concerns regarding Keswick Water District being dissolved after the Carr Fire and felt any issues could be worked out without an annexation.

Michael Dutton, expressed his concerns over the time the public hearing was being held. He also explained his apprehension regarding Keswick annexation into the Shasta CSD and stated Shasta residents had not been informed about the annexation.

Chris Hunter, expressed concern regarding Shasta CSD taking Keswick Water. Keswick had a water rate increase last year and is concerned about another increase from Shasta CSD. He stated there were issues with communication with Shasta CSD and expected to have better service if he had a higher water rate.

Jo Ann Vayo, a Shasta resident explained she goes to all the Shasta CSD board meetings and didn't have an issue with the board or the annexation.

Roy Vincent wanted assurance his previous comments would be placed on the record.

Dave Cross, President of the Shasta CSD Board provided some history regarding the reason for an annexation. After the Carr Fire there were hardly any residents living in the district which would cause the water rates to rise significantly. Once Keswick area was rebuilt, there would be more customers in both areas which would be economically beneficial for everyone.

Ms. Bull accepted written protests prior to and during the meeting and provided the total of 18 written protests. Mr. Williamson determined there were insufficient protest ballots to call for election or terminate the annexation proceedings. He indicated the proceedings would be reported to the Commission.

Mr. Williamson closed the public hearing.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be held on April 4, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. at Anderson City Hall. The Executive Officer will present the results of the protest hearing at that meeting.

There being no further business, Executive Officer George Williamson adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Kathy Bull
Acting Clerk to the Commission

George Williamson
Executive Officer

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