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County Member

Irwin Fust  
Special District Member

Pamelyn Morgan  
City Member Alternate

Mary Rickert  
County Member Alternate

Stan Neutze  
City Member

Brenda Haynes  
Special District Member

Michael Dacquisto  
City Member



Larry Russell  
Public Member

Katharine Ann Campbell  
Public Member Alternate

Joe Chimenti  
County Member

George Williamson  
Executive Officer

Fred Ryness  
Special District Alternate

James M. Underwood  
General Counsel

Kathy Bull  
Manager

## MINUTES

Regular Commission Meeting April 7, 2022  
City of Anderson Council Chambers  
1887 Howard Street, Anderson, California

*(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

a. Chairman Fust called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in-person at the City of Anderson Council Chambers.

**Present:** Chairman Fust, Vice-Chairman Neutze, Commissioners Chimenti, Haynes, Jones, Morgan and Russell. Alternative Commissioners, Rickert and Ryness were in the audience.

**Staff Present:** Executive Officer George Williamson, General Counsel Jim Underwood, and Office Manager Kathy Bull.

**Absent:** Commissioner Dacquisto and Alternate Commissioner Campbell

b. Commissioner Stan Neutze led the pledge of Allegiance.

c. Chairman Fust announced County Member Patrick Jones as Commissioner.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Pereira, shared his concerns regarding the Shasta CSD and Shasta County Fire Department with an upcoming project moving the fire services from Shasta CSD to Shasta County Fire. He stated at a CSD board meeting, a resolution was listed as saying not to go forward with the action. Mr. Pereira also felt the public had the right to vote or have input for this change and that no community meeting had been held.

John Whitmer asked that the commission immediately look into the unsustainable relationship between Shasta County Fire Department and CalFire. He also shared his concern for the upcoming fire season with regards to his stated inadequacies with CalFire.

### 3. AGENDA ADOPTION

a. Agenda Additions/Changes

Ms. Bull noted two additions, a letter from Les Baugh to be added to item 4.a. Certificate of Recognition and a letter from John Whitmer to be added to item 6. Correspondence.

b. Business/Campaign Conflict Disclosure  
No conflicts were provided.

### 4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

a. Presentation of Certificate of Recognition for Les Baugh.

Chair Fust read a thank you letter submitted by former Commissioner Baugh who was not able to attend.

## 5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Minutes from March 3, 2022 Commission Meeting.
- b. Fiscal Information – January and February 2022 bank statements, reconciliations, disbursements.

**Motion** to approve consent calendar was presented by Commissioner Neutze, seconded by Commissioner Russell, and passed by the following votes:

**Ayes:** Chimenti, Fust, Jones, Haynes, Morgan, Neutze, Russell

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Dacquisto

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. California Grand Juror's Association – Thank-you letter
- b. John Whitmer – letter of concern regarding the state of the relationship between Shasta County Fire Department and CalFire  
These letters were entered into the record.

## 7. SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Continued: Centerville CSD MSR SOI Update.

Mr. Williamson stated this hearing was continued from previous meeting as the district board requested time to consider the proposed reduced SOI to exclude public lands. The district did provide information that they are providing services to the public lands under certain circumstances. The Centerville CSD Board of Directors held a meeting in March and voted unanimously to oppose the SOI reduction. Based on Board justifications, Staff is recommending the SOI remain the same. At the previous Shasta LAFCO meeting, the Commission had some questions regarding finance including reserve accounts, water availability from the Bureau of Reclamation which Mr. Muehlbacher answered via letter and is incorporated into the Municipal Service Review.

There was Commission discussion regarding water service within special districts. There was a question regarding the amount of money in reserves and asked for explanation of temporary water service for public lands.

Chair Fust opened the public hearing. Chris Muehlbacher, Centerville CSD General Manager provided an estimated dollar amount of 1.2 million in both restricted and unrestricted reserves. He also explained that construction meters for water are used typically for public lands with control burns and light construction installation of culverts which are reimbursed except under an emergency such as the Carr fire. Exchange water is a contractual agreement for water rights with the Bureau of Reclamation and approximately 900-acre feet which is received. Chair Fust suggested this information be included in the MSR/SOI to explain difference between project water and exchange water.

Alternate Commissioner Ryness wanted to comment about the dry weather conditions this year. With no other public comments, the public hearing was closed.

The Commission discussed the issue brought up with the relationship of CalFire and County Fire Department, although it was not agendized or involving Centerville CSD. Chair Fust stated the issue would need to be agendized if it was under LAFCO purview and to his understanding that it is not. Commissioner Jones stated he would bring it up to the Shasta County Fire Chief and start the proceed at the county level regarding letter from John Whitmer. Alternate Commissioner

Rickert said this issue had been brought to the County's attention and recently has a new interim fire chief. She suggested she would contact Sean O'Hara, CalFire Interim Unit Chief to address this.

John Whitmer said this information had been brought to the County's attention back in January and nothing was done, it was brought to the attention of Chief Gouvea, the State Attorney General, the State Auditor's Office, the northern region Chief of CalFire, and nothing has been done. He believes the Shasta County Fire Department is a fire district and would be within LAFCO's interest. Chair Fust said this needs to start at the County level.

**Motion** to approve the updated MSR/SOI via Resolution 2022-05 was presented by Commissioner Neutze, seconded by Commissioner Haynes, and passed by the following votes:

**Ayes:** Chimenti, Fust, Jones, Haynes, Morgan, Neutze, Russell

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:**None

**Absent:** Dacquisto

b. Proposed Budget - Fiscal Year 2022/2023

Mr. Williamson provided information for the proposed budget that will be mailed out to all member organizations once approved. He provided an explanation of the costs associated with CalPERS. Chair Fust opened the public hearing. Mark Pereira shared his thoughts regarding CalPERS. Having no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

**Motion** to approve the proposed budget via Resolution 2022-06 was presented by Commissioner Neutze, seconded by Commissioner Russell, and passed by the following votes:

**Ayes:** Chimenti, Fust, Jones, Haynes, Morgan, Neutze, Russell

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:**None

**Absent:** Dacquisto

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Contract Services Extension FY 2022/2023 – Executive Officer

Mr. Williamson advised the Commission he provides services to the Commission on an annual contract basis. The Commission can direct staff to provide a contract service agreement for FY 2022/2023 at the June meeting or direct a request for proposal go out for bids as an option. The Commission directed staff to provide a contract for the Executive Officer and General Counsel listed in 8.b. at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

b. Contract Services Extension FY 2022/2023 – General Counsel

Item discussed with 8.a.

c. Unpaid Fees - Stephens Ridge Annexation

Mr. Williamson explained there were costs associated with extensions for the Stephens Ridge Annexation. Staff provided invoice to applicant for costs and had not been able to contact the applicant. This was agenized for collection purposes, however, with new information just received, it may not be necessary.

**Motion** to approve to continue was presented by Commissioner Haynes, seconded by Commissioner Chimenti, and passed by the following votes:

**Ayes:** Chimenti, Fust, Jones, Haynes, Morgan, Neutze, Russell

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:**None

**Absent:** Dacquisto

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Invoices from Planwest Partners, George Williamson for January and February 2022

**Motion** to approve Planwest Partners invoices was presented by Commissioner Neutze, seconded by Commissioner Russell, and passed by the following votes:

**Ayes:** Chimenti, Fust, Jones, Haynes, Morgan, Neutze, Russell

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:**None

**Absent:** Dacquisto

b. 2nd Quarter Financial Budget Reports – Budget vs Actual, Revenue Statement, Financial Statement, Balance Sheet.

**Motion** to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Budget Reports was presented by Commissioner Russell, seconded by Commissioner Chimenti, and passed by the following votes:

**Ayes:** Chimenti, Fust, Jones, Haynes, Morgan, Neutze, Russell

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:**None

**Absent:** Dacquisto

10. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Mr. Williams provided the Commission with update on application received from Shasta CSD fire divestiture, and currently awaiting resolutions for tax exchange agreements. A certificate of filing would then occur and scheduling possibly for a June hearing. Chief Oldson, from Fall River Valley FPD has been in contact with staff and the County regarding tax exchange agreement reconsideration time lapse.

11. CLOSED SESSION

No closed session was scheduled.

12. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Jones said it was a mutual agreement with Les Baugh that he serve on LAFCO, and the Commission welcomed him back. Commissioner Neutze commented on the letter received from John Whitmer going to the County first. Commissioner Haynes stated Commissioner Jones was going to follow up on the letter from John Whitmer. Commissioner Russell shared there was a groundbreaking event in Hill Country for phase one affordable housing.

13. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. located at the City of Redding, 777 Cypress Avenue, Redding, California.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Fust adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Kathy Bull  
Acting Clerk to the Commission

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Irwin Fust  
Chairman

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