

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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LAFCO AGENDA

Wednesday, February 4, 2009
9:30 a.m.

Room 525, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

- 1) ROLL CALL

- 2) MINUTES
 - a) December 8, 2008

- 3) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
 - a) Anyone may briefly address the Commission concerning items not on the agenda.

- 4) PUBLIC HEARING
 - a) Adjustments to Commission's Schedule of Fees and Deposits

- 5) OTHER BUSINESS
 - a) Status of Applications Concerning UCSC North Campus
 - b) Status of Other Proposals
 - c) Discussion of Potential Reorganization Study of Fire Agencies in Santa Cruz County
 - d) Income Tax Deferral for Employee Pension Contributions
 - e) Selection of LAFCO Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2009

- 6) WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE
 - a) January 13, 2009 letter from Board of Supervisors Chairperson Ellen Pirie to LAFCO Chairperson regarding operational and financing suggestions for County Service Area 48 (County Fire)

- 6) WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE (continued)
 - b) County Staff Report for Board of Supervisors January 27, 2009 agenda regarding the relocation of a fire station to Bonny Doon
 - c) CALAFCO Board Nomination
 - d) Portion of Final Grand Jury Report regarding County Fire

7) PRESS ARTICLES

Pajaro Valley Water

- a) December 2 Sentinel article:
P.V. water agency starts rebate process
- b) December 11 Sentinel article:
PVWMA leaders gloomy about agency's future
- c) December 11 Pajaronian article:
PVWMA director likens agency to Titanic
- d) December 24 Pajaronian article:
PVWMA mails refund checks to residents
- e) December 26 Pajaronian article:
PVWMA, Pajaro/Sunny Mesa appear headed to trial
- f) January 6 Pajaronian article:
PVWMA wins chance to defend fee, case heads to trial Monday
- g) January 6 Sentinel article:
Pajaro Valley water officials ponder bankruptcy as fee lawsuit heads to trial
- h) January 7 Sentinel article:
Lawsuit fractures Pajaro Valley water agency board
- i) January 7 Pajaronian article:
Letters detail PVWMA feud
- j) January 8 Sentinel article:
PVWMA says bankruptcy would give time to solve woes
- k) January 8 Pajaronian article:
PVWMA directors discuss bankruptcy
- l) January 14 Pajaronian article:
Water agency wins in court
- m) January 14 Sentinel article:
Judge throws out Pajaro Valley water lawsuit
- n) January 23 Pajaronian article:
PVWMA officials seek truce with Pajaro/Sunny Mesa district

San Lorenzo Valley Water

- o) January 16 Press Banner article:
SLV water rates to rise for three years
- p) January 20 Sentinel article:
Rate hike on tap for SLV water customers

Miscellaneous Water

- q) December 14 Sentinel article:
Local water supplies remain tight despite wet weather

Bonny Doon Fire

- r) December 9 Sentinel article:
Bonny Doon fire proposal shot down again
- s) December 10 Sentinel correction:
Setting It Straight
- t) December 11 Press/Banner article:
LAFCO denies BD fire district bid; county may beef up service
- u) December 16 Valley Post article:
Santa Cruz County and Cal Fire mull Bonny Doon service option
- v) January 22 Press/Banner article:
Supes to consider putting state firefighters in Bonny Doon
- w) January 28 Sentinel article:
Cal Fire plans year-round operations in Bonny Doon
- x) January 28 Pajaronian article:
Bonny Doon to get year-round fire protection staffed by Cal Fire

Miscellaneous Fire

- y) December 11 SignOn San Diego online article:
County up against fire wall
- z) December 24 Sacramento Bee article:
El Dorado County fire districts face funding crisis
- aa) January 16 Press/Banner article:
Zayante Fire Protection District will buy new narrowband radios
With a \$37,145 federal grant
- bb) January 28 Sentinel article:
Supervisors order report on costs of aiding Santa Clara County

Miscellaneous

- cc) December 9 Pajaronian article:
Lawsuit

8) ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

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