



LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

ADOPTED ACTION MINUTES  
PROTEST HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED  
“SCOTTS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT SPHERE ANNEXATION”  
(LAFCO PROJECT NO. DA 22-13)

Date: Wednesday, June 2, 2023  
Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Virtual Setting (Zoom Webinar)  
Teleconference: 669-900-6833

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The June 2, 2023 Protest Hearing is called to order by declaration of Joe Serrano, LAFCO Executive Officer.

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Joe Serrano welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the protest hearing. The hearing is being conducted by LAFCO staff in accordance with the Commission’s Protest Hearing Policy.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Joe Serrano opened the floor for public comments. There were no requests to address LAFCO on this agenda item.

**SUMMARIZATION OF LAFCO RESOLUTION NO. 2023-08**

Joe Serrano reviewed the terms and conditions outlined in the resolution approving the annexation. This resolution was adopted by the Commission on April 5, 2023 and the proposed annexation will be recorded once all the terms and conditions are fulfilled.

Mr. Serrano opened the floor for public comments. He indicated that no requests were made to speak on this agenda item.

**ORAL OR WRITTEN PROTESTS, OBJECTIONS, OR EVIDENCE**

Joe Serrano indicated that one of the conditions in the adopted resolution was to conduct a protest proceeding which would allow affected registered voters and landowners to voice their opposition to the annexation. If LAFCO receives less than 25% in opposition during the proceeding, then the approval of the annexation moves forward. If LAFCO receives between 25% to 50% in opposition, then the annexation requires a special election. If LAFCO receives more than 50% in opposition, then the annexation is terminated. Protest petition thresholds are based on the number of registered voters and the total assessed land value within the annexation area.

Mr. Serrano opened the floor for any oral or written protests. He indicated that no opposition was raised.

## DETERMINATION OF THE VALUE OF WRITTEN PROTESTS

Joe Serrano informed the attendees that two petitions were submitted: one landowner petition and one registered voter petition. The landowner petition was determined to be valid, however, the registered voter petition was considered invalid because the individual was not identified in the County Election Department's registered voter list provided to LAFCO. Based on this outcome, the annexation will move forward.

Mr. Serrano opened the floor for public comments. He indicated that no requests were made to speak on this agenda item.

## ADJOURNMENT

Joe Serrano indicated that the Commission will consider certifying the protest results by adopting a resolution during the next LAFCO Meeting. The next LAFCO meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 2023.



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YVETTE BROOKS, CHAIRPERSON

Attest:



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Joe A. Serrano, Executive Officer