

# Mono County Local Agency Formation Commission

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## MINUTES

May 3, 2017  
(Adopted June 7, 2017)

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**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Bob Gardner & Fred Stump, Mono County; Tom Cage, Special District alternate; Bruce Woodworth, public member; Stephen Kalish, public member alternate.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Scott Burns, executive officer; Gerry Le Francois, principal planner; CD Ritter, secretary

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Acting Chair Fred Stump called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. in the Town/County Conference Room, Minaret Village Mall, Mammoth Lakes, and attendees recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**3. MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Adopt minutes of June 1, 2016, as amended: 1) Item 4, second graph: ~~Woodward Woodworth~~; 2) Item 6, next-to-last graph: **It is hard to move** forward when legal proceeding is under way. (*Woodworth/Stump. Ayes: 2. Abstain: Gardner & alternates Cage & Kalish. Absent: Brown.*)

**4. PUBLIC HEARING: 2017-18 Preliminary Budget**

Scott Burns indicated State law sets up LAFCOs as independent agencies funded by local governments. In Mono County, funding is apportioned to avoid impacting financially constrained special districts. Costs are borne by Mono County, Town of Mammoth Lakes, and special district remainder shared equally by Southern Mono Healthcare District and Mammoth Community Water District. Burns presented a brief overview of the preliminary budget, noting a maintenance level of staffing by Mono. A possible action in summer would have MCWD annexing Snowcreek. Application fee is about \$500.

Woodworth asked if another annexation were to occur, how budget would change midyear. Burns indicated a budget adjustment could be waived if policies consisted with LAFCO goals, nothing unique. If adjustment were needed, LAFCO would return to funding entities. A strategic reserve? Burns indicated not currently. He could provide expenditures and track LAFCO planning staff hours.

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING.** No comments. **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING.**

**MOTION:** Adopt preliminary budget for 2017-18 (*Cage/Gardner. Ayes: 3. Abstain: Alternates Kalish & Cage. Absent: Brown.*)

Create reserve? No.

**5. MEMBERSHIP REVIEW**

**A. Update on current membership:** New commissioner Tom Cage was welcomed as special district alternate.

B. **Election of officers:** Chair Hank Brown (*Cage/Woodworth. Ayes: 5-0.*) Vice-Chair Fred Stump (*Woodworth/Cage. Ayes: 4. Abstain: Alternate Kalish.*)

C. **Initiation of special district election to fill vacant regular special district seat:** A vacancy exists after passing of Commissioner Earl Henderson, who had served as special district regular member and LAFCO chair since 2006. Secretary will mail nomination letter and ballot to each of 21 special districts, requesting return by June 30, 2017.

Imbalance in Mono representation? Burns had considered that in past and sought more representation from North County. Teleconference to Bridgeport if interest is shown up north? Conduct research.

## 6. SPECIAL DISTRICT STUDY UPDATE

A. **Fire Protection District Consolidation:** The interest had ~~wanted~~ waned for Mono City and Lee Vining FPDs to merge, but now renewed interest has been shown. A Fire Safe Council was formed, maybe collaborate in that forum. LAFCO would investigate possible merger only if both entities concur. Earlier, Paradise and Wheeler Crest FPDs considered merging, but FSC grant to Wheeler Crest included Paradise, and they're happy to collaborate now.

B. **Hospital District Study status:** A more regional approach would need support from both entities. Court decision of Southern Mono Healthcare District vs. Inyo LAFCO could be appealed. If appealed, Stump suggesting staying out of it, but inviting CEOs of Southern Mono Healthcare District and Northern Inyo Healthcare District, plus executive director of Inyo LAFCO to a future meeting when timing appropriate. \$100,000 study would be funded by involved district for LAFCO consultant/facilitator.

--- Cage departed at 3:50 p.m. ---

7. **ADJOURN** at 3:58 p.m. to next meeting: June 7, 2017

*Prepared by CD Ritter, LAFCO secretary*