



**DECEMBER 17, 2014  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. in the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Chamber, with Chair Bass presiding.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Virginia Bass, Estelle Fennell, Gordon Johnson, Skip Jorgensen, Sue Long, Troy Nicolini, and Bruce Rupp  
Commissioners Absent: Robert McPherson  
Staff: George Williamson, Executive Officer  
Colette Metz, Administrator  
Russ Gans, Legal Counsel

**4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

**A) Certificates of Appreciation for Former City Members – Mike Losey (Fortuna) and Mike Newman (Eureka)**

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Mike Losey by Chair Bass. The Commission expressed appreciation for Commissioner Losey's dedication and perspective. The Certificate of Appreciation for Mike Newman will be delivered.

**B) Recognition of New City Members – Sue Long (Fortuna) and Gordon Johnson (Rio Dell)**

The commission welcomed new city members, Sue Long and Gordon Johnson. Both members expressed appreciation of LAFCo's role and enthusiasm for being part of the commission.

**5. PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

None

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**C) Approval of September 17, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Motion Fennell/ Rupp** to approve the consent calendar. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0-3 (Johnson, Long and Nicolini abstaining).

**7. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A) Authorization for the Palmer Creek Community Services District to Extend Water Services Outside District Boundaries**

Commissioner Long recused herself from this item due to a conflict of interest and left the dais. Executive Officer Williamson summarized the staff report and Palmer Creek CSD's request to extend water services to three parcels outside the District's boundary and sphere to respond to a public health and safety concern. Mr. Williamson noted that the Palmer Creek CSD had negotiated a service agreement with property owners. When asked whether alternative service options were considered, Mr.

Williamson explained that high levels of Iron and Manganese were present in groundwater, making onsite well options less feasible. The commission questioned whether the extension could facilitate additional requests. Lowell Wallace, Palmer Creek CSD Board President, explained that topography and other physical constraints make extension of water infrastructure too costly in most instances. For the proposed request, an existing main on Palmer Boulevard allowed the District to accommodate the property owners on an emergency basis. The Commission further discussed the approval with conditions.

**Motion Fennell/ Jorgensen** to adopt Resolution No. 14-08 authorizing the Palmer Creek CSD to provide water services outside district boundaries to APN 200-081-014, -025, and -027. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Long).

**B) Confirmation of Exemption from Government Code Section 56133 for Transfer of Wastewater from a Proposed Micro-Brewery in Redway to the Garberville Sanitary District Wastewater Treatment Facility**

Administrator Metz summarized the staff report and noted that LAFCo staff was approached in late October to determine whether Commission review would be required should brewery waste be transferred from Redway to Garberville for treatment at the GSD facility. While the proposed brewery project is still in the initial planning phases, including determining options for how the brewery will transfer and treat waste generated from brewery operations, Ms. Metz explained that the Commission's action is limited to the confirmation of exemption from Government Code Section 56133, as recommended by staff. The Commission discussed the treatment and disposal needs of the project and concurred that GSD would not be providing any services outside its jurisdictional boundaries requiring LAFCo review and approval.

**Motion Fennell/ Nicolini** to confirm the Garberville Sanitary District's exemption from the provisions of Government Code Section 56133 as it relates to accepting wastewater for treatment at its facility. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0-0.

**8. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

None

**9. INFORMATIONAL AND CONTINUING ITEMS**

**A) Status of Current and Future Proposals**

Executive Officer Williamson summarized the staff report, which was presented for information only.

**10. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Executive Officer Williamson reported on staff and commissioner activities, including participation in a CALAFCO University course titled "Legal Interpretations of Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg" and attendance at the 2014 CALAFCO Annual Conference. In addition, the Commission requested that a mid-year budget report be provided at the January meeting.

**11. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

**A) CALAFCO Quarterly, December 2014**

Received and filed.

**B) 2015 CALAFCO Calendar**

Received and filed.

**C) CALAFCO Letter Re: CALAFCO 2014 Annual Conference Attendance**

Received and filed.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m. Next regular meeting: January 21, 2015.