

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
ALAMEDA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
July 10, 2025, Regular Meeting
City of Dublin Council Chambers, 100 Civic Drive, Dublin, CA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

The regular meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. by Chair Johnson.
The Commission Clerk performed the roll call with the following attendance recorded.

Regulars Present: Jack Balch, City of Pleasanton
 Mariellen Faria, Eden Township Healthcare District
 David Haubert, County of Alameda
 Ralph Johnson, Castro Valley Sanitary District (Chair)
 Nathan Miley, County of Alameda*
 Sblend Sblendorio, Public Member

Alternates Present: Sherry Hu, City of Dublin (Voting)
 Peter Rosen, Hayward Area Recreation and Park District
 Bob Woerner, Public Member

Members Absent: John Marchand, City of Livermore
 Lena Tam, County of Alameda (alternate)

*Attended by videoconference.

The Commission Clerk confirmed a quorum was present with seven voting members. Also present at the meeting were Executive Officer Rachel Jones, Commission Counsel Andrew Massey, and Commission Clerk April Raffel.

3. RECOGNITION OF DEDICATED SERVICE

The Commission honored Alternate Special District Member, Georgean Vonheeder-Leopold, for her outstanding service to Alameda LAFCO. Her thoughtful leadership, commitment to good governance, and advocacy for the public interest have contributed significantly to the agency's mission and success. The Commission extended its sincere gratitude for her 12 years of service and contributions to the LAFCO community.

4. WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONER

The Commission acknowledged the results of the Independent Special Districts Selection Committee election held on May 14, 2025, confirming the election of Peter Rosen from Hayward Area Recreation and Park District to the Alternate Special District Member seat.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chair Johnson invited anyone from the public to address the Commission on any matter not listed on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Commission. There were none.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

Item 6a

Approval of Meeting Minutes for May 8, 2025, Regular Meeting

The item presented to approve the draft action minutes prepared for the Commission's regular meeting on May 8, 2025. Recommendation to approve.

Item 6b

Approval of Contract Extension for Professional Auditing Services

The item presented to approve the Contract Extension for Professional Auditing Services. Recommendation to approve.

Item 6c

Approval of the Legal Services Contract Agreement for General Counsel Services.

The item presented to approve the Legal Services Contract Agreement for General Counsel Services. Recommendation to approve.

Item 6d

Approval of the Time Extension for LAFCO File No. 2024-01

The item presented to approve the time extension for LAFCO File No. 2024-01. Recommendation to approve.

Chair Johnson asked if the Commissioners would like to pull any consent items for discussion. Commissioner Balch noted a clerical error on the posted agenda regarding the Vice Chair.

Commissioner Sblendorio motioned with a second from Commissioner Haubert to approve the consent calendar. Roll call requested:

AYES:	Balch, Faria, Haubert, Hu (voting for Marchand), Johnson, Miley, and Sblendorio
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Marchand
ABSTAIN:	None

The motion was approved 7-0.

7. UPDATE AND PRESENTATION ON THE REGIONAL WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMITTEE – (Business)

Executive Officer Jones introduced Eric Rosenblum, who presented an update on the Regional Water and Wastewater Committee initiative. His presentation highlighted key outcomes from May 21, 2025, interagency workshop and outlined recent developments regarding potential alignment with the Alameda County Special Districts Association (ACSDA).

No formal action is required at this time, unless otherwise directed by the Commission. A final report with findings and recommendations will be presented to the Commission at its next regular meeting.

Chair Johnson invited a Commission discussion. Commission discussion continued.

Chair Johnson invited public comments. There was one public comment to address the Commission from the following person:

- Georgean Vonheeder-Leopold, Dublin resident

Chair Johnson proceeded to close the public hearing. Commission discussion continued.

8. SALC PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION - (Business)

Executive Officer Jones presented a resolution for consideration authorizing Alameda LAFCO to serve as lead applicant for a \$500,000 Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) planning grant. If awarded, the grant would support a two-year regional initiative to establish the Bay Area Agricultural Resiliency Collaborative and develop tools and strategies to advance farmland preservation, climate resilience, and equity goals across 11 counties. Staff also requested authorization to allocate up to \$50,000 over the two-year period as the required matching funds. The recommendation is to adopt the resolution authorizing Alameda LAFCO to serve as lead applicant; and authorize allocation of \$50,000 for matching funds over two years; and authorize the Executive Officer to return to the Commission with a grant agreement, if awarded.

Chair Johnson invited a Commission discussion. Commission discussion continued.

Chair Johnson invited public comments. There were none.

Commissioner Balch motioned with a second from Commissioner Sblendorio to approve item 8. It was further requested, though not part of the motion, that staff confirm participation from other Bay Area LAFCOs and seek contributions from them. Roll call requested:

AYES:	Balch, Faria, Hu (voting for Marchand), Haubert, Johnson, Miley, and Sblendorio
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Marchand
ABSTAIN:	None

The motion was approved 7-0.

9. CALAFCO BOARD NOMINATIONS AND VOTING DELEGATE – (Business)

Executive Officer Jones announced that the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) will hold its Annual Conference from October 22-24 in San Diego. The recommendation is to appoint a voting delegate and alternate for the 2025 CALAFCO Annual Conference and provide staff with nominations for the CALAFCO Board of Directors.

Chair Johnson inquired if anyone was interested in attending the CALAFCO Annual Conference. Chair Johnson along with Commissioners Sblendorio and Rosen will be attending.

Commissioner Haubert motioned with a second from Commissioner Balch to appoint Alternate Commissioner Rosen as the voting delegate and Commissioner Sblendorio as the alternate voting delegate. Roll call requested:

AYES:	Balch, Faria, Hu (voting for Marchand), Haubert, Johnson, Miley, and Sblendorio
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Marchand
ABSTAIN:	None

The motion was approved 7-0.

10. POLICY AND BUDGET COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – (Business)

Executive Officer Jones reported that LAFCO's standing Policy and Budget Committee is responsible for reviewing and recommending policies, the annual work plan, and the annual budget to the Commission. The Committee meets at 2:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of even-numbered months at Dublin City Hall. Current members are Commissioners Johnson and Woerner. Staff requests that the Commission appoint one additional member to fill the remaining vacancy.

Commissioner Balch nominated Commissioner Mariellen Faria to serve on the Policy and Budget Committee with a second from Commissioner Sblendorio. Roll call requested:

AYES:	Balch, Faria, Hu (voting for Marchand), Haubert, Johnson, Miley, and Sblendorio
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Marchand
ABSTAIN:	None

The motion was approved 7-0.

11. MATTERS INITIATED BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

- Commissioner Faria inquired about the transition to independence regarding the status of the request for proposals for HR and benefits services. Executive Officer Jones responded that no proposals were received; however, the County's Human Resource Services Department recommended a broker, and legal counsel is currently preparing the contract agreement.

12. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

- None

13. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. Current and Pending Proposals
- b. Progress Report on 2024-2025 Work Plan
- c. CALAFCO Update
- d. CALAFCO Annual Conference from October 22 – 24 in San Diego, California

14. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

Next Meetings of the Commission

Policy and Budget Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 7, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., Dublin City Hall, Bray Community Room

Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., Dublin City Hall, Council Chambers

I hereby attest that the minutes above accurately reflect the Commission's deliberations at its July 10, 2025, regular meeting.

ATTEST,



April L. Raffel
Commission Clerk

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