

**SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES**  
**ALAMEDA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION**  
**January 9, 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 2:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Johnson.  
The Commission Clerk performed the roll call with the following attendance recorded.

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

Alternates Present: Michael McCorriston, City of Dublin (Voting)  
Georgian Vonheeder-Leopold, Dublin San Ramon Services District  
Bob Woerner, Public Member

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

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Vice 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. The Commission Clerk confirmed there was one public comment to address the Commission from the following person:

- Constance L. Kopps, Livermore resident

Vice Chair Johnson closed the public comment.

**4. CONSENT ITEMS**

**Item 4a**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes for October 11, 2024, Special Meeting**

The item is presented for approval of the draft action minutes prepared for the Commission's special meeting on October 11, 2024. Recommendation to approve.

**Item 4b**

**Approval of End of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Report**

The item is presented for approval of the end of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Report.

Recommendation to approve.

**Item 4c**

**Approval of the Budget Update for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

The item is presented for approval of the Budget Update for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Recommendation to approve.

Vice Chair Johnson asked if the Commissioners would like to pull any consent item for discussion. Vice Chair Johnson confirmed there was one public comment to address the Commission from the following person:

- Constance L. Kopps, Livermore resident

Vice Chair Johnson proceeded to close the public hearing.

Commissioner Sblendorio motioned with a second from Commissioner Haubert to approve the consent calendar.

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

The motion was approved 6-0.

**5. COMMISSION OFFICERS | CHAIR APPOINTMENT - (Business)**

Item presented by Executive Officer Jones to consider appointing a new Chair to fill the current vacancy on the Commission. The Vice Chair will have the opportunity to serve as Chair for the remainder of the term (ending May 2025). Recommendation to appoint a new Chair to fill the current vacancy on the Commission through May 2025.

Vice Chair Johnson invited a discussion from the Commission. There were none.

Vice Chair Johnson invited public comments. There were none.

Commissioner Sblendorio motioned with a second from Commissioner Haubert to appoint Vice Chair Johnson as Chair for the term ending May 2025.

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

The motion was approved 6-0.

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

Item presented to consider receiving a PowerPoint presentation from Eric Rosenblum, P.E., on the establishment and progress of a Regional Water and Wastewater Committee in Alameda County. Recommendation is that no formal action is required at this time unless otherwise directed by the Commission.

Commission discussion followed.

Chair Johnson invited public comments. Comments were received from the following people:

- Olivia Sanwong, East Bay Regional Parks District (EBRPD)
- Kelly Abreu, Fremont resident

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

Based on the Commission's feedback, the consultant team will continue refining the report to define the committee's structure and objectives, highlighting key collaboration opportunities and potential challenges. The finalized report will be submitted to Alameda LAFCO in June 2025, at which point the Commission may make a final determination.

**7. REVIEW OF LARPD AND EBRPD PROPERTY TAX EXCHANGE AGREEMENT DETAILS – (Business)**

Item presented by Executive Officer Jones to consider reviewing materials submitted by both Livermore Area Park and Recreation District (LAPRD) and East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) in response to the Commission's request to facilitate discussions regarding the agencies' 1992 property tax exchange agreement. Executive Officer Jones provided background on the request for detailed information from LARPD and EBRPD. While both agencies have submitted materials, additional information is still pending.

Chair Johnson invited Commission comments and questions.

Commission discussion continued.

Chair Johnson invited public comments. Comments were received from the following people:

- Mat Fuzie, LARPD
- Olivia Sanwong, EBRPD
- David Furst, LARPD
- Jan Palajac, LARPD
- Constance L. Kopps, Livermore resident
- David Lunn, Alameda County Ag Advisory, Trail Subcommittee
- Kelly Abreu, Fremont resident

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

After discussing the matter, the Commission decided to continue Item #7, Alternate Two, for consideration at a future meeting with a focus on gathering comprehensive data.

**8. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH COUNTY OF ALAMEDA | 2<sup>ND</sup> AMENDMENT – (Business)**

Item continued from the May 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting when the Commission approved a six-month extension to the Memorandum of Understanding Agreement between Alameda LAFCO and the County of Alameda.

Executive Officer Jones presented a staff report to consider retroactive approval of a one-month extension to its existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement with the County of Alameda for contract services. That agreement has since expired on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. The MOU has been a key framework for LAFCO's contract services with the County, supporting its mission to oversee the orderly development and coordination of local government. With the extension now expired, the Commission must consider approving a month-to-month contract with the County to maintain service continuity while ongoing operational needs are assessed. The second amendment to the contract agreement is set to expire on January 30, 2025. Staff are requesting an amendment to the staff recommendation, not included in the staff report, to extend the authority for the MOU extension to February 28, 2025. This would grant the staff authorization to sign that agreement for February without requiring the Commission to reconvene, as it does not meet that month.

Commissioner Sblendorio inquired whether Executive Officer Jones could be authorized to sign another extension instead of returning to the Commission for approval each month.

Commission Counsel, Andrew Massey, deferred question to Legal Counsel, Malathy Subramanian, who confirmed that granting Executive Officer Jones blanket authorization to approve the month-to-month amendment agreements through June 30, 2025, was permissible.

Chair Johnson invited public comments. There were none.

Commissioner Sblendorio motioned with a second from Commissioner Faria to approve the second amendment extending the County MOU agreement and permitting month-to-month extensions through June 30, 2025, at the Executive Officer's discretion.

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

The motion was approved 6-0.

**9. 2<sup>nd</sup> PHASE OF LAFCO INDEPENDENCE REPORT AND TRANSITION PLAN FOR SEPARATION – (Business)**

Item to consider approval of the second phase of the Independence Report by consultant Roseanne Chamberlain, outlining next steps for LAFCO's financial and operational independence from Alameda County. This report has been amended following the County's separation notice dated December 20, 2024. Staff request an amendment to direct the Policy and Budget Committee to review potential vendors and present their selections to the Commission through a competitive bid process.

Recommendation to accept and file the report and return item #9 to the Commissioner at the next regular meeting with recommendations.

Chair Johnson invited a Commission discussion. Commission discussion continued.

Chair Johnson invited public comments. There were none.

Commissioner Faria motioned with a second from Commissioner Sblendorio to accept and file the report and continue item #9 to the next regular meeting.

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

The motion was approved 6-0.

#### **10. MATTERS INITIATED BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION**

- Alternate Commissioner Vonheeder-Leopold distributed “Ask Me About LAFCO” lapel pins that she received at the 2024 Annual CALAFCO Conference.

#### **11. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT**

- Arroyo Lago Residential Project Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) update.

#### **12. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- a. Current and Pending Proposals
- b. Progress Report on 2023-2024 Work Plan
- c. Form 700: Due April 1
- d. Commissioners with terms ending May 2025
  1. Georgean Vonheeder-Leopold
  2. John Marchand

#### **13. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:51 p.m.

#### **Next Meetings of the Commission**

##### **Policy and Budget Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., Dublin City Hall, Bray Community Room**

##### **Regular Meeting**

**Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., Dublin City Hall, Council Chambers**

I hereby attest the minutes above accurately reflect the Commission's deliberations at its January 9, 2025 regular meeting.

ATTEST,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "April L. Raffel", is written over a faint, light gray circular stamp.

April L. Raffel  
Commission Clerk

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