# Local Agency Formation Commission of Napa County Subdivision of the State of California

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**December 3, 2012** Agenda Item No. 5b (Consent/Action)

November 26, 2012

TO: **Local Agency Formation Commission** 

FROM: Keene Simonds, Executive Officer

**SUBJECT: Approval of Meeting Calendar for First Half of 2013** 

> The Commission will consider approving a meeting calendar for the first six months for 2013. It is recommended the Commission approve regular meetings for January 7<sup>th</sup>, February 4<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, and June 3<sup>rd</sup>. recommendation would be consistent with the Commission's recent practice of holding regular meetings every other month with the addition of a meeting in January. No special meetings are proposed at this time.

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 requires Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) to adopt policies and procedures with respect to conducting meetings. Government Code Section 56375(i) specifies LAFCOs must establish regulations to ensure meetings are conducted on a regular and orderly basis.

#### A. Discussion

It is the policy of LAFCO of Napa County's ("Commission") to schedule regular meetings on the first Monday of each month as needed. All regular meetings shall be held in the Board Chambers at the County of Napa Administration Building with a start time of 4:00 P.M. The Commission may also schedule special meetings in conjunction with calendaring regular meetings as necessary. The Commission is directed to review and approve a meeting calendar every six months at the June and December meetings.

#### **B.** Discussion/Analysis

The Commission's expected workload justifies holding consecutive monthly meetings in January and February before reverting to every other month thereafter for the first half of the new calendar year. Holding a regular meeting in January, notably, would allow the Commission to address two time-sensitive projects: a public workshop on the scheduled study on the central county region and a pending annexation proposal involving the City of Napa. This consideration is particularly pertinent for the latter project – pending annexation - given the affected landowners' would be adversely effected if the Commission is not able to consider the proposal until February. (The pending annexation

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is expected to be formally proposed by the City Council at their November 27, 2012 meeting; a date that precludes the Commission from considering the item at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting given statutory review requirements.) Holding bimonthly regular meetings after February are recommended given the rest of the first half of the calendar year is expected to be largely dedicated to work associated with the referenced study on the central county region; a study that is expected to require more than one month time to evolve from one phase to the next.

#### C. Recommendation

It is recommended the Commission approve a meeting calendar for the first half of 2013 consisting of the following regular dates: January 7<sup>th</sup>, February 4<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, and June 3<sup>rd</sup>. No special meetings are proposed at this time.

#### **D.** Alternatives for Action

The following two alternatives are available to the Commission:

## **Alternative Action One (Recommended):**

Approve the regular meeting dates as proposed by staff for the first half of 2013 with any desired changes.

#### **Alternative Action Two:**

Continue consideration of the staff report to a date specific meeting and provide direction for more information as needed.

## **E. Procedures for Consideration**

This item has been agendized as part of the consent calendar. Accordingly, a successful motion to approve the consent calendar will include taking affirmative action on the staff recommendation unless otherwise specified by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
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Keene Simonds
Executive Officer

#### Attachment:

1) Policy on Commission Meeting Calendar



# LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF NAPA COUNTY

## Policy on Regular Commission Meeting Calendar

Adopted: June 14, 2001 Last Amended: December 1, 2008

### I. Background

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 requires Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) to adopt policies and procedures with respect to conducting meetings. Government Code Section 56375(i) specifies LAFCOs shall establish regulations to ensure meetings are conducted on a regular and orderly basis.

## II. Objective

The objective of this policy is to guide the Commission in scheduling regular and special meetings in a consistent and logical manner.

#### III. Guidelines

## A. Regular Meetings

- 1) The regular meeting day of the Commission is the first Monday of each month. The time and place of regular meetings is 4:00 P.M. in the Board Chambers of the County of Napa Administration Building, located at 1195 Third Street, Napa.
- 2) The Commission shall review and approve its regular meeting calendar every six months. If a regular meeting falls on a holiday, the Commission shall determine an alternate day as part of its review if needed.
- 3) The Chair may cancel or change the date or time of a regular meeting if he or she determines the Commission cannot achieve a quorum or there is a lack of business. Regular meetings may also be canceled or changed with the consent of a majority of the regular members of the Commission. For the purpose of this policy, a majority includes at least one member representing the cities and one member representing the county.
- 4) Notice of any change to a scheduled regular meeting shall be posted on the Commission website and transmitted to all interested parties.

## **B.** Special Meetings

- 1) The Chair may schedule special meetings of the Commission as needed. The Chair shall consult with the Executive Officer in scheduling special meetings to ensure a quorum is available at a specified place and time.
- 2) Requests from outside parties for special meetings must be made in writing and submitted to the Executive Officer. If approved and scheduled by the Chair, the affected outside party requesting the special meeting will be responsible for any related charges pursuant to the Commission's *Schedule of Fees and Deposits*.
- 3) Notices for scheduled special meetings will be posted on the Commission website and transmitted to all interested parties within 72 hours of the meeting date.