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AGENDA REPORT
Consent | Action

August 3, 2026

TO: Chair Becker and Commissioners

FROM: Erica Sellen, Commission Clerk

SUBJECT: **Approval of Meeting Minutes | Special Meeting of June 15, 2026**

SUMMARY

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will consider draft minutes prepared for the special meeting held on June 15, 2026. The minutes are in action form and being presented for formal Commission approval.

BACKGROUND

State law requires public agencies to maintain appropriate records of their meetings. Consistent with this requirement and San Diego LAFCO's own practice, the Commission Clerk prepares draft minutes in action form following each meeting for subsequent Commission approval.

DISCUSSION

This item is for San Diego LAFCO to consider approving action minutes for the June 15, 2026 special meeting. The attendance record for the meeting follows.

- All regular Commissioners were present except Dane White (City of Escondido).

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Vice Chair Barry Willis, Alpine Fire Protection
Jo MacKenzie, Vista Irrigation
David Drake, Alt., Rincon del Diablo
Brigette Browning, General Public
Eileen Delaney, Alt., General Public

- All alternate Commissioners were present except Eileen Delaney (Public), Monica Montgomery Steppe (County of San Diego) and Marni von Wilpert (City of San Diego).

ANALYSIS

The attached draft minutes for the June 15, 2026 special meeting accurately reflect San Diego LAFCO's actions as recorded by the Commission Clerk. A video recording of the meeting has also been posted on the Commission's website (www.sdlafco.org).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended San Diego LAFCO approve the draft minutes prepared for the June 15, 2026 special meeting as presented, with staff attesting to its completeness. This recommendation is consistent with Alternative One outlined in the following section.

ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION

The following alternatives are available to San Diego LAFCO:

Alternative One (recommended):
Approve the attached draft minutes prepared for the June 15, 2026 special meeting as presented.

Alternative Two:
Approve the attached draft minutes prepared for the June 15, 2026 special meeting with any requested corrections or clarifications.

Alternative Three:
Continue the item to the next regular meeting and provide direction as needed.

PROCEDURES

This item has been placed on San Diego LAFCO's agenda as part of the consent calendar. A successful motion to approve the consent calendar will include taking affirmative action on the staff recommendation as provided unless otherwise specified by the Commission.

Respectfully,

Erica A. Sellen

Erica Sellen
Commission Clerk

Attachment:

1) Draft Meeting Minutes for June 15, 2026

DRAFT MINUTES
SAN DIEGO LAFCO SPECIAL MEETING
June 15, 2026

1. 8:15 A.M. – CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR

Item 1a
ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

The special meeting was called to order at 8:16 a.m. by Chair Becker. The Commission Clerk performed the roll call with the following attendance recorded.

Regulars Present:	Paloma Aguirre, County of San Diego Joel Anderson, County of San Diego Kristi Becker, City of Solana Beach (CHAIR) Brigette Browning, Public Jo MacKenzie, Vista Irrigation District Stephen Whitburn, City of San Diego Barry Willis, Alpine Fire Protection District (VICE CHAIR)
Alternates Present:	David Drake, Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District John McCann, City of Chula Vista
Members Absent:	Eileen Delaney, Public (alternate) Monica Montgomery Steppe, County of San Diego (alternate) Marni von Wilpert, City of San Diego (alternate) Dane White, City of Escondido (regular)

The Commission Clerk confirmed a quorum with eight voting members present with Alternate Commissioner McCann voting in absence of Commissioner White.

Also present at the time of roll call were the following LAFCO staff members: Executive Officer Keene Simonds, Assistant Executive Officer Priscilla Mumpower, Commission Counsel Holly Whatley, Local Government Analyst II Michaela Peters, Local Government Analyst I Joelle Burila, Local Government Analyst I Meghan Traynor, Communications Associate Aiden Velasquez, GIS Analyst Dieu Ngu, and Commission Clerk Erica Sellen.

The following Commissioners left the meeting: Alternate Commissioner Drake at 8:55 a.m. and Commissioner Whitburn at 10:13 a.m.

Item 1b
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Becker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. STATEMENT REGARDING REMOTE PARTICIPATION, IF APPLICABLE

None.

3. AGENDA REVIEW

Chair Becker asked Executive Officer Simonds if there were any requests to remove or rearrange items on the agenda. Executive Officer Simonds stated no changes to the agenda were needed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO REQUEST DISCUSSION ON CONSENT ITEMS

Chair Becker invited anyone from the public to address the Commission on a matter not directly related to an agenda item.

The following registered speakers addressed the Commission:

- Lori Saldana
- Suzanne Till
- Patrick McDonough, San Diego Coastkeeper

The Commission Clerk confirmed there were no other registered speakers (audience or remote) or live e-mail comments.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

Item 5a
Approval of Meeting Minutes for May 4, 2026
Item presented to approve draft action minutes prepared for the Commission's May 4, 2026 meeting. Recommendation to approve.

Chair Becker invited public comments from the following registered speakers:

- Suzanne Till
- Lori Saldana

The above speakers spoke about possible Brown Act violations at the May 4, 2026 Commission meeting regarding Agenda Item 6a. In response to the speakers, Commission Counsel Whatley stated no Brown Act violation occurred.

Chair Becker invited comments from the following online speaker:

- Conner Everts, Public Officials for Water and Environmental Reform and Environmental Justice Coalition for Water

The Commission Clerk confirmed there were no other registered speakers (audience or remote) or live e-mail comments.

CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED…

Item 5b
Commission Ratification | Recorded Payments for April 2026
Item presented to ratify recorded payments made and received by the Executive Officer for the month of April 2026. Recommendation to ratify.

Item 5c
Report on Applicant Proposals
Item presented to receive a status report on active and anticipated applicant proposals. Information only.

Item 5d
Legislative Report
Item presented to receive an update on active legislation relevant to the Commission's regulatory and planning responsibilities. Information only.

Item 5e
Notice of New Professional Services Agreement with RSG, Inc. | Governance Study on the Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District
Item presented to receive notice of a new professional services agreement executed by the Executive Officer with RSG, Inc. to support the Commission's scheduled governance study on the Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District. Information only.

Item 5f
Notice of County of San Diego Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant Award to Help Fund Governance Study on the Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District
Item presented to receive notice of a new grant award in the amount of $30,000 from the County of San Diego District 5 Office (Supervisor Jim Desmond) through its Neighborhood Reinvestment Program. The award will support LAFCO's scheduled governance study on the Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District. Information only.

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Commissioner McCann motioned with a second from Commissioner Anderson to approve the consent calendar with staff recommendations (Alternative One) as presented.

Roll call requested:

AYES:	Aguirre, Anderson, Becker, Browning, McCann (voting), MacKenzie, Whitburn and Willis
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	White
ABSTAINING:	None

The Commission Clerk confirmed the motion was approved 8-0.

**6. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS |
COMMISSIONER DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS**

**Item 6a
Proposed Final Report and Related Actions |
Municipal Service Review on Carlsbad Subregion:
City of Carlsbad and the Carlsbad Municipal Water District (action)**

Item presented to consider a proposed final municipal service review (MSR) for the Carlsbad Subregion. The MSR fulfills LAFCO's statutory responsibility to independently evaluate the availability and performance of public services in relation to community needs and to adopt related determinations. The report covers two agencies under LAFCO's jurisdiction: the City of Carlsbad and the Carlsbad Municipal Water District. Report presented was largely unchanged from the April 2026 draft following a 45-day public review period. Substantive revisions were limited, are shown in track-change format as an attachment, and primarily reflect comments received from the County of San Diego involving analysis covering the McClellan-Palomar Airport. Recommendation to formally accept the proposed final report and take ancillary actions.

Chair Becker requested any disclosures from Commissioners on material ex parte communications. No disclosures were reported.

Staff presentation provided by Local Government Analyst II Peters and Carlsbad Photo Contest presentation provided by Communications Associate Velasquez.

Chair Becker opened the hearing and invited public comments from the following registered speaker:

- Jamie Abbott, Director of Ariports for the County of San Diego

The Commission Clerk confirmed there were no other registered speakers (audience or remote) or live e-mail comments.

Chair Becker invited questions and comments from the Commissioners. General discussion ensued.

Chair Becker closed the hearing.

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Commissioner Aguirre motioned with a second from Commissioner Willis to approve the staff recommendation (Alternative One) as listed in the agenda report.

Roll call requested:

AYES:	Aguirre, Anderson, Becker, Browning, McCann (voting), MacKenzie, Whitburn and Willis
NOES:	None

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS CONTINUED…

Item 6a Continued…

ABSENT: White
ABSTAINING: None

The Commission Clerk confirmed the motion was approved 8-0.

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

Item 7a
Proposed Agreement with London Moeder Advisors to Prepare the Comprehensive Fiscal Analysis on the Proposed Incorporation of La Jolla + Related Project Update
Item presented to consider authorizing the Executive Officer to execute a professional services agreement with London Moeder Advisors to prepare the comprehensive fiscal analysis required for the proposed special reorganization to incorporate the community of La Jolla, with concurrent detachment from the City of San Diego. London Moeder Advisors was unanimously selected by a five-member selection committee following a request for proposals process, receiving the highest score based on qualifications, project approach, local government expertise, and interview performance. The proposed agreement carries a not-to-exceed amount of $150,000 through June 15, 2028, to be funded by the proponents. A status update on the reorganization and an updated timeline are also provided. Recommendation to authorize the Executive Officer to execute the agreement and, separately, receive the accompanying update.

Staff presentation provided by Assistant Executive Officer Mumpower.

Chair Becker invited public comments from the following registered speaker with stated positions on the staff recommendation noted in parentheses:

- Adrian Kwiatkowski (opposition)

The above speaker expressed opposition for the secession of the community of La Jolla.

The Commission Clerk confirmed there were no other registered speakers (audience or remote) or live e-mail comments.

Chair Becker invited questions and comments from the Commissioners. General discussion ensued.

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Commissioner Willis motioned with a second from Commissioner MacKenzie to approve the staff recommendation (Alternative One) as listed in the agenda report.

Roll call requested:

BUSINESS ITEMS CONTINUED…

Item 7a Continued…

AYES:	Aguirre, Anderson, Becker, Browning, McCann (voting), MacKenzie, Whitburn and Willis
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	White
ABSTAINING:	None

The Commission Clerk confirmed the motion was approved 8-0.

Item 7b
Quarterly Update on 2025-2026 Workplan
Item presented to receive a quarterly update on the current fiscal year workplan and related staff activities as part of LAFCO's business calendar. Item presented for discussion only and feedback on current and future workplan activities.

Introduction of the item provided by Assistant Executive Officer Mumpower. The following staff members provided presentations to the Commission:

- Communications Associate Velasquez provided an update on the website refresh.
- Local Government Analyst I Traynor provided an update on the homeless services white paper.
- Local Government Analyst I Burila provided an update on the SANDAG MSR and the white paper on public recreation at City of San Diego's reservoirs in the unincorporated areas.
- Local Government Analyst II Peters provided an update on the Healthcare Districts MSR and the governance study on the Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District.
- LAFCO Consultant Adam Wilson provided an update on the Resource Conservation District (RCD) Ad hoc Committee 2.0.

Chair Becker invited public comments from the following registered speakers:

- Ann Baldridge, RCD of Greater San Diego County
- Lori Saldana
- Suzanne Till

The Commission Clerk confirmed there were no other registered speakers (audience or remote) or live e-mail comments.

Chair Becker invited questions and comments from the Commissioners. General discussion ensued. No action.

BUSINESS ITEMS CONTINUED…

Item 7c
Final Report on State Planning Grant |
Helping Bridge the Economic Gap of Small-Scale Farming (SALC 2.0)

Item presented to receive the final report for its Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) planning grant, known as SALC 2.0. The report represents the culmination of a collaborative effort between LAFCO and the County of San Diego's Planning & Development Services (PDS) to identify strategies that support the long-term viability of small-scale agriculture in the region. The report consolidates technical analyses, stakeholder input, implementation recommendations, and planning tools into a comprehensive framework for advancing agricultural sustainability in San Diego County. The findings help to quantify and sharpen a familiar concern: the region's small farms remain viable but operate on thin margins – averaging roughly 13% – and are readily vulnerable to changes in water and labor costs. Stakeholder engagement identified water affordability as the most significant challenge facing the sector. In response, the report identifies potential actions, a pilot project, and coordination opportunities to support the sector. It also outlines potential future roles for LAFCO and includes several recommendations for formal consideration by the Commission, including facilitating regional agricultural water coordination, expanding consideration of agricultural economics in planning activities, and monitoring implementation progress through periodic reporting. Recommendation to formally receive and file the report and provide related direction to LAFCO staff with respect to pursuing one or more of the report's recommendations.

Staff presentation provided by Local Government Analyst II Peters.

Chair Becker invited public comments from the following registered speakers:

- Ann Baldridge, RCD of Greater San Diego County
- Suzanne Till
- Lori Saldana
- Doyle Morrison

The Commission Clerk confirmed there were no other registered speakers (audience or remote) or live e-mail comments.

Chair Becker invited questions and comments from the Commissioners. General discussion ensued.

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Commissioner Aguirre motioned with a second from Commissioner McCann to approve the staff recommendation (Alternative One) as listed in the agenda report.

Roll call requested:

BUSINESS ITEMS CONTINUED…

Item 7c Continued…

AYES:	Aguirre, Anderson, Becker, Browning, McCann (voting), MacKenzie and Willis
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Whitburn and White
ABSTAINING:	None

The Commission Clerk confirmed the motion was approved 7-0.

8. CLOSED SESSION

None.

9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

None.

10. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS & REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

- Commissioner Willis recommended revisiting the County Water Authority MSR at the next meeting. Commissioner Aguirre agreed with Commissioner Willis.
- Commissioner MacKenzie thanked staff for their work on Agenda Item No. 5c | Report on Applicant Proposals and asked for an additional detail regarding the location of proposed jurisdictional changes on future reports.

11. ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT MEETING

With no further business, Chair Becker adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

I hereby attest the minutes above accurately reflect the actions of the Commission at its May 4, 2026 meeting.

ATTEST,

Erica Sellen
Commission Clerk