

**Siskiyou County Local Agency Formation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**June 10, 2025**

The Siskiyou County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) meeting of June 10, 2025, was called to order by Chair Ogren at approximately 9:00 a.m. in the Siskiyou County Meeting Chambers, 311 Fourth Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Yreka, California.

**Present:** Alternate Member at Large Commissioner Cook; Commissioners Mazzoni, Baker, Valenzuela, and Ogren

**Absent:** Member at Large Commissioner Harkness

**Also Present:** Hailey Lang, Executive Officer; Rachel Jereb, Deputy Executive Officer; Lisa Flagg, Administrative Services Manager, Community Development Department; Janine Rowe, Commission Clerk

**Minutes:**

**May 13, 2025:** It was moved by Commissioner Valenzuela, seconded by Commissioner Mazzoni, to approve the May 13, 2025, Minutes as presented.

**Voted** upon and the Chair declared the motion carried unanimously by those Commissioners present.

**Unscheduled Appearances:** None

**Conflict of Interest:** None

**Presentation of Documents:** None

**New Business:**

**Agenda Item 1: Siskiyou County LAFCO Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 (Action Item)**

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 56381, Siskiyou County LAFCO will consider and adopt its final budget for fiscal year (FY) 2025/2026. It is anticipated that adoption of the final budget for FY 2025/2026 will be determined to be a government fiscal activity or funding mechanism which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and is therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA guidelines.

**Staff Report:**

The previously circulated Staff Report was reviewed by the Commission, and a presentation of the project was provided by Executive Officer Hailey Lang.

Ms. Lang told the Commission that the transportation and travel line item in the preliminary budget was increased to allow for travel by Chair Ogren to attend CALAFCO meetings. She said no other adjustments were made.

**Commission Questions/Discussion:**

Commissioner Valenzuela asked if the travel budget would also include staff travel for certain

meetings, and Ms. Lang said the increased amount would allow for that as well.

**Public Hearing:**

The Chair opened the Public Hearing.

Public Comments: None

There being no comments, the Chair closed the Public Hearing.

**Motion:** Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Mazzoni, seconded by Commissioner Cook, to Adopt the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026; determine that the budget is not a project subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4); and direct staff to transmit the FY 2025/2026 final budget to the Board of Supervisors, each city, and each independent special district in the County pursuant to Government Code Section 56381(a)..

**Voted** upon and the Chair declared the motion carried unanimously by those Commissioners present, on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Alternate Member at Large Commissioner Cook; Commissioners Mazzoni, Baker, Valenzuela and Ogren

Noes:

Absent: Member at Large Commissioner Harkness

Abstain:

**Items for Discussion/Direction:**

1. Senate Bill 777: Ms. Lang reminded the Commission that this bill involves LAFCO potentially assuming responsibility for abandoned cemetery districts, and opinions among various LAFCOs are divided, with both support and opposition. Ms. Jereb added that it currently doesn't directly affect Siskiyou County due to no cemeteries currently being abandoned. She said while some LAFCO organizations support it, most appear to oppose it. She said the bill's future is uncertain, but the main author has received edits that could make it more acceptable to other LAFCOs and it does seem to be an improvement over the original proposal, but its progress remains unclear.

There was discussion that the proposed bill does not apply to cemeteries on private property. There was also discussion that if the bill passes, Siskiyou LAFCO would be responsible for determining which entity would be assigned ownership or responsibility for an cemetery. Ms. Jereb said there is the potential for it being absorbed into another cemetery district, a nearby city or even the county. Ms. Lang said it is basically an unfunded mandate that staff would have to manage without any reimbursement from the state.

Chair Ogren directed staff to provide a brief outline of the status of the cemetery districts in the county at a future meeting. She wants the outline to include their locations and the amounts of their operating budgets.

**Miscellaneous:**

1. **Future Meetings:** The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Correspondence:** None
3. **Staff Comments:** None
4. **Commission Comments:** None

**Adjournment:** The meeting was concluded at approximately 9:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Signature Copy*

Hailey Lang, Secretary

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