

**Commissioners**

Javier Moreno, Chair (City)  
Robert Amparano (City)  
Jesus E. Escobar, Vice-Chair (County)  
Michael W. Kelley (County)  
David Salgado (Public)



**Alternate Commissioners**

Ramon Castro (City)  
John Hawk (County)  
Jose Landeros (Public)

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**SUMMARY OF THE LAFCO MEETING**

Thursday, July 25, 2024

8:30 a.m.

El Centro City Council Chambers  
1275 Main St., El Centro, CA 92243

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**VOTING COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Javier Moreno, Chair  
Jesus E. Escobar, Vice-Chair  
Robert Amparano  
David Salgado

**ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Ramon Castro

**ABSENT:** Michael W. Kelley

**STAFF PRESENT:** Julie Carter, Accountant  
Lori Zinn, Clerk/Analyst  
Steve Walker, Legal Counsel

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1. **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jesus Solano from the City of Calexico requested that some funding be redirected to the City of Calexico to purchase two ambulances and equipment for the Fire Department after the dissolution of the Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District. He also stated that he has no confidence in Vice-President Rodolfo Valdez of the Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District because he recently stated that it is not his responsibility or job to fight for the taxpayer's money. And so forth, he would like Mr. Valdez's seat on the Imperial Valley Healthcare District to be refilled or left unrepresented until filled.

Maritza Hurtado from the City of Calexico thanked the Commission for considering the dissolution of the Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District and requested that the approximate two million tax dollars saved for more than 28 years be redirected to the City of Calexico for first responders for equipment and vehicles.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
  - a. **May 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes**
  - b. **July 10, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes**

**c. Project Status Report**

The Commission approved the consent calendar.

**Motion by Commissioner Escobar to approve the consent calendar**

AYES: MORENO, ESCOBAR, AMPARANO, SALGADO  
NAYES: NONE  
ABSTAINED: NONE  
ABSENT: KELLEY

**6. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements were made.

**7. EXECUTIVE OFFICER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**a. Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023**

Legal Counsel Steve Walker presented the Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023, to the Commission. The Commission accepted the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.

**Motion by Commissioner Escobar to accept the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023**

AYES: MORENO, ESCOBAR, AMPARANO, SALGADO  
NAYES: NONE  
ABSTAINED: NONE  
ABSENT: KELLEY

**b. CALAFCO Board of Directors Fall Elections**

Legal Counsel Steve Walker let the Commission know there is an opening on the CALFCO Board of Directors for a Southern Region City and Public Member, and that the nomination period is now open for applications. The Commission decided to table this item for the next meeting.

**c. CALAFCO Annual Conference**

Legal Counsel Steve Walker asked the Commission to let Lori know if they plan to go to the CALAFCO Annual Conference so she can make all the arrangements. He pointed out that it does coincide with the League of CA Cities Conference.

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

**a. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation**

(Gov. Code § 54956.9) Name of Case: City of El Centro v. Imperial LAFCO case #ECU002984

**b. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation**

(Gov. Code § 54956.9) Name of Case: Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District v. Imperial Valley Healthcare District case #ECU003473

**c. Public Employee Appointment - (Gov. Code § 54957) - Title: Executive Officer**

Legal Counsel Steve Walker reported that items 8a and 8b were discussed during the first closed session and that there is no reportable action.

For the second closed session on item 8c, Legal Counsel Steve Walker reported that there is no reportable action and that the meeting will be adjourned to Tuesday, July 30 at 8:30 a.m. at the LAFCO office.

## 9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

### a. Update on the Imperial Valley Healthcare District and AB 918

Legal Counsel Steve Walker let the Commission know that the new Healthcare District formed has benchmarks to achieve, and that he has received information that they are meeting those benchmarks. The next two benchmarks to meet are the dissolution of the Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District and the Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District. The new Healthcare District Board has requested that the Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District be dissolved as of today. Resolution 2024-10 was presented to the Commission for the dissolution of the Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District pursuant to AB 918. It was explained that they could take action today and that all that was needed was a resolution and that action, or they could choose an alternate date.

The Commissioners all agreed to dissolve the Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District with the caveat that the new Healthcare District complete the Urgent Care Center in Calexico with that funding.

Commissioner Moreno stated that he would like to see a forensic audit completed on the Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District.

No action was taken on the Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District.

### **Motion by Commissioner Escobar to dissolve the Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District effective July 25, 2024, pursuant to the mandates of AB 918, codified at the California Health & Safety Code Section 32499.5, et seq**

AYES: MORENO, ESCOBAR, AMPARANO, SALGADO  
NAYES: NONE  
ABSTAINED: NONE  
ABSENT: KELLEY

### b. Appointment of a Southern Region Representative

Legal Counsel Steve Walker let the Commission know that we needed to appoint a representative to represent the Southern Region.

The Commission appointed the LAFCO Chair to be the Southern Region Representative.

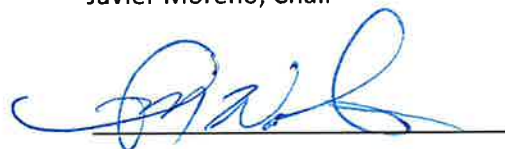
### **Motion by Commissioner Escobar to appoint the LAFCO Chair as the Southern Region Representative**

AYES: MORENO, ESCOBAR, AMPARANO, SALGADO  
NAYES: NONE  
ABSTAINED: NONE  
ABSENT: KELLEY

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting of Thursday, July 25 has been adjourned to Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. at the Imperial LAFCO Office.

Javier Moreno, Chair



Steve Walker, Legal Counsel