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MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

March 13, 2013

Present:

Jerry Gladbach, Chair

Donald L. Dear Margaret Finlay Gloria Molina Henri F. Pellissier David Spence Zev Yaroslavsky

Paul A. Novak, AICP; Executive Officer Helen Parker, Legal Counsel

Absent:

Richard H. Close Tom LaBonge Lori Brogin, Alternate Lillian Kawasaki, Alternate Don Knabe, Alternate Paul Krekorian, Alternate Gerard McCallum, Alternate Judy Mitchell, Alternate

- 1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in Room 381-B of the County Hall of Administration.
- 2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Jerry Gladbach.

3 DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION(S)

The Executive Officer (E.O.) read an announcement, asking that persons who made a contribution of more than \$250 to any member of the Commission during the past twelve (12) months to rise and state for the record the Commissioner to whom such contributions were made and the item of their involvement (None.)

4 SWEARING-IN OF SPEAKER(S) The Everytime Officer swore in members of the sudience who planne

The Executive Officer swore in members of the audience who planned to testify (None).

5 CONSENT ITEMS

The Commission took the following actions under Consent Items:

- a. Received and filed Annexation No. 2012-01 to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.
- b. Approved and Ordered Annexation No. 405 to Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14, Resolution No. 2013-11RMD.
- c. Approved and Ordered Annexation No. 412 to Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14, Resolution No. 2013-12RMD.
- d. Approved and Ordered Annexation No. 331 to Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, Resolution No. 2013-13RMD.
- e. Approved Minutes of February13, 2013.
- f. Approved Operating Account Check Register for the month of February 2013.
- g. Received and filed update on pending applications.

MOTION:	DEAR
SECOND:	FINLAY
AYES:	DEAR, FINLAY, MOLINA, PELLISSIER, GLADBACH
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	CLOSE, LaBONGE, SPENCE, YAROSLAVSKY
MOTION PASSES:	5/0/0

[Commissioner Spence arrived at 9:03 a.m.] [Commissioner Yaroslavsky arrived at 9:05 a.m.]

6 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The following item was called up for consideration:

a. Annexation No. 389 to Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 22.

The public hearing was opened to receive testimony. There being no testimony, the public hearing was closed.

The Commission took the following action:

- Adopted Resolution No. 2013-10RMD Making Determinations Approving Annexation No. 389 to Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 22.
- Pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, set May 8, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. as the date and time for Commission protest proceedings.

MOTION:	FINLAY
SECOND:	PELLISSIER
AYES:	DEAR, FINLAY, MOLINA, PELLISSIER, SPENCE,
	YAROSLAVSKY, GLADBACH
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	CLOSE, LaBONGE
MOTION PASSES:	7/0/0

6 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The following item was called up for consideration:

 b. Huntington Municipal Water District (District) Municipal Service Review, Sphere of Influence Adoption for the District, Resolution of Application Initiating Commission Proceedings to Dissolve the District, and Resolution Making Determinations to Dissolve the District and Setting a Date for Protest Hearings.

The public hearing was opened to receive testimony.

The EO requested that each speaker be sworn in before speaking. Chair Gladbach agreed and the following speakers were sworn in:

Harold Hennacy, Treasurer, Huntington Municipal Water District Linea Warren, a Chapman Woods Resident Counsel Paul Ireland, Hogle-Ireland, Inc. Counsel Jim Mocalis, Hogle-Ireland Inc. Sean Kwan, Assistant General Manager, Pasadena Water and Power

[Commissioner Molina left at 9:45 a.m.]

The Commission took the following action:

- Adopted Huntington Municipal Water District MSR, SOI Adoption for the District, and the Commission-initiated proposed Dissolution of the District and found that these actions were not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the MSR approval, SOI Adoption, and proposed Dissolution will have a significant effect on the environment;
- Adopted Resolution No. 2013-14ROA Approving the Resolution of Application For Commission-Initiated Proceedings to Dissolve the Huntington Municipal Water District, pursuant to Government Code Section 56375 (a)(2)(B);
- Adopted Resolution No. 2013-15RMD Approving the Huntington Municipal Water District Municipal Service Review and the determinations contained in the report pursuant to Government Code Sections 56378 and 56430, a Zero Sphere of Influence, and Dissolving Huntington Municipal Water District;
- Pursuant to Government Code Sections 57002 and 57001(c) (2), set May 8, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. as the date and time for Commission protest proceedings and directed the Executive Officer to give notice thereof pursuant to Government Code Sections 57025 and 57026.

MOTION:	YAROSLAVSKY
SECOND:	PELLISSIER
AYES:	DEAR, FINLAY, PELLISSIER, SPENCE, YAROSLAVSKY,
	GLADBACH
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	CLOSE, LaBONGE, MOLINA
MOTION PASSES:	6/0/0

7 PROTEST HEARING(S)

(None.)

8 OTHER ITEMS

a. 2011-2012 Audited Financial Statements.

The public hearing was opened to receive testimony. There being no testimony, the public hearing was closed.

The Commission took the following action:

• Received and filed the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Audited Financial Statements prepared by White, Nelson, Dielh, and Evans LLP;

• Directed staff to report back with formalized policies and procedures to effectuate audit recommendations no later than the May 8th commission meeting.

MOTION:	DEAR
SECOND:	SPENCE
AYES:	DEAR, FINLAY, PELLISSIER, SPENCE, YAROSLAVSKY,
	GLADBACH
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	CLOSE, LaBONGE, MOLINA
MOTION PASSES:	6/0/0

8 OTHER ITEMS

b. Legislative Position Regarding Assembly Bill No. 743 Concerning "Island" Annexations.

The Commission took the following action:

• Directed the E.O. to send a letter to the appropriate State Senate and Assembly committees indicating that the Commission supports AB 743, if amended to include a 5-year sunset provision and if the 150-acre limitation is retained.

MOTION:	YAROSLAVSKY
SECOND:	FINLAY
AYES:	DEAR, FINLAY, PELLISSIER, SPENCE, YAROSLAVSKY,
	GLADBACH
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	CLOSE, LaBONGE, MOLINA
MOTION PASSES:	6/0/0

9 COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

(None.)

[Commissioner Yaroslavsky left at 10:12 a.m.]

10 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Executive Officer indicated that in the Agenda package included an article from Western City magazine, the CALFCO quarterly newsletter, and a "save the date" flyer for the annual conference.

The E.O. stated that last week he transmitted a draft contract to the five firms who were selected to serve as As-Needed-Alternate Legal counsel to LAFCO and that once finalized, the contracts will be brought before the Commission for approval.

The E.O. congratulated Commissioner Spence, who was re-elected last week to another term on the La Canada Flintridge City Council.

The E.O. announced that Alisha O'Brien of LAFCO had a little boy on February 24th, and that she and the 8 pound, 15-ounce Baby Devon are both doing fine.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT

(None.)

Commissioner Gladbach asked if there were any other comments.

Commissioner Pellissier asked about the Pending Application log and why there were some very old applications that appeared to be unresolved. The Executive Officer explained that there are two types of applications, city and water district applications which are filed by developers or landowners. City applications remain on the log if either party (city or county) does not want to conclude the property tax negations. Water District applications remain on the log until the applicant pays the required fee.

Commissioner Spence announced that Commissioner Finlay was re-appointed to LAFCO for another four year term by unanimous vote of the City Selection Committee.

12 FUTURE MEETINGS

April 10, 2013 May 8, 2013 June 12, 2013 July 10, 2013

13 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (None.)

14 ADJOURNMENT MOTION

On motion of Commissioner Pellissier, seconded by Commissioner Finlay, the meeting was adjourned at10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul A. Novak, AICP Executive Officer

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-11RMD RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING AND ORDERING "ANNEXATION NO. 405 TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 14"

WHEREAS, the County Sanitation District No. 14 adopted a resolution of application to initiate proceedings before the Local Agency Formation Commission for Los Angeles County (the "Commission") pursuant to Part 3, Division 3, Title 5 of the California Government Code (commencing with section 56000, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000), for the annexation of territory located within the City of Palmdale; and

WHEREAS, the principal reason for the proposed annexation is to provide offsite sewage disposal for a church and a commercial building; and

WHEREAS, a description of the boundaries and map of the proposal are set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B", attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the territory consists of 6.052± acres and is uninhabited; and

WHEREAS, the short-form designation given this proposal is "Annexation No. 405 to County Sanitation District No. 14"; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has reviewed the proposal and submitted to the Commission a report, including his recommendation thereon; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2013, at its regular meeting this Commission considered the proposal and the report of the Executive Officer, along with public comment on the proposal.

Resolution No. 2013-11RMD Page 2

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- Pursuant to Government Code Section 56662(a), the Commission hereby finds and determines that:
 - a. The territory to be annexed is uninhabited; and
 - b. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 56658(b)(1) and 56662(c), the Executive Officer has given the required mailed notice to each affected agency of the application to initiate proceedings for the proposed annexation, and no affected local agency has submitted a written demand for notice and hearing during the 10day period following the notice; and
 - c. The proposal was accompanied by satisfactory proof that all the owners of land within the affected territory have given their written consent to the proposal.

Based thereon, pursuant to Government Code Section 56662 (a), notice and hearing requirements are waived and protest proceedings are waived.

 The annexation is categorically exempt from the provisions of the Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15319 (a), because it is an annexation containing an existing structure developed to the density allowed by the current zoning.

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- Annexation No. 405 to the County Sanitation District No. 14 is hereby approved subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - a. The property so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as the District may legally impose.
 - b. The regular County assessment roll is utilized by the District.
 - c. The affected territory will be taxed for existing general bonded indebtedness, if any, of the District.
 - d. Except to the extent in conflict with a through c, above, the general terms and conditions contained in Chapter 2 of Part 5, Division 3, Title 5 of the California Government Code (commencing with Government Code Section 57325) shall apply to this annexation.
- The Commission hereby orders the uninhabited territory described in Exhibits
 "A" and "B" annexed to County Sanitation District No. 14.

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5. The Executive Officer is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the General Manager of the District, upon the District's payment of the applicable fees required by Government Code Section 54902.5 and prepare, execute and file a certificate of completion with the appropriate public agencies, pursuant to Government Code Section 57200, et seq.

PASSED AND ADOPTED 13th day of March 2013.

MOTION: DEAR

SECOND: FINLAY

AYES: DEAR, FINLAY, MOLINA, PELLISSIER, GLADBACH,

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: CLOSE, LaBONGE, YAROSLAVSKY, SPENCE

MOTION PASSES: 5/0/4

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

PAUL A. NOVAK, AICP Executive Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-12RMD RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING AND ORDERING "ANNEXATION NO. 412 TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 14"

WHEREAS, the County Sanitation District No. 14 adopted a resolution of application to initiate proceedings before the Local Agency Formation Commission for Los Angeles County (the "Commission") pursuant to Part 3, Division 3, Title 5 of the California Government Code (commencing with section 56000, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000), for the annexation of territory located within the unincorporated Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, the principal reason for the proposed annexation is to provide offsite sewage disposal for a warehouse; and

WHEREAS, a description of the boundaries and map of the proposal are set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B", attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the territory consists of 1.304± acres and is uninhabited; and

WHEREAS, the short-form designation given this proposal is "Annexation No. 412 to County Sanitation District No. 14"; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has reviewed the proposal and submitted to the Commission a report, including his recommendation thereon; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2013, at its regular meeting this Commission considered the proposal and the report of the Executive Officer, along with public comment on the proposal.

Resolution No. 2013-12RMD Page 2

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 56663(a) and (b), the Commission hereby finds and determines that:
 - a. The territory to be annexed is uninhabited; and
 - b. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 56658(b)(1) and 56662(c), the Executive Officer has given the required mailed notice to each affected agency of the application to initiate proceedings for the proposed annexation, and no affected local agency has submitted a written demand for notice and hearing during the 10day period following the notice; and
 - c. The proposal was accompanied by satisfactory proof that all the owners of land within the affected territory have given their written consent to the proposal.

Based thereon, pursuant to Government Code Section 56662 (a), notice and hearing requirements are waived and protest proceedings are waived.

 The existing annexation is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15319(b) because it consists of an annexation of an individual parcel of the minimum size for facilities exempted by CEQA Guidelines Section 15303. Resolution No. 2013-12RMD Page 3

- 3. Annexation No. 412 to the County Sanitation District No. 14 is hereby approved subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - a. The property so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as the District may legally impose.
 - b. The regular County assessment roll is utilized by the District.
 - c. The affected territory will be taxed for existing general bonded indebtedness, if any, of the District.
 - d. Except to the extent in conflict with a through c, above, the general terms and conditions contained in Chapter 2 of Part 5, Division 3, Title 5 of the California Government Code (commencing with Government Code Section 57325) shall apply to this annexation.
- The Commission hereby orders the uninhabited territory described in Exhibits
 "A" and "B" annexed to County Sanitation District No. 14.

Resolution No. 2013-12RMD Page 4

5. The Executive Officer is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the General Manager of the District, upon the District's payment of the applicable fees required by Government Code Section 54902.5 and prepare, execute and file a certificate of completion with the appropriate public agencies, pursuant to Government Code Section 57200, et seq.

PASSED AND ADOPTED 13th day of March 2013.

MOTION:	DEAR
SECOND:	FINLAY
AYES:	DEAR, FINLAY, MOLINA, PELLISSIER, GLADBACH,
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	CLOSE, LaBONGE, YAROSLAVSKY, SPENCE
MOTION PASSES:	5/0/4

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

PAUL A. NOVAK, AICP Executive Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-13RMD RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING AND ORDERING "ANNEXATION NO. 331 TO SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY (SCVSD)"

WHEREAS, the SCVSD adopted a resolution of application to initiate proceedings before the Local Agency Formation Commission for Los Angeles County (the Commission) pursuant to Part 3, Division 3, Title 5 of the California Government Code (commencing with section 56000, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000), for the annexation of territory located within the City of Santa Clarita; and

WHEREAS, the principal reason for the proposed annexation is to provide offsite sewage disposal for an office building; and

WHEREAS, a description of the boundaries and map of the proposal are set forth in

Exhibits "A" and "B", attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the territory consists of 0.503± acres and is uninhabited; and

WHEREAS, the short-form designation given this proposal is "Annexation No. 331 to the SCVSD"; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has reviewed the proposal and submitted to the Commission a report, including his recommendation thereon; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2013, at its regular meeting, this Commission considered the proposal and the report of the Executive Officer, along with public comment on the proposal.

Resolution No. 2013-13RMD Page 2

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 56662(a) Commission hereby finds and determines that:
 - a. The territory to be annexed is uninhabited; and
 - b. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 56658(b)(1) and 56662(c), the Executive Officer has given the required mailed notice to each affected agency of the application to initiate proceedings for the proposed annexation, and no affected local agency has submitted a written demand for notice and hearing during the 10day period following the notice; and
 - c. The proposal was accompanied by satisfactory proof that all the owners of land within the affected territory have given their written consent to the proposal.

Based thereon, pursuant to Government Code Section 56662 (a), notice and hearing requirements are waived and protest proceedings are waived.

 The annexation is categorically exempt from the provisions of the Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15319(a), because it is an annexation containing an existing structure developed to the density allowed by the current zoning.

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- 3. Annexation No. 331 to the SCVSD is hereby approved subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - a. The property so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as the SCVSD may legally impose;
 - b. The regular County assessment roll is utilized by the SCVSD;
 - c. The affected territory will be taxed for existing general bonded indebtedness, if any, of the SCVSD;
 - d. Except to the extent in conflict with a through c, above, the general terms and conditions contained in Chapter 2 of Part 5, Division 3, Title 5 of the California Government Code (commencing with Government Code Section 57325) shall apply to this annexation.
- The Commission hereby orders the uninhabited territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" annexed to the SCVSD.

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> 5. The Executive Officer is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the General Manager of the SCVSD, upon the SCVSD's payment of the applicable fees required by Government Code Section 54902.5 and prepare, execute and file a certificate of completion with the appropriate public agencies, pursuant to Government Code Section 57200, et seq.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of March 2013.

MOTION:	DEAR
SECOND:	FINLAY
AYES:	DEAR, FINLAY, MOLINA, PELLISSIER, GLADBACH,
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	CLOSE, LaBONGE, YAROSLAVSKY, SPENCE
MOTION PASSES:	5/0/4

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

PAUL A. NOVAK, AICP Executive Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10RMD RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING "ANNEXATION NO. 389 TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 22"

WHEREAS, the County Sanitation District No. 22 adopted a resolution of application to initiate proceedings before the Local Agency Formation Commission for Los Angeles County (the "Commission") pursuant to Part 3, Division 3, Title 5 of the California Government Code (commencing with section 56000, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000), for the annexation of territory located within the City of San Dimas; and

WHEREAS, the principal reason for the proposed annexation is to provide offsite sewage disposal for four office buildings and small portions of two additional buildings; and

WHEREAS, a description of the boundaries and map of the proposal are set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B", attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the territory consists of 7.380± acres and is uninhabited; and

WHEREAS, the short-form designation given this proposal is "Annexation No. 389 to County Sanitation District No. 22"; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has reviewed the proposal and submitted to the Commission a report, including his recommendation thereon; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2013, after being duly and properly noticed, this proposal came on for hearing at which time this Commission heard and received all oral and written testimony, objections and evidence which were made, presented or filed, and all persons present were given an opportunity to hear and be heard with respect to this proposal and the report of the Executive Officer.

Resolution No. 2013-10RMD Page 2

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- 1. Acting in its role as a responsible agency with the respect to Annexation No. 389, and under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15096, the Commission certifies that it has independently considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the project and the Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted by the City of San Dimas for approval of D.P.R.B. Case No. 04-11 for the four office buildings and small portions of two additional buildings, and has determined that the document adequately addresses the environmental impacts of the project. The Commission also finds that it has complied with the requirements of CEQA with respect to the process for a responsible agency, and hereby adopts by reference the environmental findings previously adopted by the lead agency in connection with its approval of the project.
- 2. Annexation No. 389 to the County Sanitation District No. 22 is hereby approved subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - a. The property so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as the District may legally impose.
 - b. The regular County assessment roll is utilized by the District.
 - c. The affected territory will be taxed for existing general bonded indebtedness, if any, of the District.
 - d. Except to the extent in conflict with a through c, above, the general terms and conditions contained in Chapter 2 of Part 5, Division 3, Title 5 of the California Government Code (commencing with Government Code Section 57325) shall apply to this annexation.

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- The Commission hereby sets the protest hearing for May 8, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. and authorizes and directs the Executive Officer to give notice thereof pursuant to Government Code Sections 57025 and 57026.
- 4. The Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to mail certified copies of this resolution as provided in Government Code Section 56882.

PASSED AND ADOPTED 13th day of March 2013.

MOTION:	FINLAY
SECOND:	PELLISSIER
AYES:	DEAR, FINLAY, MOLINA, PELLISSIER, SPENCE,
	YAROSLAVSKY, GLADBACH
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	CLOSE, LaBONGE
MOTION PASSES:	7/0/0

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

PAUL A. NOVAK, AICP

Executive Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-14ROA

RESOLUTION OF APPLICATION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR COMMISSION-INITIATED PROCEEDINGS TO DISSOLVE THE HUNTINGTON MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Huntington Municipal Water District (District) was formed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on January 9, 1960, and was incorporated by the State of California Secretary of State on January 26, 1960;

WHEREAS, the Huntington Municipal Water District is a legally-established municipal water district pursuant to Division 20 of the State of California Water Code;

WHEREAS, territory within the boundaries of the Huntington Municipal Water District includes 462 single-family homes in a community known as "Chapman Woods" in unincorporated County territory (with the exception of two schools that are located within the City of Pasadena), generally located southeasterly of the City of Pasadena in the San Gabriel Valley;

WHEREAS, the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles County (the "Commission"), is required, pursuant to Government Code Section 56000 *et seq* (the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000), to determine and update, as necessary, the Sphere of Influence (SOI) of each local agency; and

WHEREAS, the Commission adopted a Coterminous Sphere of Influence (Coterminous SOI), wherein the boundaries of the District and its SOI are the same, for the Huntington Municipal Water District, on October 26, 1983;

WHEREAS, Dudek and Associates, a consultant to LAFCO prepared the Final Municipal Service Review for Water Services for the West San Gabriel Valley on December 8, 2004, which examined several water districts, including the Huntington Municipal Water District;

WHEREAS, the Commission approved the Final Municipal Service Review for Water Services for the West San Gabriel Valley, and, based upon the recommendation in the MSR, the Commission adopted a Zero Sphere of Influence (Zero SOI) for the Huntington Municipal Water District on December 8, 2004;

WHEREAS, Hogle-Ireland, a consultant to LAFCO, has prepared a new Huntington Municipal Water District Municipal Service Review (MSR) for the Huntington Municipal Water District, dated November 2012;

WHEREAS, the November 2012 Huntington Municipal Water District Municipal Service Review was prepared pursuant to Government Code Sections 56425 and 56430;

WHEREAS, the November 2012 Huntington Municipal Water District Municipal MSR recommends that the Commission adopt a Zero SOI and dissolve the Huntington Municipal Water District;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Government Code Section 56375(a)(2)(B), LAFCO may initiate proposals by resolution of application for the dissolution of a district;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Government Code Section 56375(a)(3), LAFCO may initiate the dissolution of a district if it is consistent with a recommendation or conclusion of a study pursuant to Government Code Sections 56378, 56425, or 56430, and LAFCO makes the

determinations specified in Section 56881(b);

WHEREAS the Commission has initiated studies and requested information from other government agencies, including inventorying those agencies and determining their maximum service area and service capacities, consistent with Government Code Section 56378;

WHEREAS the Commission originally designated a Zero SOI for the District on December 8, 2004;

WHEREAS the November 2012 Huntington Municipal Water District Municipal Service Review (MSR) for the Huntington Municipal Water District, prepared pursuant to Government Code Section 56430, recommends that the Commission dissolve the District;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Government Code Section 56375(a)(3), the Commission hereby makes the determinations specified in Section 56881(b) that the public service costs are likely to be less than or substantially similar to the status quo, as the City of Pasadena Water & Power Department (PWP) has provided uninterrupted water service to residents within the boundaries of the District since the 1930s and would continue to provide water service, and, in this regard, the costs are likely to be the same as residents currently pay;

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56035 defines dissolution as "the disincorporation, extinguishment, or termination of the existence of a district and the cessation of all its corporate powers, except as the Commission may otherwise provide pursuant to Section

56886 or for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the district;" and

WHEREAS, on March 13th, 2013, after being duly and properly noticed, this Resolution of Application and proposal for District dissolution came up for hearing, at which time this Commission heard and received all oral and written testimony, objections and evidence which were made, presented or filed, and all persons present were given an opportunity to hear and be heard with respect to this matter, and the report of the Executive Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- The Commission hereby initiates proceedings to dissolve the Huntington Municipal Water District, as authorized pursuant to Government Code Section 56375(a)(2)(B);
- The Commission initiates this dissolution, which is consistent with and based upon prior studies and information requested from other government agencies, pursuant to Government Code Section 56378;
- The Commission initiates this dissolution, which is consistent with and based upon prior actions of the Commission pursuant to the Commission's adoption of a Zero SOI for the District on December 8, 2004, pursuant to Government Code Section 56425.
- 4. The Commission initiates this dissolution, which is consistent with and based upon prior actions of the Commission relative to the November 2012 Huntington Municipal Water

District Municipal Service Review (MSR), which includes a recommendation to dissolve the district, pursuant to Government Code Section 56425 and 56430;

- 5. Pursuant to Government Code Section 56881(b)(1), the Commission hereby determines that the public service costs are likely to be less than or substantially similar to the status quo, as the City of Pasadena Water & Power Department (PWP) has provided uninterrupted water service to residents within the boundaries of the District since the 1930s and would continue to provide water service, and, in this regard, the costs are likely to be the same as residents currently pay;
- 6. Pursuant to Government Code Section 56881(b)(2), the Commission hereby determines that the proposed dissolution promotes public access and accountability, in that the District is not providing water service, has no staff, no legal counsel, no website, and typically only meets once a year; and, further, that residents who currently have issues with service, billing, or water infrastructure contact PWP directly, and would continue to do so going forward upon the dissolution of the District; and, in these regards, the proposed dissolution promotes public access and accountability by eliminating a duplicative and unnecessary public agency;
- 7. As set forth in State CEQA Guidelines section 15061, the Commission finds that the proposed actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed Dissolution will have a significant effect on the environment.
- 8. The Commission finds that the proposed actions are not a project for purposes of CEQA because they are an organizational activity of government with no direct nor indirect

effects on the physical environment, pursuant to Section 15378(b) of the State CEQA

Guidelines.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of March, 2013.

MOTION: YAROSLAVSKY SECOND: PELLISSIER AYES: DEAR, FINLAY, PELLISSIER, SPENCE, YAROSLAVSKY, GLADBACH NOES: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE ABSENT: CLOSE, LaBONGE, MOLINA MOTION PASSES: 6/0/0

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

PAUL NOVAK, Executive Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-15RMD

RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING A MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW, ADOPTING A ZERO SPHERE OF INFLUENCE, AND DISSOLVING THE HUNTINGTON MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Huntington Municipal Water District was formed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on January 9, 1960, and was incorporated by the State of California Secretary of State on January 26, 1960;

WHEREAS, the Huntington Municipal Water District is a legally-established municipal water district pursuant to Division 20 of the State of California Water Code;

WHEREAS, territory within the boundaries of the Huntington Municipal Water District includes 462 single-family homes in a community known as "Chapman Woods" in unincorporated County territory (with the exception of two schools that are located within the City of Pasadena), generally located southeasterly of the City of Pasadena in the San Gabriel Valley;

WHEREAS, the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles County (the "Commission"), is required, pursuant to Government Code Section 56000 *et seq* (the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000), to determine and update, as necessary, the Sphere of Influence (SOI) of each local agency; and

WHEREAS, the Commission adopted a Coterminous Sphere of Influence (Coterminous SOI), wherein the boundaries of the District and its SOI are the same, for the Huntington Municipal Water District, on October 26, 1983;

WHEREAS, Dudek and Associates, a consultant to LAFCO, prepared the Final Municipal Service Review for Water Services for the West San Gabriel Valley on December 8, 2004, which examined several water districts, including the Huntington Municipal Water District;

WHEREAS, the Commission approved the Final Municipal Service Review for Water Services for the West San Gabriel Valley, and, based upon the recommendation in the MSR, the Commission adopted a Zero Sphere of Influence (Zero SOI) for the Huntington Municipal Water District on December 8, 2004;

WHEREAS, Hogle-Ireland, a consultant to LAFCO, has prepared a Huntington Municipal Water District Municipal Service Review (MSR) for the Huntington Municipal Water District, dated November 2012;

WHEREAS, the November 2012 Huntington Municipal Water District Municipal Service Review was prepared pursuant to Government Code Sections 56425 and 56430;

WHEREAS, the November 2012 Huntington Municipal Water District Municipal MSR recommends that the Commission adopt a Zero SOI and dissolve the Huntington Municipal Water District;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Government Code Section 56375(a)(2)(B), the Commission has adopted a resolution of application for Commission-initiated proceedings to dissolve the District;

WHEREAS, in adopting said resolution or application for Commission-initiated proceedings to dissolve the District, the Commission made the necessary findings pursuant to Government Code Sections 56375(a)(3) and 56881(b);

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has submitted to the Commission a staff report relative to the Huntington Municipal Water District MSR, including proposed determinations and recommendations that the Commission approve the MSR and adopt a Zero SOI for the Huntington Municipal Water District;

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer's report recommends that the Huntington Municipal Water District be dissolved;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Government Code Section 56375(a)(3), LAFCO may initiate a dissolution if it is consistent with a recommendation or conclusion of a study pursuant to Government Code Sections 56425 and 56430, and LAFCO makes the determinations specified in Section 56881(b);

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56035 defines dissolution as "the disincorporation, extinguishment, or termination of the existence of a district and the cessation of all its corporate powers, except as the Commission may otherwise provide pursuant to Section 56886 or for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the district;"

WHEREAS, on March 13th, 2013, after being duly and properly noticed, this matter came up for hearing, at which time this Commission heard and received all oral and written testimony, objections and evidence which were made, presented or filed, and all persons present were given an opportunity to hear and be heard with respect to this matter, and the report of the Executive Officer;

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 57077.1(c)(2) allows the Commission to order a dissolution after conducting a noticed public hearing and a noticed protest hearing, and in that the public hearing has been noticed for March 13, 2013 and that that said protest hearing will be noticed and is scheduled for May 8th, 2013, at 9:00 a.m.; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 56156 and 56157, in advance of the public hearing, the Commission has mailed a timely written notice to all registered voters and landowners within the boundaries of the District, as well as published a notice in compliance with all requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- As set forth in State CEQA Guidelines section 15061, the Commission finds that the approval of the proposed actions, approval of this MSR, adoption of a Zero SOI, and dissolution of the Huntington Municipal Water District is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it can be seen with certainty on these facts that there is no possibility that these actions will have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2. The Commission further finds that these actions, approval of this MSR, adoption of a Zero SOI, and dissolution of the Huntington Municipal Water District, are not a project for purposes of CEQA because they are an organizational activity of government with no direct nor indirect effects on the physical environment, pursuant to Section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines.
- 3. In accordance with Government Code Sections 56425 and 56430, the Commission adopts the following written determinations for Huntington Municipal Water District:

<u>Present and Planned Land Uses in the Area.</u> The 316-acres within the boundaries of the Huntington Municipal Water District include a population of approximately 1,000 residents. The area is developed with single-family dwellings, and there are only four vacant parcels. No significant growth is anticipated.

<u>Present and Probable Need for Public Facilities and Services in the Area.</u> The City of Pasadena Water & Power Division (PWP) provides water services to the

District in accordance with the terms of a 1931 Agreement between the City of Pasadena and Chapman Estates, the original developer of the area. PWP has provided uninterrupted water service to the Chapman Woods community since 1931. Given that the area is fully built out, PWP has the future capacity to continue to serve this community. PWP has no infrastructure needs nor deficiencies that would impede it from continuing to provide water service.

Present Capacity of Public Facilities and Adequacy of Public Service that the Agency Provides or is Authorized to Provide and Financial Ability of Agencies to Provide Services. The District does not have any water rights, infrastructure, nor staff to provide water service in the District. PWP relies on an intricate system of water sources and facilities to provide a safe and reliable supply to its customers. PWP currently relies on groundwater, surface supplies, and imported water purchased from the Metropolitan Water District (MWD). PWP has also developed a Water Integrated Resources Plan (WIRP) to provide an overall longterm water resources strategy through the year 2035. PWP's WIRP relies on increased water conservation and use of local rather than imported water supplies to meet their future demands. Future water sources include but are not limited to recycled water, surface water diversion, and groundwater storage using MWD replenishment water. PWP has no infrastructure needs nor deficiencies that would impede it from continuing to provide water service.

Existence of Any Social or Economic Communities of Interest: There are no distinct social and economic communities of interest within the boundaries of the territory served by the Huntington Municipal Water District.

The present and probable need for sewers, municipal and industrial water, or structural fire protection services and facilities of any Disadvantaged Unincorporated Community (DUC) within the existing Sphere of Influence. There are no DUCs within nor adjacent to the Huntington Municipal Water District.

<u>Growth and Population Projections for the Affected Area.</u> The area is fully built out with a population of approximately 1,000 people. Given that there are only four known undeveloped properties, no significant future growth is anticipated.

<u>Status of, and opportunities for Shared Facilities.</u> As noted in the MSR, there are no opportunities for joint ventures or shared facilities with the two other service providers in the vicinity of the District (the City of Arcadia or the East Pasadena Water Company).

Accountability for Community Service Needs, Including Government Structure and Operational Efficiencies. Members of the District's board of directors are generally appointed "in-lieu" of contested elections. The District does not maintain a website and generally meets only once a year. Because PWP has provided uninterrupted water service since the 1930s and continues to provide water service in the community, in the interest of efficiency it is entirely appropriate to dissolve the District.

- 4. In accordance with Government Code Section 56886(r), which authorizes the Commission to provide for the continuation or provision of any service provided at that time, the Commission hereby determines that PWP will continue to provide water service to property-owners within the former boundaries of the former Huntington Municipal Water District upon the District's dissolution, as PWP is required to do under a 1931 Agreement between the City of Pasadena and the A. E. Chapman Estate, the original developer of Chapman Woods.
- 5. The Commission adopts a Zero Sphere of Influence for the Huntington Municipal Water District, as identified in the map entitled "Huntington Municipal Water District Sphere of Influence."
- 6. The Huntington Municipal Water District is hereby dissolved subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - a. In accordance with Government Code Sections 57451(c) and 56886(m), the Commission hereby designates the County of Los Angeles as the successor agency for the District, tasked with winding up the affairs of the District;
 - In accordance with Government Code Section 56886(i), the funds maintained in any and all bank accounts by the Huntington Municipal Water District shall be conveyed to the County of Los Angeles as the successor agency;

- Prior to the transfer of funds from the Huntington Municipal Water District to the County of Los Angeles, the District shall pay and satisfy any and all outstanding obligations;
- d. The County of Los Angeles, acting as the successor agency, shall disburse the funds received from the Huntington Municipal Water District to the County of Los Angeles, consistent with Government Code Section 57457(c)(2);
- e. The funds referenced in Section 7.d (above) "may be used for any lawful purposes" of the County of Los Angeles, and further, "so far as may be practicable, the funds . . . shall be used for the benefit of the lands, inhabitants, and taxpayers within the territory of the dissolved district," consistent with Government Code Section 57463;
- f. As required by Government Code Section 57078, the dissolution of the Huntington Municipal Water District is subject to majority protest proceedings; and
- g. The County of Los Angeles Auditor-Controller shall adjust the allocation of property tax revenue for the territory in the area formerly occupied by the Huntington Municipal Water District pursuant to its authority and obligations under the Revenue & Taxation Code.
- 7. The Commission sets the protest hearing for May 8^{th,} 2013, at 9:00 a.m. as the date and time for Commission protest proceedings, and authorizes and directs the Executive Officer to give notice thereof pursuant to Government Code Section 57025 and 57026.

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8. The Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to mail certified copies of this resolution as provided in Government Code Section 56882.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of March, 2013.

MOTION:YAROSLAVSKYSECOND:PELLISSIERAYES:DEAR, FINLAY, PELLISSIER, SPENCE, YAROSLAVSKY,
GLADBACHNOES:NONEABSTAIN:NONEABSENT:CLOSE, LaBONGE, MOLINAMOTION PASSES:6/0/0

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PAUL NOVAK, Executive Officer