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## LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, June 10, 2015 9:00 a.m.

#### **Room 381B**

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles 90012

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- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY CHAIRMAN GLADBACH
- 3. DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION(S)
- 4. SWEARING-IN OF SPEAKER(S)
- 5. INFORMATION ITEM(S) GOVERNMENT CODE §§ 56751 & 56857 NOTICE

None.

#### 6. **CONSENT ITEM(S)**

All matters are approved by one motion unless held by a Commissioner or member(s) of the public for discussion or separate action.

- a. Annexation No. 741 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21, and Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- b. Annexation No. 742 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21, and California Environment Quality Act exemption.
- c. Approve Minutes of May 13, 2015.
- d. Operating Account Check Register for the month of May 2015.
- e. Receive and file update on pending applications.

#### 7. **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

- a. Annexation No. 2007-18 (40-59/4-129) to the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley; and California Environment Quality Act exemption.
- b. Annexation No. 2012-19 to the Walnut Valley Water District (Walnut Hills Development), and Environmental Impact Report.
- c. FY 2015-16 Final Budget.

#### 8. **PROTEST HEARING(S)**

None.

#### 9. **OTHER ITEMS**

- a. Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Report (continued from May 13<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting).
- b. Commission Support of AB 851(continued from May 13th Commission Meeting).
- c. Appointment of the Public Member.
- d. Outside Employment Request Executive Officer.

#### 10. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORT**

Commissioners' questions for staff, announcements of upcoming events and opportunity for Commissioners to briefly report on their LAFCO-related activities since last meeting.

#### 11. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Executive Officer's announcement of upcoming events and brief report on activities of the Executive Officer since the last meeting.

#### 12. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

This is the opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items not on the posted agenda, provided that the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Speakers are reminded of the <a href="mailto:three-minute">three-minute</a> time limitation.

#### 13. FUTURE MEETINGS

July 8, 2015 August 12, 2015 September 9, 2015 October 14, 2015

#### 14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Items not on the posted agenda which, if requested, will be referred to staff or placed on a future agenda for discussion and action by the Commission.

#### 15. ADJOURNMENT MOTION

#### **Staff Report**

#### June 10, 2015

#### Agenda Item No. 6.a.

#### Annexation No. 741 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21

#### **PROPOSAL SUMMARY:**

Size of Affected Territory:

 $1.735\pm$  acres

Inhabited/Uninhabited:

Uninhabited

Applicant:

Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21 (District)

Resolution or Petition:

June 25, 2014

Application Filed with LAFCO:

July 15, 2014

Location:

The affected territory is located on Baseline Road approximately 200 feet west of Oxford Avenue.

City/County:

City of Claremont.

Affected Territory:

The affected territory consists of one parcel (APN: 8670-009-010), a component of a larger mixed-use/adaptive reuse development project (including two additional parcels, APN's: 8670-009-011 and 8670-009-017). The overall project includes 60 proposed residential condominium units, as well as the preservation and adaptive re-use of four historic structures as commercial-office uses and other project uses. The affected territory is bounded by State Route 210 Freeway to the south. The topography is flat.

Surrounding Territory:

Surrounding territory is vacant commercial, residential, and

commercial-office.

Landowner(s):

Tres Estrellas, LLC.

Registered Voters:

0 registered voters as of May 12, 2015.

Purpose/Background:

For the District to provide off-site sewage disposal service.

Related Jurisdictional Changes:

There are no related jurisdictional changes.

Within SOI:

Yes

Waiver of Notice/Hearing/Protest:

Yes

CEQA Clearance:

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) clearance is a Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted by the City of Claremont, as lead agency, on August 7, 2007. The City of Claremont approved an amendment to Tentative Tract Map 68052, due to minor revisions to the approved project, which consists of changes to lot configurations, site design and layout, unit size and layout, and adaptive reuse of two of the four historic buildings. An updated CEQA clearance is an Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted by the City of Claremont, as lead agency, on December 16, 2013.

Additional Information:

The entire mixed-use development project site consists of 4.07± acres, which includes the development of 60 proposed residential condominiums, and the preservation of four historic stone buildings. The four historical structures consists of a ranch house, a pump house, two barns, and various small structures, also known as, the "Johnson Barns Property."

The affected territory (APN: 8670-009-010) consists of a remnant of one large concrete open-top water reservoir, pump house, two barns, and other small structures. The water reservoir has been demolished, and the pump house has already been converted for commercial-office use. The two barns and other small structures will be converted as a homeowner's association community center, covered parking, and a gazebo/picnic area. APN: 8670-009-011 currently consists of the ranch house, which has already been converted as commercial-office use. There are currently two dilapidated structures located on APN: 8670-009-017, and they will be demolished to allow for the new construction of the project.

APN's: 8670-009-011 and 8670-009-017 are already within the District's boundary. Both of these properties were annexed in the 1960s. APN: 8670-009-010 is not within the District's boundary, and requires an annexation into the District's boundary.

#### FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 56668:

#### a. Population:

The existing population is 0 residents as of July 15, 2014. The population density issue does not apply because the affected territory is unpopulated.

The estimated future population is 186 residents.

The affected territory is 1.735+/- acres. The existing land use is vacant and commercial-office. The proposed/future land use is residential and commercial-office.

The assessed valuation is \$1,154,143 as of May 5, 2015. The per capita assessed valuation issue does not apply because the affected territory is unpopulated. On October 7, 2014, the County adopted a negotiated tax exchange resolution; all other involved public agencies have adopted a property tax transfer resolution.

The topography of the affected territory is flat.

There are no natural boundaries. There is a drainage channel located south of the affected territory.

The nearest populated areas are north of the affected territory. The affected territory is likely to experience no additional growth in the next ten years other than the proposed project. The adjacent areas are likely to experience significant growth in the next ten years.

#### b. Governmental Services and Controls:

The affected territory will requires organized governmental services. The affected territory will require governmental services indefinitely.

The present cost and adequacy of governmental services and controls in the area are acceptable. With respect to sanitary sewage disposal, other than service provided by the District, the only alternative is private septic systems. The cost of sewage disposal by the District versus the cost by septic system is subject to multiple factors and varies widely. Service by the District is considered to be more reliable than septic systems. Service by the District is environmentally superior in terms of wastewater treatment, effluent discharge, and impacts on surface water bodies and groundwater.

#### c. Proposed Action and Alternative Actions:

The proposed action will have no effect on adjacent areas. The proposed action will have no effect on mutual social and economic interests. The proposal has no impact on the local governmental structure of the County.

The only alternate action for sewage disposal is a private septic system. Service by the District is considered to more reliable than septic systems. Service by the District is

environmentally superior in terms of wastewater treatment, effluent discharge, and impacts on the surface water bodies and groundwater.

### d. Conformity with Commission Policies on Urban Development and Open Space Conversion Policies:

There are no conformance issues because the Commission has not adopted any policies relative to providing planned, orderly, efficient patterns of urban development.

There is no prime agricultural land within or adjacent to the affected territory. The proposal conforms with the objectives in Government Code Sections 56377(a) and 56377(b).

#### e. Agricultural Lands:

There are no effects on agricultural lands, as defined. None of the land within the affected territory is currently used for the purpose of producing an agricultural commodity for commercial purposes. According to the California Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resource Protection, none of the land within the affected territory is subject to a Land Conservation Act (aka "Williamson Act") contract nor in a Farmland Security Zone (California Land Conservation Act 2012 Status Report).

#### f. Boundaries:

The boundaries of the affected territory have been clearly defined by the applicant, and these boundaries have been reviewed and approved by LAFCO's GIS/Mapping Technician.

The boundaries conform to lines of assessment or ownership, and these boundaries have been reviewed and approved by LAFCO's GIS/Mapping Technician.

As a special district annexation, the proposal has no impact on existing city-county boundaries, nor does it create islands or corridors of unincorporated territory.

#### g. Consistency with Regional Transportation Plan:

The proposal has no significant impact upon, and is therefore consistent with, the Regional Transportation Plan.

#### h. Consistency with Plans:

The proposal is consistent with the existing City of Claremont General Plan designation of Office/Professional.

The affected territory is not within the boundaries of any Specific Plan.

The City of Claremont's Municipal Code Chapter 16.051 allows for multi-family residential dwellings to be built within a Commercial Professional District, with a conditional use permit approved pursuant to the City's Municipal Code Chapter 16.303. On July 24, 2007, the City of Claremont approved Conditional Use Permit #07-C06 for the mixed use planned development.

Pre-zoning is not a requirement for a special district proposal.

#### i. Sphere of Influence:

The affected territory is within the Sphere of Influence of the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21.

#### j. Comments from Public Agencies:

Staff did not receive any significant comments from public agencies or any resolutions raising objections from any affected agency.

#### k. Ability to Provide Services:

The subject territory is not currently being serviced by the District. The area was included in the future service area that might be served by the District. The District's future wastewater management needs were addressed in the Joint Outfall System 2010 Master Facilities Plan.

#### I. Timely Availability of Water Supplies:

There are no known issues regarding water supply or delivery.

#### m. Regional Housing:

As a special district annexation, the proposal will not affect any city, nor the county, in achieving their respective fair shares of the regional housing needs as determined by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

#### n. Comments from Landowners, Voters, or Residents:

Staff did not receive any significant comments from landowners, voters, or residents.

#### o. Land Use Designations

The proposal is consistent with the existing City of Claremont General Plan designation of Office/Professional.

The proposal is consistent with the existing City of Claremont zoning designation of Commercial Professional (CP).

The City of Claremont's Municipal Code Chapter 16.051 allows for multi-family residential dwellings to be built within a Commercial Professional District (CPD), with a conditional use permit approved pursuant to the City's Municipal Code Chapter 16.303. On July 24, 2007, the City of Claremont approved Conditional Use Permit #07-C06 for the mixed use planned development.

#### p. Environmental Justice:

All of the owners of real property within the affected territory have requested, in writing, that the District provide off-site sewage disposal service. Property-owners of adjacent areas did not request such service, and/or were contacted by Sanitation District staff and were not interested in securing such service or did not respond. The proposal promotes environmental

justice, in that there is fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the location of public facilities and the provision of public services.

There are no Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs) within or adjacent to the affected territory.

#### CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) CLEARANCE:

The CEQA clearance is an Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration, which was adopted by the City of Claremont, as lead agency, on December 16, 2013. The Mitigated Negative Declaration was adopted by the City of Claremont, as lead agency, on August 7, 2007. The Commission is a responsible agency pursuant to CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15096.

## <u>DETERMINATIONS WITHOUT NOTICE AND HEARING, AND WAIVER OF PROTEST PROCEEDINGS:</u>

Pursuant to Government Code Section 56662(a), the Commission may make determinations upon the proposed annexation without notice and hearing and may waive protest hearings for the reasons set forth herein. The territory is uninhabited. To date, no affected local agency has submitted a written demand for notice and hearing during the 10-day period referenced in Government Code Section 56662(c). Furthermore, the proposal was accompanied by satisfactory proof that all the landowners within the affected territory have given their written consent to the proposed annexation. Based thereon, the Commission may make determinations on the proposed annexation without notice and hearing, and the Commission may waive protest proceedings.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

Staff recommends approval of the proposal as a logical and reasonable extension of the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21 which will be for the interest of landowners and/or present and/or future inhabitants within the district and within the annexation territory.

#### Recommended Action:

1. Adopt the Resolution Making Determinations, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 741 to Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21.

## RESOLUTION NO. 2015-00RMD RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING AND ORDERING "ANNEXATION NO. 741 TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 21"

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21 (District) adopted a resolution of application to initiate proceedings, which was submitted to the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles (Commission), pursuant to, Division 3, Title 5, of the California Government Code (commencing with section 56000, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000), for annexation of territory herein described to the District, all within the City of Claremont; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of approximately 1.735± acres of uninhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: "Annexation No. 741 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21"; 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 principal reason for the proposed annexation is for the District to provide off-site sewage disposal service to one parcel (APN: 8670-009-010), a component of a larger mixed-use/adaptive re-use development project (including two additional parcels, APN's: 8670-009-011 and 8670-009-017). The overall project includes 60 proposed residential condominium units, as well as the preservation and adaptive re-use of four historic structures as commercial-office uses and other project uses; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has reviewed the proposal and submitted to the

Commission a written report, including his recommendations therein; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that the Proposal meets all of the criteria for the Commission to make a determination without notice and hearing and waive protest proceedings entirely, pursuant to Government Code Section 56662; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer set the item for consideration for June 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., at the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 381-B, located at 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer set the item for consideration for June 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., at the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 381-B, located at 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2015, this Commission considered the Proposal and the report of the Executive Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. Acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to Annexation No. 741 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) the Commission considered the Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration (Addendum) together with the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared and adopted by the City of Claremont, as lead agency, on December 16, 2013, together with any comments received during the public review process; certifies that the

Commission has independently reviewed and considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the project as shown in the Addendum and the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and adopts the Summary Table of Mitigation Measures for the project, finding that the Summary Table of Mitigation Measures included in the Addendum is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during project implementation as applicable to the responsible agency.

- Pursuant to Government Code Section 56662(a), the Commission hereby finds and determines that:
  - a. The territory encompassed by the annexation 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 10-day period following the notice; and
  - c. The annexation was accompanied by satisfactory proof that all owners of land within the affected territory have given their written consent to the proposal.

Based thereon, pursuant to Government Code Section 56662 (a), the Commission may, and hereby does, make determinations on the proposal without notice and hearing, and the Commission may, and hereby does, waive protest proceedings entirely.

- A description of the boundaries and map of the proposal, as approved by this
   Commission, are set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B", attached hereto and by this reference
   incorporated herein.
- 4. The affected territory consists of 1.735± acres, is uninhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation:

"Annexation No. 741 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21".

- Annexation No. 741 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21 is hereby approved, subject to the following terms and conditions:
  - a. The District agrees to defend, hold harmless and indemnify LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees to attack, set aside, void or annul the approval of LAFCO concerning this proposal or any action relating to or arising out of such approval.
  - b. The effective date of the annexation shall be the date of recordation.
  - c. Payment of Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and State Board of Equalization fees.
  - d. The territory so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as may be legally imposed by the District.
  - e. The regular County assessment roll shall be utilized by the District.
  - f. The affected territory will be taxed for any existing general indebtedness, if any, of the District.

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g. Annexation of the affected territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" to the

District.

h. Except to the extent in conflict with "a" through "g", 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.

6. The Commission hereby orders the uninhabited territory described in Exhibits "A" and

"B" annexed to the District.

7. The Executive Officer is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to 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 this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2015.

MOTION:

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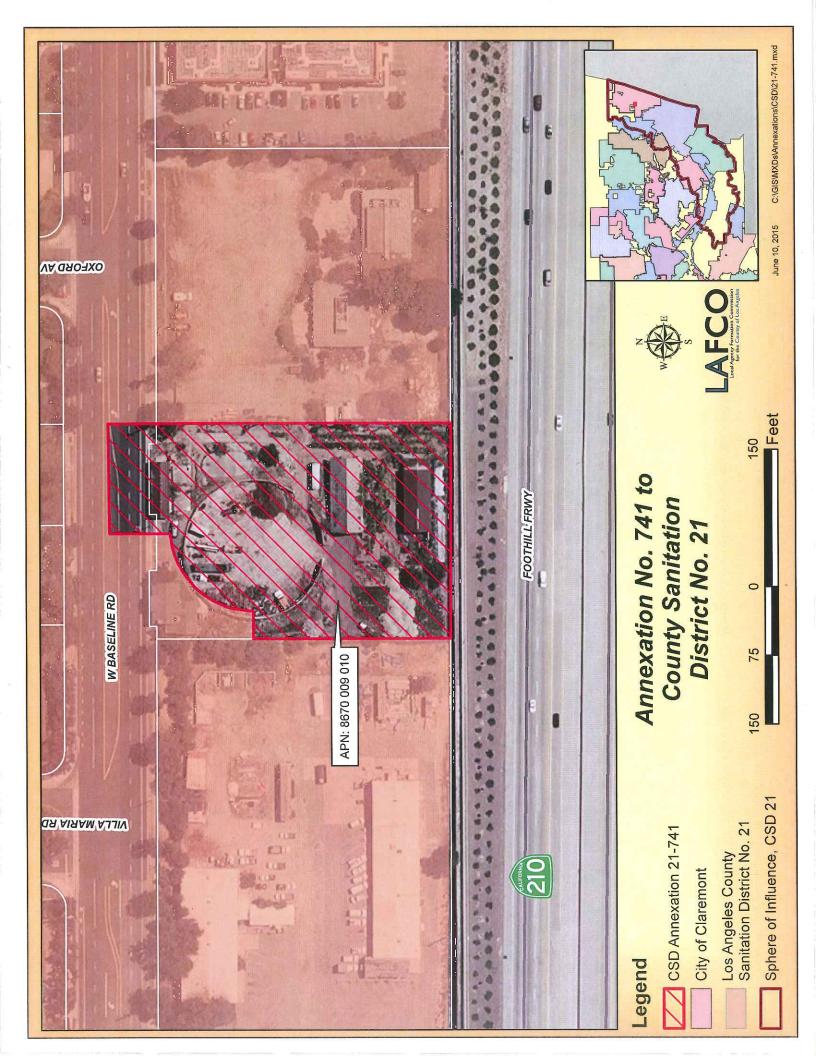
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ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

MOTION PASSES: 0/0/0

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



#### **Staff Report**

#### June 10, 2015

#### Agenda Item No. Number 6.b.

#### Annexation No. 742 to Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21

#### **PROPOSAL SUMMARY:**

Size of Affected Territory:  $8.38 \pm a \text{ cres}$ 

Inhabited/Uninhabited: Uninhabited

Applicant: Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21

Resolution or Petition: June 25, 2014

Application Filed with LAFCO: July 15, 2014

Location: The affected territory is located south of Baseline Road

between Summer Ave. and Mountain Ave.

City/County: City of Claremont

Affected Territory: The affected territory is consists of an existing fire station

and 95 proposed condominiums. The topography is flat.

Surrounding Territory: Surrounding territory is residential.

Landowner(s): William Lyon Homes, Inc. and Los Angeles County

Consolidated Fire Protection District

Registered Voters: 0 registered voters as of July 15, 2014

Purpose/Background: For the District to provide off-site sewage disposal service.

Related Jurisdictional Changes: There are no related jurisdictional changes.

Within SOI: Yes

Waiver of Notice/Hearing/Protest: Yes

CEQA Clearance:

Parcel 1 is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15319(a) because the annexation consists of areas containing existing structures to the density allowed by the current zoning for the fire station. The Categorical Exemption was adopted by Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21, as lead agency, on June 25, 2014.

For Parcel 2, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) clearance is a Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted by the City of Claremont, as lead agency, on February 11, 2014.

Additional Information:

None

#### FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 56668:

#### a. Population:

The existing population is 0 residents as of July 15, 2014. The population density issue does not apply because the affected territory is unpopulated.

The estimated future population is 400 residents.

The affected territory is 8.38+/- acres. The existing land use of Parcel 1 consists of a fire station. The existing land use of Parcel 2 consists of vacant land with a proposed/future land use of 95 condominiums.

The assessed valuation is \$39,662 as of July 15, 2014. The per capita assessed valuation issue does not apply because the affected territory is unpopulated. On October 7, 2014, the County adopted a negotiated tax exchange resolution; all other involved public agencies have adopted a property tax transfer resolution.

The topography of the affected territory is flat.

There are no natural boundaries. There are no drainage basins on or near the affected territory.

The affected territory is surrounded by populated areas on all sides. The affected territory is likely to experience significant growth in the next ten years, due to the development of 95 condominiums. The adjacent areas are likely to experience no growth in the next ten years.

#### b. Governmental Services and Controls:

The affected territory includes a fire station and proposed development of 95 condominiums which requires organized governmental services. The affected territory will require governmental services indefinitely.

The present cost and adequacy of governmental services and controls in the area are acceptable. With respect to sanitary sewage disposal, other than service provided by the District, the only alternative is private septic systems. The cost of sewage disposal by the District versus the cost by septic system is subject to multiple factors and varies widely. Service by the District is considered to be more reliable than septic systems. Service by the District is environmentally superior in terms of wastewater treatment, effluent discharge, and impacts on surface water bodies and groundwater.

#### c. Proposed Action and Alternative Actions:

The proposed action will have no effect on adjacent areas. The proposed action will have no effect on mutual social and economic interests. The proposal has no impact on the local governmental structure of the County.

The only alternate action for sewage disposal is a private septic system. Service by the District is considered to be more reliable than septic systems. Service by the District is environmentally superior in terms of wastewater treatment, effluent discharge, and impacts on surface water bodies and groundwater.

### d. Conformity with Commission Policies on Urban Development and Open Space Conversion Policies:

There are no conformance issues because the Commission has not adopted any policies relative to providing planned, orderly, efficient patterns of urban development.

There is no prime agricultural land within or adjacent to the affected territory. The proposal conforms with the objectives in Government Code Sections 56377(a) and 56377(b).

#### e. Agricultural Lands:

There are no effects on agricultural lands, as defined. None of the land within the affected territory is currently used for the purpose of producing an agricultural commodity for commercial purposes. According to the California Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resource Protection, none of the land within the affected territory is subject to a Land Conservation Act (aka "Williamson Act") contract nor in a Farmland Security Zone (California Land Conservation Act 2012 Status Report).

#### f. Boundaries:

The boundaries of the affected territory have been clearly defined by the applicant, and these boundaries have been reviewed and approved by LAFCO's GIS/Mapping Technician.

The boundaries conform to lines of assessment or ownership, and these boundaries have been reviewed and approved by LAFCO's GIS/Mapping Technician.

As a special district annexation, the proposal has no impact on existing city-county boundaries, nor does it create islands or corridors of unincorporated territory.

#### g. Consistency with Regional Transportation Plan:

The proposal has no significant impact upon, and is therefore consistent with, the Regional Transportation Plan.

#### h. Consistency with Plans:

The proposal is consistent with the existing City's General Plan designation of Public and Residential.

The affected territory is not within the boundaries of any Specific Plan.

Pre-zoning is not a requirement for a special district proposal.

#### i. Sphere of Influence:

The affected territory is within the Sphere of Influence of the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21.

#### j. Comments from Public Agencies:

Staff did not receive any significant comments from public agencies or any resolutions raising objections from any affected agency.

#### k. Ability to Provide Services:

Parcel 1 is currentlyserviced and Parcel 2 is not currently serviced by the District, the areas were included in the future service area that might be served by the District. The District's Future wastewater management needs were addressed in the Joint Outfall System 2010 Master Facilities Plan.

#### l. Timely Availability of Water Supplies:

There are no known issues regarding water supply or delivery.

#### m. Regional Housing:

As a special district annexation, the proposal will not affect any city, nor the county, in achieving their respective fair shares of the regional housing needs as determined by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

#### n. Comments from Landowners, Voters, or Residents:

Staff did not receive any significant comments from landowners, voters, or residents.

#### o. Land Use Designations

The proposal is consistent with the existing City's General Plan designation of Public and Residential.

The proposal is consistent with the existing City's zoning designation of P [Public], RM 3,000 [Residential], and MU4 [Mixed Use 4].

#### p. Environmental Justice:

All of the owners of real property within the affected territory have requested, in writing, that the District provide off-site sewage disposal service. Property-owners of adjacent areas did not request such service, and/or were contacted by Sanitation District staff and were not interested in securing such service or did not respond. The proposal promotes environmental justice, in that there is fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the location of public facilities and the provision of public services.

There are no Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs) within or adjacent to the affected territory.

#### **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) CLEARANCE:**

Parcel 1 is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15319(a) because the annexation consists of areas containing existing structures to the density allowed by the current zoning for the fire station. In addition, there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposal records. The Categorical Exemption was adopted by Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21, as lead agency, on June 25, 2014.

For Parcel 2, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) clearance is a Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted by the City of Claremont, as lead agency, on February 11, 2014. The Commission is a responsible agency pursuant to CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15096.

## <u>DETERMINATIONS WITHOUT NOTICE AND HEARING, AND WAIVER OF PROTEST PROCEEDINGS:</u>

Pursuant to Government Code Section 56662(a), the Commission may make determinations upon the proposed annexation without notice and hearing and may waive protest hearings for the reasons set forth herein. The territory is uninhabited. To date, no affected local agency has submitted a written demand for notice and hearing during the 10-day period referenced in Government Code Section 56662(c). Furthermore, the proposal was accompanied by satisfactory proof that all the landowners within the affected territory have given their written consent to the proposed annexation. Based thereon, the Commission may make determinations on the proposed annexation without notice and hearing, and the Commission may waive protest proceedings.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

Staff recommends approval of the proposal as a logical and reasonable extension of Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21 which will be for the interest of landowners and/or present and/or future inhabitants within the district and within the annexation territory.

#### **Recommended Action:**

1. Adopt the Resolution Making Determinations, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 742 to Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21.

# RESOLUTION NO. 2015-00RMD RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING AND ORDERING "ANNEXATION NO. 742 TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 21"

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WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of approximately 8.38± acres of uninhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation:

"Annexation No. 742 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21"; 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 principal reason for the proposed annexation is for the District to provide off-site sewage disposal to one proposed single-family home; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has reviewed the proposal and submitted to the Commission a written report, including his recommendations therein; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that the Proposal meets all of the criteria for the Commission to make a determination without notice and hearing and waive protest proceedings entirely, pursuant to Government Code Section 56662; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer set the item for consideration for June 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., at the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 381-B, located at 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2015, this Commission considered the Proposal and the report of the Executive Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

The Commission, acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to Annexation
 No. 742 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21, finds that:

Parcel 1 is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California

Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section

15319(a) because the annexation consists of areas containing existing structures
to the density allowed by the current zoning for the fire station. In addition,
there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors
that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposal records. The
Commission considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration for Parcel 2
prepared and adopted by the City of Claremont, as lead agency, on February 11,
2014, together with any comments received during the public review process;
and certifies that the Commission has independently reviewed and considered
and reached its own conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the
proposed project as shown in the Mitigated Negative Declaration;

and adopts the "Mitigation Measures and Project Design Features" for the project, finding that the "Mitigation Measures and Project Design Features" is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during project implementation as applicable to the responsible agency.

- 2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 56662(a), the Commission hereby finds and determines that:
  - a. The territory encompassed by the annexation 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 10-day period following the notice; and
  - c. The annexation was accompanied by satisfactory proof that all owners of land within the affected territory have given their written consent to the proposal.

Based thereon, pursuant to Government Code Section 56662(a), the Commission may, and hereby does, make determinations on the proposal without notice and hearing, and the Commission may, and hereby does, waive protest proceedings entirely.

3. A description of the boundaries and map of the proposal, as approved by this

Commission, are set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B", attached hereto and by this reference
incorporated herein.

- 4. The affected territory consists of 8.38± acres, is uninhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation:
  - "Annexation No. 742 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21".
- 5. Annexation No. 742 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21 is hereby approved, subject to the following terms and conditions:
  - a. The District agrees to defend, hold harmless and indemnify LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees to attack, set aside, void or annul the approval of LAFCO concerning this proposal or any action relating to or arising out of such approval.
  - b. The effective date of the annexation shall be the date of recordation.
  - Payment of Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and State Board of Equalization fees.
  - d. The territory so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as may be legally imposed by the District.
  - e. The regular County assessment roll shall be utilized by the District.
  - f. The affected territory will be taxed for any existing general indebtedness, if any, of the District.
  - g. Annexation of the affected territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" to the District.

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h. Except to the extent in conflict with "a" through "g", 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.

6. The Commission herby orders the uninhabited territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B"

annexed to Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21.

7. The Executive Officer is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to 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 this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2015.

MOTION:

SECOND:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

MOTION PASSES: 0/0/0

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Paul A. Novak, AICP Executive Officer







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#### REGULAR MEETING

## MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

May 13, 2015

Present:

Jerry Gladbach, Chair

Richard H. Close Donald L. Dear Tom LaBonge Gerard McCallum David Spence

Michael D. Antonovich, Alternate Lori Brogin-Falley, Alternate Judith Mitchell, Alternate Joe Ruzicka, Alternate Greig Smith, Alternate

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

Absent:

Margaret Finlay Don Knabe Sheila Kuehl

Paul Krekorian, Alternate

#### 1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in Room 374-A (Business License Commission) of the County Hall of Administration.

#### 2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Jerry Gladbach.

Chair Gladbach announced that a quorum was present.

- 3 DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION(S)
- 4 SWEARING-IN OF SPEAKER(S)

Noting that there were no audience members present, Chair Gladbach indicated that he was skipping Items 3 and 4.

5 INFORMATION ITEM(S) – GOVERNMENT CODE §§ 56751 & 56857 NOTICE

(None.)

CONTINUED OTHER ITEMS (9.a. and 9.d.)

Chair Gladbach stated that Commissioner Kuehl, who requested that the Commission report on the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), is currently in Sacramento. Chair Gladbach, on behalf of staff, requested that the Commission continue Item 9.a. until the meeting of June 10, 2015.

Chair Gladbach, on behalf of staff, requested that Item 9.d. (Commission Support of AB 851) be continued until June 10, 2015, to allow more time for LAFCO to confer with County representatives.

The Commission took the following action:

- Continued 9.a., Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), until June 10, 2015.
- Continued 9.d., Commission Support of AB 851, until June 10, 2015.

MOTION:

LaBONGE

SECOND:

DEAR

AYES:

CLOSE, DEAR, LaBONGE, MITCHELL (ALT. FOR FINLAY),

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SMITH (ALT. FOR McCALLUM), SPENCE, GLADBACH

NOES:

**NONE** 

ABSTAIN:

**NONE** 

ABSENT:

FINLAY, KNABE, KUEHL, McCALLUM

MOTION PASSES:

7/0/0

#### 6 CONSENT ITEM(S) – OTHER

The Commission took the following actions under Consent Items:

- a. Adopted the Resolution Making Determinations Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 744 to Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 21; Resolution No. 2015-12RMD.
- b. Adopted the Resolution Making Determinations Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 419 to Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 22; Resolution No. 2015-13RMD.
- c. Approved Minutes of April 8, 2015.
- d. Approved Operating Account Check Register for the month of April 2015.
- e. Received and filed update on pending applications.

MOTION:

**DEAR** 

SECOND:

SPENCE

AYES:

CLOSE, DEAR, LaBONGE, MITCHELL (ALT. FOR FINLAY),

SMITH (ALT. FOR McCALLUM), SPENCE, GLADBACH

NOES:

NONE

ABSTAIN:

NONE

ABSENT:

FINLAY, KNABE, KUEHL, McCALLUM

MOTION PASSES:

7/0/0

#### 7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The following item was called up for consideration:

a. Annexation No. 2014-11 to Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (La Crescenta-Montrose).

The E.O. summarized the staff report on Annexation No. 2014-11.

The E.O. noted that there was an error in the staff report, which stated an assessed value of \$495 billion, the total amount assessed for the entire district. The correct assessed value is \$2.5 billion for the affected territory.

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

The Commission took the following action:

- Adopted the Resolution Making Determinations Approving Annexation No. 2014-11 to the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (La Crescenta-Montrose); Resolution No. 2015-14RMD.
- Pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, set July 8, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., as the date and time for Commission protest proceedings.

MOTION:

**SPENCE** 

SECOND:

LaBONGE

AYES:

CLOSE, DEAR, LaBONGE, MITCHELL (ALT. FOR FINLAY),

SMITH (ALT. FOR McCALLUM), SPENCE, GLADBACH

NOES:

NONE

ABSTAIN:

NONE

ABSENT:

FINLAY, KNABE, KUEHL, McCALLUM

MOTION PASSES:

7/0/0

#### 7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The following item was called up for consideration:

b. Fiscal Year 2015-16 Proposed Budget.

The E.O. summarized the staff report on the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Proposed Budget.

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

Commissioner Spence asked the E.O. how filing fees are forecast in the budget. The E.O. stated that LAFCO has, for the past couple of years, reduced the annual budget projections for filing fees. The E.O. stated that LAFCO is not reliant on filing fees, and it is a small percentage of the overall budget. The majority of the budget is received through assessments paid by the cities, special districts, and the County of Los Angeles.

Commissioner Mitchell asked about Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB). The E.O. stated there are two retirees who participate in a "pay-as-you-go" method retirement plan, which is included in the annual budget. For all other employees, every three years an outside consultant performs calculations, and a percentage of money is set aside to fund post-retirement employees and future retiree's insurance costs. The intent is to set aside funding, for current employees, to cover costs of their post-employment medical insurance during their retirement. Commissioner Mitchell stated that many public agencies are "cutting" OPEB for their budgets. The E.O. stated LAFCO cannot remove OPEB from its budget because LAFCO participates in the Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association (LACERA) pension plan, and providing medical insurance for retirees (OPEB) is a condition of participation in LACERA. The E.O. stated that medical insurance benefits for dependents have been reduced for newer LAFCO employees (those hired after January 1, 2013).

Chair Gladbach commended staff for providing complete definitions to the "Sources of Funding," and for including a "Projected Year-End" column to the budget.

The Commission took the following action:

- Approved the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16.
- Pursuant to Government Code Section 56381, directed staff to forward the Proposed Budget to the County of Los Angeles, and the 88 cities and 54 independent special districts in Los Angeles County, for their comments.
- Set June 10, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., as the date and time on adoption of the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

MOTION:

LaBONGE

SECOND:

DEAR

AYES:

CLOSE, DEAR, LaBONGE, MITCHELL (ALT. FOR FINLAY),

SMITH (ALT. FOR McCALLUM), SPENCE, GLADBACH

NOES:

NONE

ABSTAIN:

NONE

ABSENT:

FINLAY, KNABE, KUEHL, McCALLUM

MOTION PASSES:

7/0/0

[Commissioner McCallum arrived at 9:08 a.m.]

[Supervisor Antonovich arrived at 9:09 a.m.]

#### 8 PROTEST HEARING(S)

The following item was called up for consideration:

a. Annexation No. 2003-08 (40-23/4-103) to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.

The E.O. stated that this is the Commission protest hearing pursuant to Government Code Section 57000 *et seq*.

The E.O. noted that no written protest(s) had been received in advance of the hearing.

The protest hearing was opened to receive testimony and/or written protest(s). There being no testimony or written protest(s) submitted, the protest hearing was closed.

The Commission took the following action:

 Adopted the Resolution Making Determinations Ordering Annexation No. 2003-08 (40-23/4-103) to the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley; Resolution No. 2015-04PR.

MOTION:

LaBONGE

SECOND:

DEAR

AYES:

ANTONOVICH (ALT. FOR KNABE), CLOSE, DEAR,

LaBONGE, McCALLUM, MITCHELL (ALT. FOR FINLAY),

SPENCE, GLADBACH

NOES:

**NONE** 

ABSTAIN:

**NONE** 

ABSENT:

FINLAY, KNABE, KUEHL

MOTION PASSES:

8/0/0

#### 9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

a. Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Report.

The E.O. noted that the Commission made a motion, at the beginning of the meeting, to continue this item until June 10, 2015.

#### 9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

b. Amendment to Policy Concerning Out-of-Agency Service Extension or Exemption Pursuant to Government Code Section 56133.

The E.O. summarized the staff report on Amendment to Policy Concerning Out-of-Agency Service Extension or Exemption Pursuant to Government Code Section 56133. The amendment addresses the Commission's request at the time of the Policy's adoption.

The E.O. noted the draft policy amendment (Proposals Requesting an Out-of-Agency Service Extension or Exemption Pursuant to Government Code Section 56133), which was included in the agenda package contained a typographical error. The E.O. stated a revised version of the draft policy was given to each of the Commissioners at the meeting.

The Commission took the following action:

- Adopted the revised policy as amended (Proposals Requesting an Out-of-Agency Service Extension or Exemption Pursuant to Government Code Section 56133); and
- Directed the Executive Officer to Post the adopted revised policy on the Commission website.

MOTION:

LaBONGE

SECOND:

SPENCE

AYES:

ANTONOVICH (ALT. FOR KUEHL), CLOSE, DEAR,

LaBONGE, McCALLUM, MITCHELL (ALT. FOR FINLAY),

SPENCE, GLADBACH

NOES:

**NONE** 

ABSTAIN:

NONE

ABSENT:

FINLAY, KNABE, KUEHL

MOTION PASSES:

8/0/0

#### 9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

c. Legislative Update.

The E.O. summarized the staff report on Legislative Update.

Commissioner Close asked if Senator Robert Hertzberg's office provided feedback regarding the Commission's opposition letter to SB 239. The E.O. stated that Senator Hertzberg was surprised at the level of opposition at the first Committee meeting. CALAFCO staff has since meet with Senator Hertzberg's office, and amendments have been discussed but nothing has been finalized. The E.O. noted that the County of Los Angeles also will send an opposition letter to SB 239. Commissioner Close asked the E.O. if he knows what the motivation is for SB 239. The E.O. stated "no".

Chair Gladbach asked if this is for information only purposes only. The E.O. stated that is correct, and no action is required by the Commission.

#### 9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

d. Commission Support of AB 851.

The E.O. noted that the Commission made a motion, at the beginning of the meeting, to continue this item until June 10, 2015.

#### 10 COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner LaBonge stated he attended the 2015 Southern California Association of Governments Regional Conference.

Commissioner LaBonge provided a photo copy of excerpts from a book titled *Metropolitan Los Angeles: Its Governments*, published in 1949, which illustrates Supervisorial District boundaries, Council District boundaries, City of Los Angeles budget and expenditure information, and various other County related activities, to all Commissioners.

Commissioner McCallum stated he attended the CALAFCO Board of Directors meeting in Sacramento, and the Southern Region of Coalition of California LAFCOs (CCL). He stated both meetings were informative.

Commissioner Dear stated he and Chair Gladbach attended the Association of California Water Agencies 2015 Spring Conference in Sacramento. This year's conference main focus is the current drought in California. Commissioner Dear stated various water agencies testified before the State Water Resources Control Board hearing, and unfortunately the Board will not change its ruling, and the 25% mandatory water reduction is in full effect, despite what various water agencies have already done to reduce water usage by implementation of recycled water and conservation programs.

Commissioner Spence asked Commissioner Dear what was discussed regarding the Delta Smelt fish. Commissioner Dear stated that various state and federal agencies' number one priority is to save the Delta Smelt fish from extinction.

#### 11 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The E.O. stated that Commissioner McCallum has been endorsed by of the Southern Region LAFCOs, and is now representing the six Southern California LAFCOs, as a new public member, on the CALAFCO Board of Directors.

The E.O. noted that an announcement flyer of the 2015 CALAFCO Annual Conference in Sacramento, September 2-4, 2015, was included in the agenda package.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT

(None).

13 FUTURE MEETINGS

June 10, 2015 July 8, 2015 August 12, 2015

14 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(None).

15 ADJOURNMENT MOTION

On motion of Chair Gladbach, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul A. Novak, AICP Executive Officer

L: minutes 2015\05-13-15

9:32 AM 06/01/15 Accrual Basis

# LAFCO 03 REGISTER REPORT

May 2015

Туре	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
10000 Cash Unrest	ricted					
10003 Operating						
Transfer	5/1/2015		Transfer To Operating	Operating Account Funds Tran	100,000.00	100,000.00
Deposit	5/4/2015			Deposit	5,000.00	105,000.00
Deposit Bill Pmt -Check	5/6/2015 5/7/2015	7550	Gina Duche	Deposit Bookkeeping: 4 Hrs	25.68 -80.00	105,025.68 104,945.68
Bill Pmt -Check	5/7/2015	7551	CALAFCO"	CALAFCO 2015 Conference	-898.00	104,047.68
Bill Pmt -Check	5/7/2015	7552	County Counsel	Legal Services: March 2015	-3,290,62	100,757,06
Bill Pmt -Check	5/7/2015	7553	CTS Glendale	LAFCO - May 2015	-550.00	100,207.06
Bill Pmt -Check	5/7/2015	7554	Patricia Knoebl-Wood*	Reimbursement: LACERA Ele	-18.00	100,189.06
Bill Pmt -Check	5/14/2015	7555	Gina Duche	Bookkeeping: 4 Hrs	-80.00	100,109.06
Check	5/15/2015	DM	Douglass Dorado	Salary, May 15, 2015	-2,512,10	97,596.96
Check	5/15/2015	DM	Michael E. Henderson	Salary, May 15, 2015	-1,942.78	95,654.18
Check Check	5/15/2015 5/15/2015	DM DM	Patricia Knoebl-Wood Paul Novak	Salary, May 15, 2015 Salary, May 15, 2015	-1,098.82 -4,457.82	94,555.36 90,097.54
Check	5/15/2015	DM	Alisha O'Brien	Salary, May 15, 2015	-1,881,49	88,216.05
Check	5/15/2015	DM	June D. Savala	Salary, May 15, 2015	-3,665.68	84,550.37
Check	5/15/2015	DM	Federal Tax Deposit	Payroll Taxes, May 15, 2015	-4,277.94	80,272.43
Check	5/15/2015	DM	State Income Tax	Payroll Taxes, May 15, 2015	-1,159.97	79,112.46
Check	5/15/2015	DM	ADP	Processing Charges for period	-122.70	78,989.76
Bill Pmt -Check	5/18/2015	7556	CALAFCO"	CALAFCO 2015 Conference	-1,371.00	77,618.76
Bill Pmt -Check	5/18/2015	7557	Certified Records Ma	Cust#00271, 05/01/15-05/31/15	-179.52	77,439.24
Bill Pmt -Check	5/18/2015	7558	Charter Communicati	Acct#8245100171576933, 05/	-455.25	76,983.99
Bill Pmt -Check	5/18/2015	7559 7560	CoreLogic	Acct#200-694038-RR657541-2 Cust#C000766, March 2015	-28.92 -226.07	76,955.07 76,729.00
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Bill Pmt -Check	5/18/2015	7562	Office Depot*	EAT CO OF EB. April 2016, Gai	-139.00	75,756.48
Bill Pmt -Check	5/18/2015	7563	Paul A. Novak	Reimbursement: CALAFCO B	-103.00	75,653.48
Bill Pmt -Check	5/18/2015	7564	Ricoh Americas Corp	036-0027688-000	-1,568.36	74,085.12
Bill Pmt -Check	5/18/2015	7565	Ricoh USA, Inc.	Cust#13725307, 02/01/15-04/3	-559,53	73,525.59
Deposit	5/18/2015			Deposit	4,000.00	77,525.59
Bill Pmt -Check	5/21/2015	7567	Gina Duche	Bookkeeping: 4 Hrs	-80.00	77,445.59
Check	5/22/2015	454713196	ADP	Processing Charges for period	-145.01	77,300.58
Bill Pmt -Check	5/26/2015	7568 7569	Gina Duche ATT	Bookkeeping: 4 Hrs Acct#990566760, 04/10/15-05/	-80.00 -198.07	77,220.58 77,022.51
Bill Pmt -Check Bill Pmt -Check	5/27/2015 5/27/2015	7570	Bank of America*	ACCI#990000700, 04/10/10-00/	-353.77	76,668.74
Bill Pmt -Check	5/27/2015	7571	CALAFCO"	CALAFCO 2015 Conference	-508.00	76,160.74
Bill Pmt -Check	5/27/2015	7572	Daily Journal	C, LD II GG EG 15 GGIIID/GIIGG	-61.00	76,099.74
Bill Pmt -Check	5/27/2015	7573	Los Angeles County	Annexation No. 2012-19 Waln	-75.00	76,024.74
Bill Pmt -Check	5/27/2015	7574	Mail Finance	Cust#416653, 12-Jun-15 to 11	-126.42	75,898.32
Bill Pmt -Check	5/27/2015	7575	Miller & Owen	File#LA945	-218.49	75,679.83
Bill Pmt -Check	5/27/2015	7576	Motor Parks	Cust#025-001 Unreserved (7)	-630.00	75,049.83
Bill Pmt -Check	5/27/2015	7577	Neofunds	Acct#1290, Postge: 05/05/15	-300.00	74,749.83
Bill Pmt -Check Bill Pmt -Check	5/27/2015 5/27/2015	7578 7579	Office Depot* Patricia Knoebl-Wood*	Reimbursement: Clerks CCL	-806.24 -58.70	73,943.59 73,884.89
Bill Pmt -Check	5/27/2015	7580	Tropical Interior Plants	Service: April 2015	-100.00	73,784.89
Check	5/29/2015	DM	Douglass Dorado	Salary, May 29, 2015	-2,512.11	71,272.78
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Check Check	5/29/2015 5/29/2015	DM DM	Federal Tax Deposit State Income Tax	Payroll Taxes, May 29, 2015 Payroll Taxes, May 29, 2015	-4,277.92 -1,159.97	53,948.26 52,788.29
Check	5/29/2015	89643055	Michael D. Antonovich	Stipend, May 29, 2015	-105.19	52,683.10
Check	5/29/2015	89643056	Lori W. Brogin	Stipend, May 29, 2015	-147.83	52,535.27
Check	5/29/2015	89643057	Richard Close	Stipend, May 29, 2015	-147.82	52,387.45
Check	5/29/2015	DM	Donald L. Dear	Stipend, May 29, 2015	-147.82	52,239.63
Check	5/29/2015	89643058	Edward G. Gladbach	Stipend, May 29, 2015	-147.82	52,091.81
Check	5/29/2015	DM	Thomas J LaBonge	Stipend, May 29, 2015	-147.82	51,943,99
Check	5/29/2015	DM	Gerard McCallum II	Stipend, May 29, 2015	-147.83	51,796.16
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Check	5/29/2015	DM	Federal Tax Deposit	Payroll Taxes, May 29, 2015	-63.56	51,332.08
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Bill Pmt -Check	5/29/2015		Platinum Consulting	VOID: LA LAFCO - CPA servic	0.00	51,279.12
Bill Pmt -Check	5/29/2015		LACERA	VOID: LAFCO May contributions	0.00	51,279.12

Туре	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
Bill Pmt -Check Bill Pmt -Check	5/29/2015 5/29/2015	7584 7585	LACERA Platinum Consulting	LAFCO May contributions LA LAFCO - CPA services - A	-12,286.55 -1,327.50	38,992.57 37,665.07
Total 10003 Ope	rating Account				37,665.07	37,665.07
Total 10000 Cash Ur	nrestricted				37,665.07	37,665.07
TOTAL					37,665.07	37,665.07

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6e - June 10, 2015 PENDING APPLICATIONS AS OF JUNE 1, 2015

			PEN	PENDING APPLICATIONS AS OF JUNE 1, 2015			
		LAFCO Designation	Applicant	Description	Status	Date Filed	Est. Date of Completion
-	AOB	Annexation 2006-12 to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40	Land Resource Investors	Annex 20 acres of vacant land located at the northeast corner of Avenue J and 37th Street East, City of Lancaster. Will be developed into 80 single family homes.	Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, registered voter and landowner labels.	5/16/2006	Unknown
2	AOB	Annexation No. 2006-46 to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40	New Anaverde, LLC	Annex 1,567 acres of vacant land located near Lake Elizabeth Road and Avenue S in the city of Palmdale. Will be developed into 313 single family home.	Incomplete filing: CEQA, registered voter labels, landowner labels, and approved map and legal.	10/5/2006	Unknown
က	AOB.	Annexation No. 2011-17 (2006-50) to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40	Behrooz Haverim/Kamyar Lashgarí	Annex 20.62 acres of vacant land located south of Avenue H between 42nd Street West and 45th Street West in the City of Lancaster. To be developed into single family homes	Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, registered voter and landowner labels.	12/1/2006	Unknown
4	0	Annexation No. 2007-04 City of Industry	City of Industry	Annexation of 14.8 acres to the City of Industry. The subject territory consists principally of a street right-of-way along Valley Blvd., between Morningside Drive and the City of Industry and City of Pomona boundary line.	Notice of Filing sent 6-6-07 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, registered voter and landowner labels, map of limiting addresses, and list of limiting addresses.	1/4/2007	Unknown
ro L	AOB	Annexation No. 2007-18 to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40	Michael Roach/ LACWD	Annex 130.29 acres of inhabited located between Avenue K & K-8 and between 30th and 35th Streets East, in the City of Lancaster.	June Agenda	6/5/2007	Aug-2015
9	AOB	Annexation No. 2007- 29 to Quartz Hill Water District - SOI amendment	Kimberly Juday	Annex 5.08 acres of vacant land located at NEC of Avenue L-12 & 37th Street West, in the City of Lancaster. Future development of 7 single family homes	Notice of Filing sent 05/28/08. Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution.	1/4/2008	Unknown
2	AOB	Annexation 2008-13 to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40	Lancaster School Dist.	Annex 20.47 acres of vacant land located 2 miles west of the Antelope Valley frw. And the nearest paved major streets are ave. H. And Ave. I, in the City of Lancaster. For future construction of a school.	Notice of Filing sent 04/22/09. Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, and CEQA.	9/22/2008	Unknown
8	AOB	Annexation No. 2008-09 to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 37	Watt Enterprises LTD	Annex 272 Acres vacant land located on Escondido Canyon Road (area B) and Hubbard Road (area A) Angeles Forest Highway and Vincent Road	Notice of Filing sent 02/24/09. Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution and CEQA	12/5/2008	Unknown
6	AOB	Reorganization 2010-04 Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29	Malitex Partners, LLC	Detach 88 acres of vacant land from the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District and annex same said territory to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No 29 and West Basin Municipal Water District. The project includes future construction of three homes and dedicates open space. The project site is located north of Pacific Coast Highway at the end of Murphy Way, in the unincorporated area adjacent to Malibu.	Notice of Filing sent 07-15-10. Incomplete filing: CEQA. EIR on hold 4-14-15. Applicant requested to keep this file open, pending details how to proceed with the project 04/29/15.	6/9/2010	Unknown

	LAFCO Designation	Applicant	Description	Status	Date Filed	Est. Date of Completion
10	City of Palmdale Annexation 2010- 05	City of Palmdale	49.6 acres located adjacent to residential properties to the southwest, southeast, and separated by the Amargosa Creek to the north.	Notice of Filing sent 1-3-11 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, insufficient CEQA, unclear pre-zoning ordinance, approved map and legal	10/25/2010	Unknown
2	Reorganization 2011-16 (Tesoro del Valle)	NCWD/CLWA	801.53 acres regional access is provided via Interstate 5 (1-5) for north/south travelers from the east, and State Route 126 (SR-126) for travelers from the west. The existing local thoroughfare that provides access to the proposed area is Copper Hill Drive, which can be accessed directly from Tesoro del Valle Drive or Avenida Rancho Tesoro.	Notice of Filing sent 05-31-11. Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution.	5/5/2011	Unknown
12	City of Los Angeles Annexation 2011-27	Forestar Group	Notice of Filing sent 2-15-12 incomplete filing: property tax 685 acres of uninhabited territory located east of Browns Canyon Road transfer resolution, CEQA, preand northwest of Mason Ave, in the unincorporated area just north of zoning ordinance, map of the City of Los Angeles. Its of imiting addresses, list of approved map and legal.	Notice of Filing sent 2-15-12 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, CEQA, prezoning ordinance, map of limiting addresses, list of limiting addresses, and approved map and legal.	12/8/2011	Unknown
13	City of Carson Annexation 2011- 25 (Rancho Dominguez)	City of Carson	1,710 acres located south of the 91 Freeway, west of the 710 Freeway, north of Del Amo Blvd., and east of Wilmington Ave.	Notice of Filing sent 12-29-11 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, stamped NOD, map of limiting addresses, approved map and legal	12/27/2011	Unknown
41	City of Palmdale Annexation 2011- 19	City of Palmdale	405 acres of uninhabited territory located between Palmdale Blvd and Ave S and 80th and 85th Street East.	Notice of Filing sent 3-22-12 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, inadequate CEQA, maps of limiting addresses, list of limiting addresses, and approved map and legal. DUC adjacent	3/8/2012	Unknown
15	Annexation 2012-19 Walnut Valley Water District (Walnut Hills Development)	Walnut Valley Water District	550.52 acres: Northwesterly portion of City of Walnut, Recently developed hillside surrounded by housing developments to the North and East, fronted by Amar Rd on the South and an existing closed landfill on the West.	June Agenda	1/3/2013	Aug-2015
16	Annexation 2012-13 County Waterworks District No. 37	LA County Waterworks District 37	The proposed annexation areas consists of residential tracts of single family homes on large lots, are bordered by other residential tracts and by vacant land.	Notice of Filing sent 03-07-13. Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution and approved map and legal.	1/31/2013	Unknown
17	Annexation 2012-01 County Waterworks District No. 40 AOB (Antelope Valley Christian Ctr)		LA County Waterworks Southwest corner of 30th St. East and Avenue K-8, APN 3170-008-001. Also known as the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 30, District 40 Township 7 North, Range 11 West, San Bernardino Meridian.	Notice of Filing sent 03-07-13. Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution.	2/20/2013	Unknown

Detach from Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36, Val  Newhall County Water Verde and annex to Newhall County Water District. Located at the northwest corner of Romero Canyon Road and Canyon Hill Road, is the unincorporated community of Castaic.
City of Rolling Hills
City of Calabasas
NSRS Trust
Sanitation Districts
Sanitation Districts
SFI Los Valles LLC
Lebata, Inc.
Sanitation Districts

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		LAFCO Designation	Applicant	Description	Status	Date Filed	Est. Date of Completion
27	AD	Annexation 417 to District No. 14	Sanitation Districts	0.76 acres located on Avenue M-4 approximately 300 feet west of 55th resolution street West, all within unincorporated Los Angeles County.	Pending approval of tax resolution	10/21/2014	Unknown
28	AD	Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County Annexation No. 1071	Sanitation Districts	0.921 acres located on Placeritos Boulevard between Meadview Avenue and Aden Avenue, all within the City of Santa Clarita.	pending approval of tax resolution	10/27/2014	Unknown
29	AOB	Annex Lot	Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District	Annex the entire unincorporated County territory of La Crescenta- Montrose (3.4 square miles) into Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District.	Protest July Agenda	11/4/2014	Jul-2015
30	00	Reorganization No. 2014-03 to the City of Calabasas	City of Calabasas	176± acres immediately north of and adjacent to the 101 freeway between the City of Calabasas and Hidden Hills.	Notice of Filing sent 1-8-15, Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, CEQA, prezoning ordinance, radius map, mailing labels of landowners and registered voters, approved map and legal.	12/10/2014	Unknown
31	AD	Annexation 422 to District No. 22	Sanitation Districts	2.495± acres Hocated on Mount Olive Drive approximately 400 feet east of Woodlyn Lane, all within the City of Bradbury.	Pending approval of tax resolution	1/7/2015	Unknown
32	AD	Annexation 420 to District No. 22	Sanitation Districts	40.789 acres. The affected territory has two parcels. Parcel 1 is located on De Anza Heights Drive approximately 200 feet east of Walnut Avenue, within the City of San Dimas. Parcel 2 is located on Puddingstone Drive approximately 1,500 feet east of Walnut Avenue, within the City of La Verne.	Pending approval of tax resolution	2/10/2015	Unknown
33	AOB	Reorganization No. 2015-08 to Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control Distict	Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District	200.2± acres. Portion of the City of Gardena, east of Crenshaw Blvd., north of 147th St. and north of Rosecrans Blvd., west of Hobart Blvd. Detachment from Los Angeles County West Vector Control District and Annexation to Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District.	Notice of Filing sent 03-24-15, Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution.	3/19/2015	Unknown
34	AD	Annexation 1068 to SCVSD	Sanitation Districts	.159± acres. On Alderbrook Drive, approximately 200 feet north of 12th street, all within the city of Santa Clarita	Pending approval of tax resolution	5/5/2015	Unknown
35	AD	Annexation 1069 to SCVSD	Sanitation Districts	2.51± acres. On Sand Canyon Road approximately 450 feet north of Live Oak Springs Canyon Road, all within the City of Santa Clarit	Pending approval of tax resolution	5/5/2015	Unknown
36	Ą	Annexation 745 to District No. 21	Sanitation Districts	25.260 acres. Thomas Brothers Map Page 600, Grid E3	Pending approval of tax resolution	5/18/2015	Unknown

#### **Staff Report**

#### June 10, 2015

#### Agenda Item No. 7.a.

# Annexation No. 2007-18 (40-59/4-129) to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley

# **PROPOSAL SUMMARY:**

Size of Affected Territory:

103.29± acres

Inhabited/Uninhabited:

Inhabited

Applicant:

Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40,

Antelope Valley (District)

Resolution or Petition:

June 29, 2006

Application Filed with LAFCO:

June 5, 2007

Location:

The affected territory is located between Avenue K and

Avenue K-8 East, and between 30th Street and 35th Street

East.

City/County:

City of Lancaster.

Affected Territory:

The affected territory consists of 442 existing single-family

homes, one existing water reservoir, one existing

community park, one existing vacant lot, and one existing

publicly owned street.

Surrounding Territory:

Surrounding land is residential and vacant land.

Landowner(s):

There are multiple owners of record.

Registered Voters:

774 registered voters as of April 30, 2015

Purpose/Background:

The purpose of this annexation is to bring the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley,

customers who are currently being serviced by the District

into the District's boundaries.

Related Jurisdictional Changes:

There are no related jurisdictional changes.

Within SOI:

Yes

Waiver of Notice/Hearing/Protest:

No

CEQA Clearance:

The proposal is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15319(a) because it consists of an annexation with existing structures developed to the density allowed by current zoning. A Categorical Exemption was adopted by the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, as

lead agency, on June 29, 2006.

Additional Information:

None

#### FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 56668:

#### a. Population:

The existing population is 1,724 residents as of 2010. The population density is 13 persons per acre.

The estimated future population is 1,724 residents (no anticipated change).

The affected territory is 130.29+/- acres. The existing land use is residential and a community park.

The assessed valuation is \$62,609,699 as of May 19, 2015. The per capita assessed valuation is \$36,316. On October 17, 2006, the County adopted a negotiated tax exchange resolution; all other involved public agencies have adopted a property tax transfer resolution.

The topography of the affected territory is generally flat terrain.

There are no natural boundaries. There are no drainage basins on or near the affected territory.

The nearest populated areas are directly north and south of the affected territory. The affected territory is likely to experience no growth in the next ten years. The adjacent areas are likely to experience significant growth in the next ten years.

#### b. Governmental Services and Controls:

The affected territory includes 442 existing single-family homes, one existing water reservoir, one existing community park, one existing vacant lot, and one existing publicly owned street, which requires organized governmental services. The affected territory will require governmental services indefinitely.

The present cost and adequacy of government services and controls in the area are acceptable. The probable effect of the proposed action and of alternative courses of action on the cost and adequacy of services and controls in the affected territory and adjacent areas is for residents to pay lower rates than they would if they were to remain outside the District boundary and pay out-of-district rates.

# c. Proposed Action and Alternative Actions:

The 442 existing single-family homes, one existing water reservoir, one existing community park, one existing vacant lot, and one existing publicly owned street will not impact the surrounding areas. There is no effect of the proposed action on mutual social and economic interests. As a special district annexation, the proposal has no impact on the local governmental structure of the County.

# d. Conformity with Commission Policies on Urban Development and Open Space Conversion Policies:

There are no conformance issues because the Commission has not adopted any policies relative to providing planned, orderly, efficient patterns of urban development. There is no prime agricultural land within or adjacent to the affected territory. The proposal conforms with the objectives in Government Code Sections 56377(a) and 56377(b).

# e. Agricultural Lands:

There are no effects on agricultural lands, as defined. None of the land within the affected territory is currently used for the purpose of producing an agricultural commodity for commercial purposes. According to the California Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resource Protection, none of the land within the affected territory is subject to a Land Conservation Act (aka "Williamson Act") contract nor in a Farmland Security Zone (California Land Conservation Act 2012 Status Report).

# f. Boundaries:

The boundaries of the affected territory have been clearly defined by the applicant, and these boundaries have been reviewed and approved by LAFCO's GIS/Mapping Technician.

The boundaries conform to lines of assessment or ownership, and these boundaries have been reviewed and approved by LAFCO's GIS/Mapping Technician.

As a special district annexation, the proposal has no impact on existing city-county boundaries, nor does it create islands or corridors of unincorporated territory.

#### g. Consistency with Plans:

The proposal has no significant impact upon, and is therefore consistent with, the Regional Transportation Plan.

The proposal is consistent with the existing City of Lancaster General Plan designation of UR (Urban Residential).

The affected territory is not within the boundaries of any Specific Plan.

Pre-zoning is not a requirement for a special district proposal.

# h. Sphere of Influence:

The affected territory is within the Sphere of Influence of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.

#### i. Comments from Public Agencies:

Staff did not receive any significant comments from public agencies or any resolutions raising objections from any affected agency.

# j. Ability to Provide Services:

The affected territory is already being serviced by the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.

#### k. Timely Availability of Water Supplies:

There are no known issues regarding water supply or delivery.

# I. Regional Housing:

As a special district annexation, the proposal will not affect any city, nor the county, in achieving their respective fair shares of the regional housing needs as determined by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

#### m. Comments from Landowners, Voters, or Residents:

Staff did not receive any significant comments from landowners, voters, or residents.

#### n. Land Use Designations

The proposal is consistent with the existing City of Lancaster General Plan designation of UR (Urban Residential).

The proposal is consistent with the existing City of Lancaster zoning designation of R-7,000 (single-family residential with a minimum lot size of 7,000 square feet).

#### o. Environmental Justice:

The proposal will have no adverse effect with respect to the fair treatment of people of all races and incomes, or the location of public facilities or services.

There are no Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs) within or adjacent to the affected territory.

#### CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) CLEARANCE:

The proposal is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15319(a) because it consists of an annexation with existing structures developed to the density allowed by current zoning. In addition, there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, nor other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposal records.

### **CONCLUSION:**

Staff recommends approval of the proposal as a logical and reasonable extension of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, which will be for the interest of landowners and/or present and/or future inhabitants within the District and within the annexation territory.

# **Recommended Action:**

- 1. Open the public hearing and receive testimony on the annexation;
- 2. There being no further testimony, close the public hearing;
- 3. Adopt the Resolution Making Determinations, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Approving Annexation No. 2007-18 (40-59/4-129) to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley; and
- 4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, set August 12, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., as the date and time for Commission protest proceedings.

# RESOLUTION NO. 2015-00RMD RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING "ANNEXATION NO. 2007-18 (40-59/4-129) TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY"

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley,

(District) adopted a resolution of application to initiate proceedings, which was submitted to
the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles (Commission), pursuant
to Division 3, Title 5, of the California Government Code (commencing with section 56000, the
Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000), for annexation of
territory herein described to the District, all within the City of Lancaster; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of approximately 130.29± acres of inhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: "Annexation No. 2007-18 to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley"; 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 principal reason for the proposed annexation is for the District to provide water service to 442 existing single-family homes, one existing community park, and one vacant lot; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has reviewed the proposal and submitted to the Commission a written report, including his recommendations therein; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has given notice of the public hearing pursuant to Government Code Sections 56150-56160, 57025, and 57026, wherein the public hearing notice

was published on, at least, a one-eight page advertisement, in a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Los Angeles on May 13, 2015, which is at least 21 days prior to the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2015, 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; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, the Commission set the protest hearing for August 12, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., at the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 381-B, located at 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Commission, acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to Annexation No. 2007-18 to the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, finds that this annexation is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15319(a), because it consists of an annexation with existing structures developed to the density allowed by the current zoning. In addition, there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, nor other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposal records

- A description of the boundaries and map of the proposal, as approved by this
   Commission, are set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B", attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein.
- 3. The affected territory consists of 130.29± acres, is inhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation:

"Annexation No. 2007-18 to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40,

Antelope Valley".

- 4. Annexation No. 2007-18 to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, is hereby approved, subject to the following terms and conditions:
  - a. The District agrees to defend, hold harmless and indemnify LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees to attack, set aside, void or annul the approval of LAFCO concerning this proposal or any action relating to or arising out of such approval.
  - b. The effective date of the annexation shall be the date of recordation.
  - c. Payment of Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and State Board of Equalization fees.
  - d. The territory so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as may be legally imposed by the District.
  - e. The regular County assessment roll shall be utilized by the District.

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f. The affected territory will be taxed for any existing general indebtedness, if any,

of the District.

g. Annexation of the affected territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" to the

District.

h. Except to the extent in conflict with "a" through "g", 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.

5. Pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, the Commission hereby sets the protest

hearing for August 12, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. and directs the Executive Officer to give notice

thereof pursuant to Government Code Sections 57025 and 57026.

6. The Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to mail copies of this resolution

as provided in Government Code Section 56882.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2015.

MOTION:

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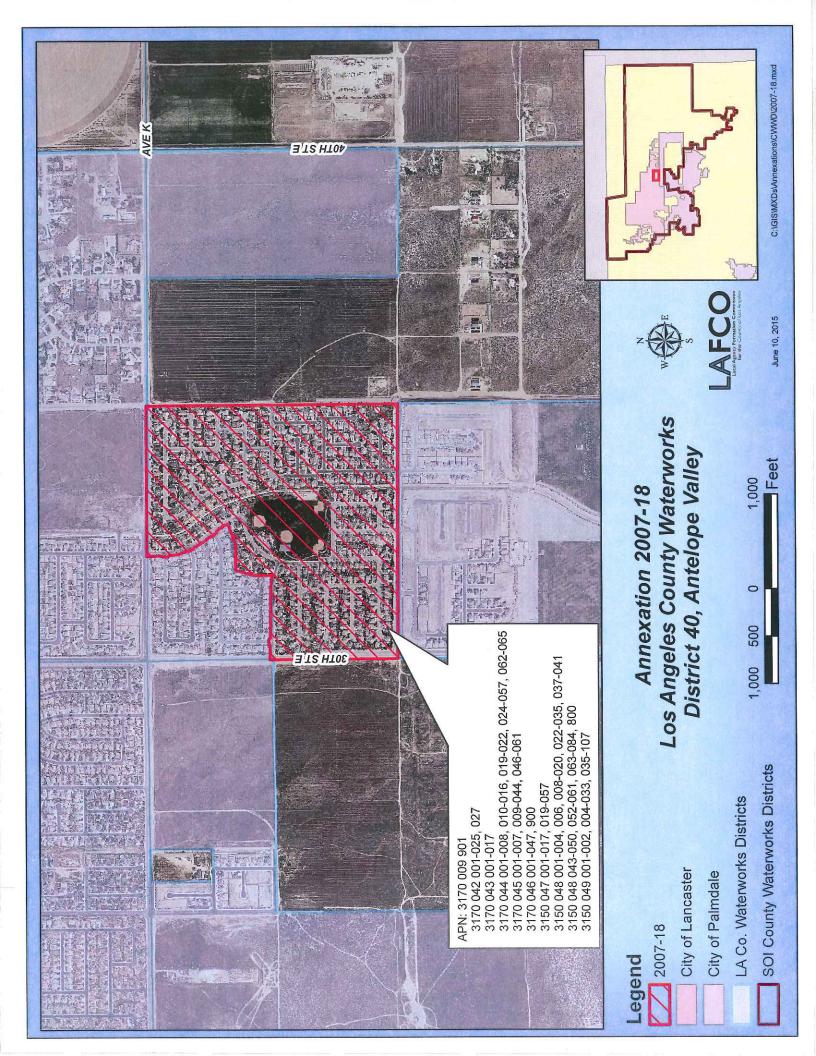
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ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

MOTION PASSES: 0/0/0

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



#### **Staff Report**

#### June 10, 2015

#### Agenda Item No. 7.b.

# Annexation No. 2012-19 to the Walnut Valley Water District (Walnut Hills Development)

# **PROPOSAL SUMMARY:**

Size of Affected Territory:

556± acres (of this, 134± acres consists of 268 existing single-family homes, one existing water reservoir, and a portion of another existing water reservoir; and 422± acres of existing dedicated open space).

Inhabited/Uninhabited:

Inhabited

Applicant:

Walnut Valley Water District (District)

Resolution or Petition:

August 27, 2012

Application Filed with LAFCO:

January 3, 2013

Location:

The affected territory is generally located north of Amar Road, west of Grand Avenue, and east of Azusa Avenue. The affected territory is bounded by the City of West

Covina to the north and west.

City/County:

City of Walnut.

Affected Territory:

The affected territory consists of 268 single-family homes, one existing water reservoir, a portion of another existing water reservoir, and dedicated open space. An existing water reservoir, owned by Suburban Water Systems (an investor-owned utility), is located at the southwest corner of the affected territory, on a ten-acre parcel (APN: 8735-003-053). Due to an existing boundary line, a separate water reservoir, owned by the Walnut Valley Water

District, is partially within the District; the proposal would annex the remaining portion (APN 8735-071-900) into the District. The affected territory is at the westerly edge of the San Jose Hills. The topography consists of sloping hillside

terrain and canyon areas.

Surrounding Territory:

Surrounding land uses are residential, open space,

commercial, and recreation.

Landowner(s):

There are multiple owners of record.

Registered Voters:

222 registered voters as of April 27, 2015.

Purpose/Background:

The purpose of this annexation is to bring the Walnut Valley Water District customers who are currently being serviced by the District into the District's boundaries.

Related Jurisdictional Changes:

There are no related jurisdictional changes.

Within SOI:

Yes

Waiver of Notice/Hearing/Protest:

No

**CEQA Clearance:** 

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) clearance is an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) certified by the City of Walnut, as lead agency, on

September 26, 2001.

Additional Information:

None

#### FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 56668:

#### a. Population:

The existing population is 885 residents as of 2010. The population density is 2 persons per acre.

The estimated future population is 885 residents (no anticipated change).

The affected territory is 556.709+/- acres. The existing land use is residential and open space.

The assessed valuation is \$80,407,033 as of year 2010. The per capita assessed valuation is \$90,855. On March 31, 2015, the County adopted a negotiated tax exchange resolution; all other involved public agencies have adopted a property tax transfer resolution.

The topography of the affected territory is hillside and canyon terrain.

The affected territory is bounded by the westerly edge of the San Jose Hills. There is one drainage channel located to the south, adjacent to the affected territory.

The nearest populated areas are directly north, south, and east of the affected territory. The area west of the affected territory is a former landfill, which is currently utilized for commercial and recreational purposes. The affected territory is likely to experience no growth in the next ten years. The adjacent areas are likely to experience no growth in the next ten years.

#### b. Governmental Services and Controls:

The affected territory includes 268 existing single-family homes, one existing water reservoir, a remaining portion of another existing water reservoir, and existing dedicated open space, which requires organized governmental services. The affected territory will require governmental services indefinitely.

The present cost and adequacy of government services and controls in the area are acceptable. The probable effect of the proposed action and of alternative courses of action on the cost and adequacy of services and controls in the affected territory and adjacent areas is for residents to pay lower rates than they would if they were to remain outside the District boundary and pay out-of-district rates.

#### c. Proposed Action and Alternative Actions:

The annexation of 268 existing single-family homes, one existing water reservoir, a remaining portion of another existing water reservoir, and existing dedicated open space will not impact the surrounding areas. There is no effect of the proposed action on mutual social and economic interests. As a special district annexation, the proposal has no impact on the local governmental structure of the County.

# d. Conformity with Commission Policies on Urban Development and Open Space Conversion Policies:

There are no conformance issues because the Commission has not adopted any policies relative to providing planned, orderly, efficient patterns of urban development. There is no prime agricultural land within or adjacent to the affected territory. The proposal conforms with the objectives in Government Code Sections 56377(a) and 56377(b).

### e. Agricultural Lands:

There are no effects on agricultural lands, as defined. None of the land within the affected territory is currently used for the purpose of producing an agricultural commodity for commercial purposes. According to the California Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resource Protection, none of the land within the affected territory is subject to a Land Conservation Act (aka "Williamson Act") contract nor in a Farmland Security Zone (California Land Conservation Act 2012 Status Report).

#### f. Boundaries:

The boundaries of the affected territory have been clearly defined by the applicant, and these boundaries have been reviewed and approved by LAFCO's GIS/Mapping Technician.

The boundaries conform to lines of assessment or ownership, and these boundaries have been reviewed and approved by LAFCO's GIS/Mapping Technician.

As a special district annexation, the proposal has no impact on existing city-county boundaries, nor does it create islands or corridors of unincorporated territory.

#### g. Consistency with Plans:

The proposal has no significant impact upon, and is therefore consistent with, the Regional Transportation Plan.

The proposal is consistent with the existing City of Walnut General Plan designation of Hillside Single-Family Residential.

The affected territory is not within the boundaries of any Specific Plan.

Pre-zoning is not a requirement for a special district proposal.

#### h. Sphere of Influence:

The affected territory is within the Sphere of Influence of the Walnut Valley Water District.

#### i. Comments from Public Agencies:

Staff did not receive any significant comments from public agencies or any resolutions raising objections from any affected agency.

# j. Ability to Provide Services:

The affected territory is already being serviced by the Walnut Valley Water District.

#### k. Timely Availability of Water Supplies:

There are no known issues regarding water supply or delivery.

# l. Regional Housing:

As a special district annexation, the proposal will not affect any city, nor the county, in achieving their respective fair shares of the regional housing needs as determined by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

#### m. Comments from Landowners, Voters, or Residents:

Staff did not receive any significant comments from landowners, voters, or residents.

#### n. Land Use Designations

The proposal is consistent with the existing City of Walnut General Plan designation of Hillside Single-Family Residential.

The proposal is consistent with the existing City of Walnut zoning designation of RPD (residential planned development -61,700 square feet per lot/0.60 dwelling unit per acre).

#### o. Environmental Justice:

The proposal will have no adverse effect with respect to the fair treatment of people of all races and incomes, or the location of public facilities or services.

There are no Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs) within or adjacent to the affected territory.

#### CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) CLEARANCE:

The CEQA clearance is an Environmental Impact Report certified by the City of Walnut, as lead agency, on September 26, 2001. The Commission is a responsible agency pursuant to CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15096.

# **CONCLUSION:**

Staff recommends approval of the proposal as a logical and reasonable extension of the Walnut Valley Water District, which will be for the interest of landowners and/or present and/or future inhabitants within the District and within the annexation territory.

#### Recommended Action:

1. Open the public hearing and receive testimony on the annexation;

- 2. There being no further testimony, close the public hearing;
- 3. Adopt the Resolution Making Determinations, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Approving Annexation No. 2012-19 to the Walnut Valley Water District (Walnut Hills Development); and
- 4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, set August 12, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., as the date and time for Commission protest proceedings.

# RESOLUTION NO. 2015-00RMD RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING "ANNEXATION NO. 2012-19 TO THE WALNUT VALLEY WATER DISTRICT (WALNUT HILLS DEVELOPMENT)"

WHEREAS, the Walnut Valley Water District (District) adopted a resolution of application to initiate proceedings, which was submitted to the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles (Commission), pursuant to, Division 3, Title 5, of the California Government Code (commencing with section 56000, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000), for annexation of territory herein described to the District, all within the City of Walnut; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of approximately 556.709± acres of inhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: "Annexation No. 2012-19 the Walnut Valley Water District"; 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 principal reason for the proposed annexation is to bring the District's customers who are currently being serviced by the District into the District's boundaries. The District is already providing water service to 268 existing single-family homes; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has reviewed the proposal and submitted to the Commission a written report, including his recommendations therein; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has given notice of the public hearing pursuant to Government Code Sections 56150-56160, 57025, and 57026, wherein the public hearing notice

was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Los Angeles on May 14,

2015, which is at least 21 days prior to the public hearing, and said hearing notice

was also mailed to all required recipients by first-class mail on or before the date of newspaper

publication; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer set the item for consideration for June 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., at the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 381-B, located at 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2015, 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; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, the Commission set the protest hearing for August 12, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., at the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 381-B, located at 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to Annexation No. 2012-19 to the
 Walnut Valley Water District, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Guideline Section 15096, the Commission considered the Final Environmental Impact Report prepared and certified by the City of Walnut, as lead agency, on September 26, 2001 for the project; certifies that the Commission has independently reviewed and considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the project as shown in the Final Environmental Impact Report; adopts the Mitigation Reporting and Monitoring Program, finding that the Mitigation Reporting and Monitoring Program is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during project implementation as applicable to the responsible agency; finds that there are no further feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures within the Commission's power that would substantially lessen or avoid any significant effect the project would have on the environment; and determines that the significant adverse effects of the project have either been reduced to an acceptable level or are outweighed by the specific considerations of the project, as outlined in the environmental findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations, which findings and statement are adopted and incorporated as applicable herein by reference.

- A description of the boundaries and map of the proposal, as approved by this
   Commission, are set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B", attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein.
- 3. The affected territory consists of 556.709± acres, is inhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation:

"Annexation No. 2012-19 to the Walnut Valley Water District".

- 4. Annexation No. 2012-19 to the Walnut Valley Water District is hereby approved, subject to the following terms and conditions:
  - a. The District agrees to defend, hold harmless and indemnify LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees to attack, set aside, void or annul the approval of LAFCO concerning this proposal or any action relating to or arising out of such approval.
  - b. The effective date of the annexation shall be the date of recordation.
  - c. Payment of Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and State Board of Equalization fees.
  - d. The territory so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as may be legally imposed by the District.
  - e. The regular County assessment roll shall be utilized by the District.
  - f. The affected territory will be taxed for any existing general indebtedness, if any, of the District.
  - g. Annexation of the affected territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" to the District.
  - h. Except to the extent in conflict with "a" through "g", 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

Resolution No. 2015-00RMD Page 5

57325) shall apply to this annexation.

5. Pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, the Commission hereby sets the protest hearing for August 12, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. and directs the Executive Officer to give notice

thereof pursuant to Government Code Sections 57025 and 57026.

6. The Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to mail copies of this resolution

as provided in Government Code Section 56882.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2015.

MOTION:

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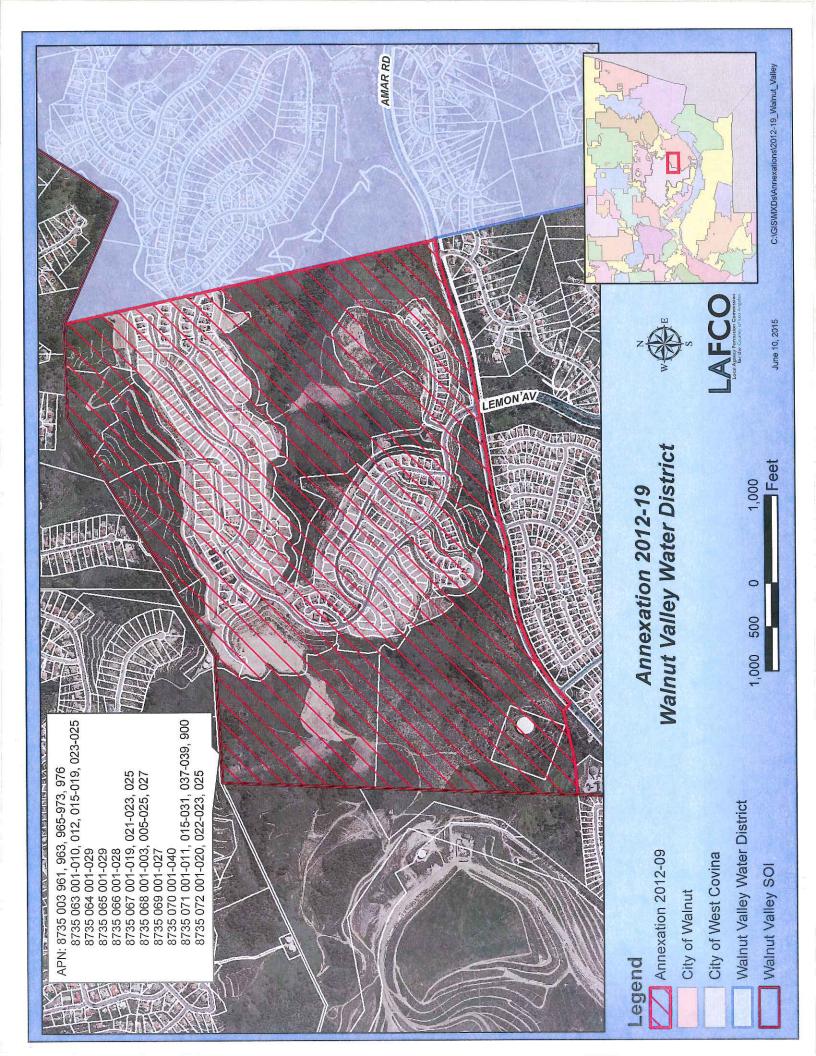
ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**MOTION PASSES:** 

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Paul A. Novak, AICP Executive Officer



**Staff Report** 

June 10, 2015

Agenda Item No. 7.c.

Fiscal Year 2015-16 Final Budget

<u>Background</u>: In accordance with Government Code Section 56381, the Commission must adopt annually, following noticed public hearings, a proposed and final budget. At a minimum, the proposed and final budget shall be equal to the budget adopted for the previous fiscal year, unless a finding is made that a reduction in staffing or program costs will not hinder the commission's ability to fulfill its statutory purposes and programs.

The final budget before you today, mirrors the proposed budget adopted at the May 13, 2015 Commission meeting.

<u>Final Budget</u>: Appropriations total \$1,371,000, which is a 7.4% increase from the prior fiscal year approved budget. Anticipated revenues include \$1,288,507 in local agency apportionments from the County of Los Angeles, City of Los Angeles, the other 87 cities, and the 53 Independent Special Districts; and \$82,500 in projected fee and interest revenue. [do you want to include carryover revenue to cover all revenue sources?]

#### Comments from funding agencies

The FY 2015-16 Proposed Budget was circulated to the funding agencies for review and comment. As of the writing of this report, staff has responded to all budgetary questions relating to the estimated FY 2015-16 allocation of costs.

#### Recommended action:

- 1. Open budget hearing; close hearing after receiving public comments.
- 2. Approve the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16.
- 3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 56381.6, direct the Executive Officer to submit the Final Budget to the County Auditor-Controller to apportion the net operating expenses of the Commission among the classes of public agencies represented on the Commission.

	FISCAL YEAR 2015	-16 FII	NAL BUDG	ΈΊ	r	
ACCT. NO.	ACCOUNT NAME		FINAL BUDGET		FINAL BUDGET	
			2014-15		2015-16	\$ Variance
to the plant of the property o	EXPENSES					
	Salaries and Employee Benefits					
50001-14	Employee Salaries	\$	558,782		570,500	11,718
,	Retirement	\$	124,332		132,500	8,168
50016	Accured vacation and sick cashout	\$	17,000		17,000	
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50018	Worker's Compensation Insurance	\$	15,971	٠.	19,300	3,329
50019	Health Insurance	\$	115,500	\$	114,800	(700)
50020	Payroll Taxes	\$	9,000	\$	9,100	100
50022	OPEB - Existing Retirees	\$	10,080	_	11,300	1,220
	Total Salaries & Employee Benefits	<b>.</b> \$.	877,665	\$	901,600	23,935
50000A	Office Expense					
50025	management of the contract of	\$	70,000	\$	86,200	16,200
. (	Communications	\$	8,500		10,000	1,500
	Supplies	\$	7,500	• • • •	7,500	
	Equipment Maintenance and Supplies	\$	6,500	1.4	6,500	· · ·
**********************	Equipment lease	\$	25,000	٠.	25,000	
	Employee / Other Parking Fees	\$	8,000		8,800	800
	Other insurance	\$	45,000	• •	52,900	7,900
	Agency Membership Dues	\$	7,550		9,600	2,050
	Information Technology/Programming	\$	7,100		7,100	-
	Legal Notices	\$	3,000		2,000	(1,000
	Publications	\$	100	1.10	100	
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	Total Miscellaneous Expense	Ş	249,130	*****		32,270
SOLLO	Professional Services					
***************************************	Legal services	\$	45,000	 \$	55,000	10,000
***************************************	Accounting & Bookkeeping	; \$	22,000		25,000	
	Contract Services	. \$	3,000		3,000	and the second s
	Special Studies Consultants		-	, ¢		-
	Municipal Service Reviews	, ¢	5,000	∵ \$	5,000	
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ACCT.		Г	FINAL		BUDGET	
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			2014-15		2015-16	\$ Variance
	CONTINGENCY AND RESERVES			:		
50137	Contingency	\$	25,036	\$	-	(25,036
	OPEB Liability - Reserves	\$	50,000	\$	100,000	50,000
20030	Pension Liability - Reserves	\$	-	\$		-
	Total Contingencies and Reserves	\$	75,036	\$	100,000	24,96
	Total Appropriations	\$	1,276,831	\$	1,371,000	94,16
	REVENUES	١.		:		
40005	Filing Fees	<u>:</u> \$	65,000	\$	75,000	10,000
	Interest Income	: 1		\$	7,500	7,50
40008	Other Income			\$	* *************************************	-
40012	Fund Balance Carryover	\$	50,000	\$	-	(50,000
40013	Investment Pool Transfer In	\$	-	\$	· -	
	Total Revenues	\$	115,000	\$	82,500	(32,50
	NET OPERATING COSTS	\$	1,161,831	\$	1,288,500	126,66
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	City of Los Angeles	5	178,748		198,235	
THE TAX IS NOT THE TAX I AND THE	County of Los Angeles	\$	446,853	5 mm 2 mm	495,581	
	Other Cities (87)	: <b>\$</b>	268,116	1	297,346	i
	Special Districts	\$	268,116		297,346	29,23
	Total Local Agency Apportionment	\$	1,161,843	. \$ .	1,288,507	\$ 126,66



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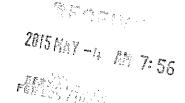
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April 30, 2015

Mr. Paul A. Novak, AICP
Executive Officer
Local Agency Formation Commission
for the County of Los Angeles
80 South Lake Avenue, Suite 870
Pasadena, CA 91101

RE: LAFCO Fiscal Year 2015-16 Proposed Budget

Dear Mr. Novak:

Thank you for providing a copy of LAFCO's Fiscal Year 2015-16 Proposed Budget in time for us to incorporate the District's estimated apportionment in its draft budget. Although LAFCO's proposed budget includes an increase over the prior year, we recognize the very modest overall cost of the valuable service provided by LAFCO and your efforts to maximize efficiency.

The District recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the proposed budget following the public hearing on May 13, 2015.

Sincerely,

David W. Pedersen, P.E.

General Manager

#### Staff Report

#### June 10, 2015

# Agenda Item No. 9.a.

# **Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)**

At your meeting of March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Commission directed staff to report back on whether there is LAFCO jurisdiction over community choice aggregation (CCA). The item was agendized for your May 13<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting, at which time it was continued to today's meeting.

### Summary

At present, LAFCOs have no authority over the formation, operation, or geographic jurisdiction of CCAs.

- LAFCO authority over changes in organization, which include formation of a district or incorporation of a city, expressly applies to cities and certain, specified special districts, as outlined in the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act (Act or CKH). CCAs are neither cities nor special districts as defined. Most have been established as joint powers authorities (JPAs), which do not fall within the CKH definitions of cities or special districts.
- Pursuant to the Act, a city or special district may provide or extend services outside its territory, but only if it receives written approval from LAFCO in advance. By its terms, this provision only applies to services of a city or district.

#### Background

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, "[c]ommunity choice aggregation (CCA) is a state policy that enables local governments to aggregate electricity demand within their jurisdictions, in order to procure alternative energy supplies, while maintaining the existing electricity provider for transmission and distribution services. Many states passed CCA laws as part of electric restructuring legislation in the late 1990s and early 2000s. States that have passed CCA laws including California (2002), Illinois (2009), Massachusetts (1997), New Jersey (2003), New York (2014), Ohio (1999), and Rhode Island (1997). There are many reasons that a community may choose to develop a CCA, including the option to purchase more green power, reduce electricity cost, and provide power from more local sources."

In California, legislation enabling CCAs was introduced in 2001 Assemblywoman Carole Migden (AB 117, the "Community Choice Aggregation Law"), and adopted in September of 2002 and codified in the state statutes at Public Utilities Code Sections 366.2, 381.1, and 707 et al. Establishment of a CCA must meet certain basic requirements of state law, as certified in the formation stage of a CCA by the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC).

CCAs "aggregate" all of the customers in a particular region, thereby increasing purchasing power to purchase electricity from a supplier. That electricity, though, is then distributed through the local utility provider, generally, an investor-owned utility (IOU) such as Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) in Central and Northern California, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) in the greater San Diego area, or Southern California Edison (SCE) in Southern California.

The reasons to form a CCA are: more local control (a city, county, or several combined purchase the power, not the larger investor-owned utilities); more "green" power; and to provide power that is cheaper, due to aggregating the purchasing power of a large group of people.

At present, staff is unaware of any CCAs in California which generate electrical power, though several CCAs reportedly have plans to build and own some of their own generation. Given the time that it takes to build new sources of electricity, the only way a CCA can get started is to purchase electricity in the marketplace.

While the power purchased from a CCA is, in fact, an "alternative" to the traditional supplier of electricity—generally, an investor-owned utility (IOU) such as PG&E, SCE, or SDG&E—the CCA does not entirely "replace" the existing electricity providers. These larger investor-owned utilities still "receive" the electricity from the CCA, distribute it to customers through the IOU's infrastructure, and bill the consumer. The existence of the CCA does, however, enable the resident or business-owner to purchase all or some of his or her electricity from the CCA, through the IOU which supplies power in that area. Again, the customer's bill still comes from the IOU, and the IOU handles all service and delivery issues.

# Formation of CCAs in California

The following CCAs have been established in California:<sup>2</sup>

- San Joaquin Valley Power Authority. Launched in the Fresno area in 2006, the SJVPA is a joint powers authority of Kings County and 11 cities.
- Marin Clean Energy. Launched in 2010, the MCE is a joint powers authority originally consisting of Marin County and 8 cities. MCE now includes unincorporated Napa County and portions of 15 cities (some of which are outside of both Marin and Napa counties). According to its website, MCE was the first CCA formed in California.

- Sonoma Clean Power Authority. Launched in 2014, SCPA is a joint power authority of Sonoma County and 8 cities.
- Clean Power SF. Launched in 2013 by the City and County of San Francisco and administered by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC). Clean Power SF includes the area within the boundaries of the City and County of San Francisco (combined city and county).
- Lancaster Community Choice Aggregation. Launched in 2015 by the City of Lancaster, and encompassing all land within the city's boundaries, the LCCA became operational on May 1, 2015.

Staff understands that the formation of CCAs is being considered by several other counties (Alameda, Humboldt, Monterey, San Benito San Diego, San Mateo Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz), often in partnership with cities in their respective counties. As described in a joint motion by Supervisors Don Knabe and Sheila Kuehl, and adopted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on March 17<sup>th</sup>, several cities in Los Angeles County (Carson, Culver City, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Manhattan Beach, Santa Monica, and Torrance) are also considering the formation of a CCA.

Staff conferred with representatives of other LAFCOs where CCAs have been formed, and, with one exception, the LAFCOs were not involved in CCA formations. The exception is in the City and County of San Francisco, where San Francisco LAFCO was heavily involved in the planning and formation of a proposed CCA; San Francisco, LAFCO, however, was not involved in the formation of the CCA in its regulatory capacity. LA LAFCO was not involved in the Lancaster Community Choice Aggregation formed by the City of Lancaster, which will only serve customers who are located within city boundaries.

# Conclusions:

At present, LAFCOs have no authority over the formation, operation, or geographic jurisdiction of CCAs.

Staff is unaware of any CCAs in California which generate electrical power, though several CCAs reportedly have plans to build and own some of their own generation. And, because the electrical power is distributed by the IOU to the ultimate customers, one could argue that CCAs do not provide a <u>direct</u> municipal service (electrical power) to consumers. This is an important distinction, compared to the cities and special districts within LAFCO's jurisdiction, all of which provide a municipal service in one form or another.

Staff will monitor the formation and operation of CCAs within Los Angeles County, because CCAs may indirectly impact LA LAFCO determinations relating to changes in organization of

cities and districts. For example, staff might consider a CCA's impact on municipal services when forming draft determinations associated with the preparation of Municipal Service Reviews and other studies.

Staff notes that the Los Angeles County Interim Chief Executive Officer's response to Supervisor Knabe and Kuehl's motion is anticipated to be available in mid-June of 2015. Staff will provide copies to the Commission.

# **Recommended Action:**

1. Receive and File.

# Footnotes:

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Department of Energy "Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy" Website, 04-091-15.

<sup>2</sup>The "launch" dates are when each CCA became operational. Prior planning has taken several years.

# AB-851 Local government: organization: disincorporations.

(2015-2016)

Date	Action
05/22/15	In Senate. Read first time, To Com. on RLS. for assignment.
05/22/15	Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate.
05/18/15	Ordered to third reading.
05/18/15	From Consent Calendar.
05/14/15	Read second time. Ordered to Consent Calendar.
05/13/15	From committee: Do pass. To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 17. Noes 0.) (May 13).
05/11/15	Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
05/07/15	From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Read second time and amended.
04/23/15	From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 9. Noes 0.) (April 22). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
04/14/15	Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.
04/13/15	From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. Read second time and amended.
03/16/15	Referred to Com. on L. GOV.
02/27/15	From printer. May be heard in committee March 29.
02/26/15	Read first time. To print.

# Agenda Item 9.b. (Support/Oppose)

#### Wed 5/27/2015 11:47 AM

To: Paul Novak pnovak@lalafco.org

From: White, Joshua < Joshua. White@asm.ca.gov>

Mr. Novak:

A current list of support is below (we have not received any opposition).

Note that we expect the organizations that currently hold "in concept" positions to upgrade to full support after the next set of amendments, which will be introduced before the first Senate committee hearing. We have also been working closely with the League of California Cities and expect them to be supportive.

Please let me know if I be of further assistance.

Best,

#### Joshua White

Legislative Director
Office of Assemblyman Chad Mayes

#### Support:

#### **LAFCos**

- -California Association of LAFCos (Sponsor)
- -Alameda
- -Contra Costa
- -Imperial County
- -Marin
- -Nevada County
- -Orange County
- -Riverside
- -San Bernardino County
- -San Mateo County
- -Sonoma County (in concept)

#### Counties

- -California State Association of Counties (in concept)
- -Rural Counties Representatives of California (in concept)
- -Orange County
- -Riverside County
- -San Bernardino County (in concept)
- -Urban Counties Caucus (in concept)

#### Opposition:

None received.

Agenda Item 9.b. (May 13th 2015 Staff Report)

#### **Staff Report**

May 13, 2015

#### Agenda Item No. 9.d.

# Commission Support of AB 851

Existing law relative to related to disincorporation within the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 dates back to 1963. These provisions have not been utilized since 1972 (when Riverside LAFCO disincorporated the former City of Cabazon), and they contradict other provisions of state law (i.e., Proposition 218 relative to voter approval of new taxes).

For the last several months, a subcommittee of the CALAFCO Legislative Committee met to draft revisions to rewrite the statutes. The subcommittee worked to develop a consensus on the statutory changes needed to bring the 1963 statutes into compliance with 2015 statutory and constitutional requirements. In addition, the revisions propose to provide for defining what the Plan for Service needs to include and what information is required to be submitted so that all those concerned with the process will have the information needed to make a decision. A primary focus of the proposed changes is to insure that LAFCO has as much information about a city's finances (revenues, expenses, bonded indebtedness, pension obligations, etc.) as early in the process as is practical. In January of 2015, the CALAFCO Board of Directors approved the proposed changes and voted to sponsor the bill and seek an author to move it forward.

Assemblyman Chad Mayes agreed to sponsor the bill, which was introduced on February 26, 2015, as AB 851, a copy of which is attached. Also attached is a CALAFCO Fact Sheet concerning AB 851.

CALAFCO representatives, members of the Assemblyman's staff and representatives from CSAC, League of Cities, Urban Counties Caucus, CSDA and RCRC (Rural Counties Representatives of California) have been meeting as a stakeholders group to work through questions on the bill, address amendments, and to better understand the disincorporation process. As a result of this outreach, a series of amendments to AB 851 have been introduced. While questions still remain about final language for the bill, support for updating the process has been received from all the participants.

Staff notes that CALAFCO, Orange LAFCO, and San Bernardino LAFCO are on record in support of AB 851.

#### Recommended Action:

1. Authorize the Chair to send a letter to the Assembly Local Government Committee, and to the Legislature and Governor, if necessary, in support of AB 851.

# **Staff Report**

June 10, 2015

#### Agenda Item No. 9.c.

# Appointment of the Public Member

Section 56326 of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 provides that LAFCO shall have a member "representing the general public appointed by the other members of the commission." Commissioner Gerard McCallum serves as the Public Member. Although Commissioner McCallum's four-year term expired on May 4, 2015, he remains in the position until he is re-appointed or the Commission appoints a successor, consistent with Government Code Section 56334.

It would be appropriate for the Chair to entertain a motion (or motions) from the Commission to:

- Re-appoint Gerard McCallum to the position of Public Member for the term which expires on May 6, 2019; or
- Provide alternate direction to staff.

# **Staff Report**

#### June 10, 2015

#### Agenda Item No. 9.d.

# Outside Employment Request of Executive Officer

The Employment Agreement between the Commission and the Executive Officer requires that the Executive Officer consult with Commission counsel and secure the approval of the Commission before accepting any new outside employment

The Executive Officer anticipates an opportunity with the University of California Los Angeles Extension to teach a one-day seminar ("Planning and Regulating the Boundaries and Service Areas of Cities and Special Districts in California") on October 15, 2015.

Teaching the course is consistent with all of the requirements and limitations set forth in the Employment Agreement between the Commission and the Executive Officer. These include a limitation on all outside employment to a maximum of fifteen hours a week, the absence of conflict with official duties of the Executive Officer or the interests of LAFCO, the absence of any financial interest in any transaction to which LAFCO is a party, and the absence of any work which may be subject to review by LAFCO officials or employees.

LAFCO Counsel has been consulted as required, and the Executive Officer requests Commission approval.

#### Recommended Action:

1. Authorize the Executive Officer to accept outside employment from the University of California Davis Extension to teach a one-day seminar (Planning and Regulating the Boundaries and Service Areas of Cities and Special Districts in California") on October 15, 2015.